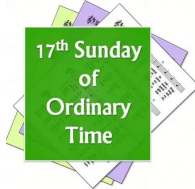


Saint Nicholas Parish

July 26, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas J Cieslikowski, Pastor
Natalie Aspinwall, Office Manager
Michael Bylo, Bookkeeper
Denny McNamara, Cemetery Director
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Allan Dabkowski Organist (St. Augustine)
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Church of the Good Shepherd
135 Mountain Road

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass 11:00 am
Weekdays (M,T,W,Th,) 9:00 am
Sat. Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm



35 Washington Ave

Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Handicap Accessible Side Entrance

Parish Website www.stnicholasct.org
Email - stnicholasct@comcast.net
Telephone 203-888-9243 - Fax 203-888-6016

Rectory Office Hours

Good Shepherd	Mon. to Thur.	9:00am - 3:00pm
	Fri.	Closed

Baptisms

Registration is required.
Please call the rectory office.

Marriages

Please contact rectory office at least
six months in advance.

Office of Vocations

Phone: 860-242-5573
Web site: www.vocationshartford.org

Sick Calls

We are happy and honored to visit the sick
or homebound.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 7/25 4:30 pm	 Joseph P. Fetyko 53rd Remembrance (Brother)
Sun. 7/26 11:00 am	 James Stratton Sr (Cindy Rotman)
Mon. 7/27 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 7/28 9:00 am	Mass Available
Wed. 7/29 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 7/30 9:00 am	 Josephine &  James Rosadino (Annette Marcucio)
Fri. 7/31	No Mass
Sat. 8/1 4:30 pm	 Anna Fournier (Valerie Shingara)
Sun. 8/2 11:00 am	 Holy Souls in Purgatory (Joyce Vallone)

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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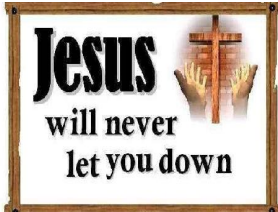
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 7/26 9:00 am	 Angel Caban (Sonia Garcia)
Sun. 8/2 9:00 am	 Florence Cronin (Don & Cindy Baxter)

Religious Education Class Registration 2026/2027

More info on Parish Website

<https://stnicholasct.org/religious-education-2/>

July 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory Of Deceased Rogers Family Members - Requested By Martha & Ed Sadowski
 Sanctuary Lamp Good Shepherd	In Memory Of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families Jean E. Jachimowski Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis Edward J. Jachimowski Requested by Jachimowski Family	
 Hosts	Available	In Memory Of Laura & Arthur Rogers Sr Requested By Martha & Ed Sadowski

Thank You for your Generosity		
July 5	\$5,242	Peter's Pence Collection \$731 Salesion Missions \$2,520
July 12	\$5,038	
July 19	\$4,201	
July 26		
OnLine Giving June	\$3,903	
Fuel Collection	\$1,759	
Total Collections	\$20,143	
Cathderaticum	\$1,410	
Total Stay in	\$18,733	

The date for Confirmation 2026 has been verified for Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT at 10 AM. Students and their sponsors will need to be there by 8:30 AM. Please continue to watch the website for more information on all of the Confirmation classes.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.



"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Statistics

Archdiocese of Hartford

Saint Nicholas Parish - Seymour

Parish Goal: \$50,000.00

Total Pledged: \$36,045.16

Total Paid: \$33,476.56

Total Gifts: 188

Participation Rate: 16.2%

Summer 2026 Trustees' Report

Good morning. We hope you're enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

Here is a summary of what's been happening at Saint Nicholas Parish.

Good Shepherd:

A leak in the AC system in Fr. Keane Hall was found and repaired by the HVAC company.

St Augustine:

Fr. Tom reports that no progress has been made regarding the sale of the parish center.

St Augustine Cemetery:

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Finance:

Fr. Tom reports that the church's finances are in good condition and that there has been an increase in attendance and donations at both campuses.

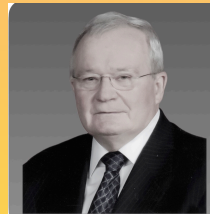
Upcoming Events-

Blood pressures are taken on the second Sunday of every month after 9 o'clock Mass. See the bulletin and website for Fall CCD registration dates. Volunteers as teachers and substitute teachers are especially needed. Please join us!

October 24-Polish Night sponsored by the Men's Club.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

And finally, we'd like to welcome all the new faces we're seeing at Mass. We are happy to have you as a part of our parish family and invite you to come to an event or join one of the parish ministries.



See you in church,

Barbara Junko

Stanley Jachimowski



Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:				
Maryann D	AG	Tom J	Michael G	Danielle B
Lauren N	Susan T.	Brian C	Danielle B	Denny W
Jayvion L	Collin G	Ron T	Bobby L	Diane C
Ruth S	K.O.	Paul S	Ernestine G	Lucy M
John T	Barbara M	Donald T	Christopher M. S.	Henry D
Caryn G	Bridget W	Deanna B	Grace F.	Lydia B.
Liam H.	Richard D.	Linda A.		

Please Note:

That we are only reporting first and initial of last name. We ask that if you have a name (1st name and 1st initial of last name) that you would like on the list, you must call the rectory 203-888-9243 - Good Shepherd and resubmit the name. The name will stay on for **2 months** and then be removed unless their name is resubmitted. Using this method we can keep names current. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Monthly Shelter Dinner Will be held at the Spooner House on Thursday, August 6th.

A sign-up sheet with the Menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule for anyone wanting to provide a portion of the meal.



Please bring food items to St. Augustine Church at 3 pm on that day to permit a timely delivery to the Spooner House.

Thank You!

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JULY 25 - 31, 2026

New Tabernacle Opens Door to *Honor God*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Throughout the day, Father Jaime Maldonado sees people kneel and pray before the tabernacle in Sacred Heart Church of Southbury, a place for people to sit in silence in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Father Maldonado, the pastor of Midd-South Catholic, the Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury, was in search of a new tabernacle for Sacred Heart Church. The project was completed earlier this year when Jesus received a "beautiful home where we reserve the most precious gift we have — the Blessed Sacrament," he says.

"This was a very important decision because the tabernacle is the centerpiece of our church. We have God, himself, choosing to remain present with us in the Eucharist — the Body and Blood of Christ — and we have a place where we can encounter him."

Father Maldonado searched for a tabernacle that would match the modern decor of Sacred Heart Church and finally found a brass cylindrical one with a dome top through Adrian Hamers Inc. of Larchmont, N.Y., a company that specializes in liturgical art and church interiors.

The new tabernacle, which has a Celtic cross on the door and a crown on the top, had been at another parish. To match the furnishings of Sacred Heart Church, the pastor had it nickel-plated and mounted on a base of Vermont Verde Serpentine, which is a dark green metamorphic rock only found in a quarry in the Green Mountains. The base matches the church's altar and baptismal font.

The tabernacle resides in an open area to the right of the altar and is surrounded by chairs and kneelers where the faithful can meditate and pray.



Father Jaime Maldonado, pastor of Midd-South Catholic Parish, kneels in front of the new tabernacle at Sacred Heart Church in Southbury. The tabernacle resides in an open area to the right of the altar and is surrounded by chairs and kneelers for meditation and prayer. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

"To preserve the intended design of the church," Father Maldonado says, "we wanted the new tabernacle to look as if it was always meant to be here." The church's former tabernacle, which has two glass sides, will be used as a reliquary. Another advantage of the new tabernacle, the pastor adds, is that it is "made of solid and inviolable material and cannot be removed."



The new nickel-plated tabernacle at Sacred Heart Church of Southbury has a Celtic cross on the door. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

"The Church has said we have a responsibility to protect Our Lord Jesus Christ to the best extent possible, just as Our Lady nurtured Jesus and protected him as a child," Father Maldonado says. "The Blessed Virgin Mary was given the mission to keep Jesus safe, even though he was an all-powerful king and the second person of the Blessed Trinity. The son of God was born a child and had to be nurtured and protected. The Eucharist is the same person."

A spiritual benefit of the tabernacle is found in its beauty, he adds. "God is beauty. His attributes are truth, beauty and goodness, and to the extent that we can see something beautiful as an expression of God, we are led to him and transcended."

The tabernacle has been well received by parishioners.

"It holds Christ himself, and is not to be taken lightly," Father Maldonado says. "We should do our best to honor him, to pray to him, to appeal to him and to protect him in the tabernacle. And our job as Catholics is to lead other people to Jesus in the Eucharist."



Upcoming Events



JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 @ 6 - 8PM
SUMMER ALPHA YOUNG ADULT GROUP
St. Margaret Mary Church,
Rector's Basement, South Windsor

Welcome to all people ages 18 to 39 years old. Join us for food, friendship, faith, and fun, every Thursday throughout the summer! Every week we share pizza, watch faith-based videos, and participate in small group discussions. If you have any questions, text 860-816-6149. Our welcoming group would love to have you join us!



AUGUST 13 - 16
UNIQUE BOUTIQUE TAG SALE
St. Teresa Of Calcutta Parish,
St. Bridget Church, Manchester

Come join and explore at the St. Bridget Church Tag Sale! On Thursday, August 13th from 5pm - 8pm admission fee is \$10.00. Thursday admission includes wine and cheese while you shop. Admission Friday, August 14th from 4pm - 8pm is \$1. Admission on Saturday, August 15th from 9am - 4pm is free. Admission on Sunday, August 16th from 9am - 11am is free.

Items for sale include furniture, books, jewelry, collectibles, toys, hardware, artwork, household items, linens, glassware, sporting goods, holiday items, crafts, stationery, gardening supplies, luggage, pocket-books and much more!



AUGUST 6 - 8 @ 5PM - 10PM
HOLY ROSARY'S ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL
Our Lady of the Valley Parish,
Holy Rosary Church, Ansonia

Our Annual Italian Festival offers wonderful Italian food, featuring our handmade meatballs, lasagna, pasta e fagioli, porchetta, fried calamari, fried dough and more! Don't forget to grab some Italian pastries for dessert! Enjoy live music, dancing, raffles, and fun for the kids. Bring your family and friends and your appetite!



JULY 24 - 26 @ 7PM
TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF GOOD SAINT ANN
Blessed Michael McGivney Parish,
St. Michael Church, New Haven

The Saint Ann Society would like to invite you to the annual Triduum in honor of good Saint Ann. The dates of the Triduum will be July 24th, 25th, and 26th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at 7:00pm. The Triduum begins with two nights of rosary and prayers invoking the intercession of Saint Ann. The third and concluding night is a Mass with a reception afterward. Please extend this invitation to anyone whom you feel may benefit from this experience or just wants to join us. Also, we are always actively looking for women who may want to become new members of the St. Ann Society.



JULY 29 @ 5:30PM
HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
All Saints - Todos Los Santos Parish,
The Shrine of St. Anne, Waterbury

Human trafficking is a grave offense against the God-given dignity of every person. An estimated 27 million women, men, and children worldwide are exploited through sex and labor trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to a bilingual Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for victims and survivors of human trafficking, and for an end to this exploitation. This service, to be held on the eve of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, will be in English and Spanish.

Following the Holy Hour, attendees are welcome to stay for the Parish's daily Mass at 6:30 P.M. or to speak with Task Force members about ways to support awareness, prevention, and survivor assistance through this important ministry.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Total Goal: \$10M 95.35% as of 7/13/26

\$9,534,606.01 in pledges from 26,316 generous donors

*This figure does not include bequests given to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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