

Saint Nicholas Parish

July 5, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



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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

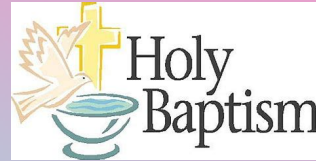
Sick Calls

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 7/4 4:30 pm	† Betty Dahn <i>(Brother)</i>
Sun. 7/5 11:00 am	† Roz Cuccaro <i>(Family)</i>
Mon. 7/6 9:00 am	† Thomas Spiwak <i>(Rose Spiwak & Family)</i>
Tue. 7/7 9:00 am	† Fred & † Jean Welsch & † Son <i>(Family)</i>
Wed. 7/8 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 7/9 9:00 am	† Theodore & † Marcia Dralus & † Sons <i>(Family)</i>
Fri. 7/10	No Mass
Sat. 7/11 4:30 pm	† Veronica Calliagh 7 Year Memorial <i>(Peg & Bob Moffitt)</i>
Sun. 7/12 11:00 am	† Frank Tonucci <i>(Family)</i>
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 7/5 9:00 am	† Mary Chontos <i>(Family)</i>
Sun. 7/12 9:00 am	† Carlos † Angel Serrano Jr. <i>(Sonia Garcia)</i>

Readings for the week of July 5, 2026
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Observances for the week of July 5, 2026
 Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
 Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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We welcome into our Parish Family through the saving waters of Baptism:

Everett Lee Bartlett
 Son of Jonathan and Jodi Ann Bartlett

Teagan Marie Forcelli
 Daughter of Christopher and Shannon Forcelli

May God's graces and blessings be with them always as they grow in wisdom and understanding, and may their life always reflect God's goodness and love.

Thank You for your Generosity	
June 7	\$5,254
June 14	\$4,442
June 21	\$5,358
June 28	
OnLine Giving May	\$4,002
Fuel Collection	\$1,558
Total Collections	\$16,612
Cathderaticum	\$1,163
Total Stay in	\$15,449

Please know that if you are having the weekend mass said for a certain person or reason and you would like to bring the gifts up to the priest during the mass, please let the ushers know when you come into church that you would like this honor. If no one comes forward, the ushers will find someone to bring the gifts forward.

Mass
Schedule

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2026

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."

Derby Class of 1976 is searching for classmates for their **50th Reunion on Sept. 5th** at Twisted Vine. Please contact Doreen Merrill (Russo) at 203-640-3049 or Mark Anthony Izzo at 203-231-3576.

Thank You

Attention Gardeners:
We need your help to beautify the altar. If you would like to donate altar flowers from your garden, please leave them in Good Shepherd Church vestibule on Thursdays before 1 pm. Thank you in advance for your help.



Thank you,
Barbara and Annette

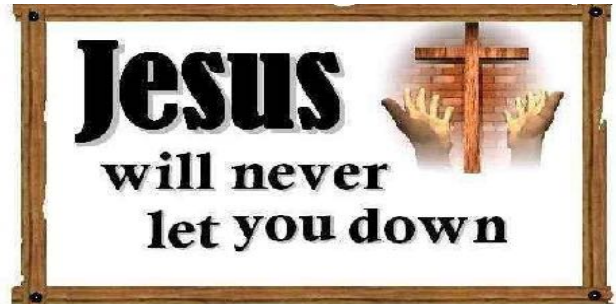


In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. He recognized ice cream as a fun and nutritious

food that is enjoyed by 90% of the nation's population. In the proclamation, the President called for all people of the United States to observe these events with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." The U.S. ice cream industry generates more than \$21 billion in annual sales and provides jobs for thousands of citizens. About 9% of all the milk produced by U.S. dairy farmers is used to produce ice cream, contributing significantly to the economic well-being of the nation's dairy industry.

Religious Education Class Registration 2026

More info on Parish Website
<https://stnicholasct.org/religious-education-2/>



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		

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.

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

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JULY 4 - 10, 2026

New Trees Transform Hartford Parish into Peaceful Community Gathering Space

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish in Hartford recently beautified its grounds by planting some 25 trees. The enhanced landscape now invites the community to linger, offering a peaceful setting for passersby to rest on the grass or connect with loved ones and friends.

The new trees planted on the church and rectory grounds, at 230 Blue Hills Ave., were a donation through Trees for Hartford program offered in the city of Hartford to property owners in several neighborhoods including Blue Hills, Northeast, Upper Albany, Asylum Hill, Clay Arsenal, Parkville, Frog Hollow, Barry Square, South Green and Sheldon-Charter Oak.

The recent church tree plantings served as a core component of Hartford's citywide Arbor Day and Earth Month celebrations. These efforts are part of a broader, multi-year plan to expand the city's urban tree canopy and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Administered as part of a four-year urban forestry program, the initiative will enhance neighborhood green spaces. To date, Hartford property owners have successfully planted more than 250 trees citywide, contributing directly to the city's long-term environmental sustainability goals.

On April 25, the community of St. Justin-St. Michael Church, including parishioners and nearly 50 faith formation students, volunteered to plant trees on the church grounds. In addition to planting, participants learned about tree care, applied mulch and watered the new trees.

Father Mathieu Isaac, pastor of St. Michael-St. Justin Parish, cherishes the trees for their deeper significance, viewing them as a meaningful connection to his mother and father.

"My parents were farmers," he says. "I grew up in a rural region where trees of different varieties, such as mango trees, avocado trees and many others formed my natural environment. It therefore seemed entirely natural for me to adapt to a setting where the surrounding vegetation helps reveal the beauty of the place. That is why I volunteered to adopt some trees in our church garden."

As an extension of the Capital Forest Stewardship Initiative, Trees for Hartford benefits from an estimated

\$6 million investment provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The program targets the planting of 1,225 free trees across public and private Hartford spaces, supported by ongoing community education and tree maintenance.

During the summer, parish youth are tasked with tree irrigation several times a week.

"These trees will provide a conducive setting for people going through stressful times, allowing them to come and meditate, pray or take a walk in a peaceful space, amidst the restorative atmosphere offered by the St. Justin-St. Michael site," Father Isaac says.



In April, hardworking volunteers of St. Justin-St. Michael Parish helped add new greenery to the church and rectory grounds. They pause for a photo after doing their work.



Upcoming Events



JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 @ 6 - 8PM
SUMMER ALPHA YOUNG ADULT GROUP
 St. Margaret Mary Church,
 Rectory 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!



JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
 Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Our Summer Food Festival brings our parish and our community together for a joyful celebration held right in our church parking lot. Featuring delicious food tents, special evenings with live music, family-friendly games for children, and the excitement of announcing our annual raffle winners, the festival is a highlight of the summer season! Visit us on Facebook @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website www.OLQAderby.org.



JULY 9 - 11
ST. ANTHONY CHURCH CARNIVAL
 St. Anthony Church, Prospect

The St. Anthony Church Carnival brings three exciting nights of food, games, and community spirit from July 9–11. Admission and parking are completely free, with food service featuring daily classics alongside unique nightly Polish, Italian, and Mexican cuisines.
 Thursday, July 9th: 6PM - 10PM
 Friday, July 10th: 6PM - 10PM
 Saturday, July 11th: 3PM - 10PM



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 16 - 19
88TH ITALIAN FESTIVAL
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church,
 Waterbury

Join us for our 88th Annual Italian Festival in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel! Delicious Italian food and entertainment. All are welcome!
 Thursday, July 16th – 5 - 10PM
 (Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
 Friday, July 17th – 5 - 10PM
 Saturday, July 18th – 2 - 10PM
 Sunday, July 19th – 11AM Mass with Procession, 1 - 8PM.



JULY 18 @ 5PM \$20
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS FAMOUS BBQ
 St. Joseph Church Grounds, Canaan

Join us for St. Martin of Tours Famous Chicken BBQ, with Potato, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Bread, Beverage and Ice Cream Cups! Our Event is on Saturday, July 18th from 5PM until sold out! Price is \$20 Adults - \$10 Children. Drawing for Great Raffle Prizes will be in the evening.

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 92.74% as of 6/23/26

\$9,274,289.50 in pledges from 25,599 generous donors

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



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