

Saint Nicholas Parish

September 6, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut

23rd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Parish Staff

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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



St. Augustine Church
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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 6, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 9/5 4:30 pm	 Henry J. Wardowski (<i>Lombardi Family</i>)
Sun. 9/6 11:00 am	 Basso & Cortello Families (<i>Family</i>)
Mon. 9/7 9:00 am	 Marci Dralus (<i>Daughter</i>)
Tue. 9/8 9:00 am	 James Wilkin (<i>Bill & Pat Wilkin</i>)
Wed. 9/9 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 9/10 9:00 am	Mass Available
Fri. 9/11	No Mass
Sat. 9/12 4:30 pm	 Fr. Jaksina (<i>Carmie, Bob & Daniel Potash</i>)
Sun. 9/13 11:00 am	 Ann Supranovich
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 9/6 9:00 am	 Salvatora Crisanti (<i>Stevens Family</i>)
Sun. 9/13 9:00 am	 Ise Maria Pereira Birthday Memorial (<i>Sandra Curan</i>)

Readings for the week of September 6, 2026
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

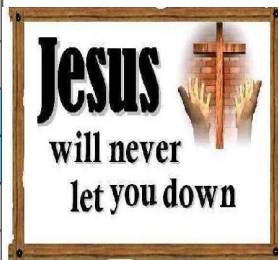
Observances for the week of September 6, 2026
 Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Thursday:
 Friday: Patriot Day
 Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
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Religious Education Class Registration 2026/2027

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

Sept 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	In Memory Of Gerard Brochu Requested By Ed & Martha Sadowski	Available
 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	In Memory Of Gerard Brochu Requested By Ed & Martha Sadowski	In Memory Of Connie Ouellette Requested By Martha & Ed Sadowski

P A R I S H G I V I N G	Thank You for your Generosity	
	August 2	\$5,320
	August 9	\$4,356
	August 16	\$5,807
	August 23	\$3,995
	August 30	\$5,566
	OnLine Giving July	\$3,768
	Fuel Collection	\$1,528
	Total Collections	\$30,340
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$2,124
	Total Stay in Parish	\$28,216



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.



September 11, 2001 began like any other Tuesday. By 8:46 am everything changed. American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. At 9:03 am United Flight 175 tore into the South Tower. Thirty-four minutes later Flight 77 hit the Pentagon. At 10:03 am the bravery of passengers on United Flight 93 forced their hijacked plane down in a Pennsylvania field, preventing it from reaching it's intended target.

The world stood still. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost. Thousand more were injured. And the course of American history was altered in an instant.

Never Forget

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:

John L.	Selest L.	Carlos S.	Bobby L.	Lydia B.
Caryn G.	Bridget W.	Deanna B.	Grace F.	Liam H.
Richard D.	Linda A.	Patricia S.	Vivianna R.	Paul S.
Allyson P.	Diane C.	Ruth S.	Lucy M.	Bob S.
K.O.	Henry D.	Ernestine G.		

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.



The Prayerful Study of Sacred Scripture Reminder

The Sacred Scripture Study Group will meet on
Mon, 9/7 - Genesis and Mon. 9/21 Exodus

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in The Father Keane Hall, of
St. Nicholas Parish.

Please pre-read the scheduled readings and bring
your Catholic Bible to the Class.

Thank you, Deacon Ken Ewaskie

Any inquires, questions, concerns (203) 888-1641.



We welcome into our Parish Family
through the saving waters of Baptism:

Elizabeth Anne Pomeroy
daughter of Donald and Ashlyn Pomeroy

Raelynn Shea Ruchin, daughter
of Samuel and Amanda Ruchin

Levi Unger
Son of Robert Unger and Nicole Stoll

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

Help us make our parish stronger.

If you have a good knowledge of computer programs and have a talent to communicate well, you may be the person we are looking for. The position of bulletin editor and webmaster have opened up. These positions are extremely important to communicate what is happening in our parish to the parishioners. Right now, these are handled by the same person, but they could be done by two differently talented people. They will demand some time and effort each week, but the rewards are immeasurable.

If you think you are interested in helping our parish in these unique positions, let Fr. Tom know. Call the rectory at 203-888-9243 to set up an appointment for more information. The sooner the better!

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

SEPTEMBER 5 - 11, 2026

New Haven Exhibit Reflects on Terrorist Attacks of 9/11

- Story by Joe Pisani

They called him “the elevator man.” He was Charles “Chuck” Costello Jr., who on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, went from the hotel in lower New York City’s SoHo, where he worked as an elevator technician, to the World Trade Center to help in the rescue effort after the terrorist attacks.

He left his truck on the street, ran into the burning North Tower about 9 a.m. and is credited with saving hundreds of lives. On Jan. 6, 2002, his remains were found beneath the South Tower. A member of the Knights of Columbus St. Ambrose Council 6424 of Old Bridge, N.J., Costello is one of 46 Knights memorialized in a temporary exhibit currently on view at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven.

The exhibit, “Remembering 9/11: 25 Years Later,” marks the 25th anniversary since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, when four planes were hijacked, two of them striking New York City’s twin towers. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the fourth into a Pennsylvania field after the passengers attacked the hijackers.

In total, 2,977 people were killed, thousands were injured, and many more died in the years that followed due to health issues.

The local exhibit honors all the victims, their families and those heroes who risked their lives to save countless others, according to Bethany J. Sheffer, curator and registrar of the pilgrimage center.

“This tragedy is part of our history, and it’s important for us to remember those whose lives were lost,” Sheffer



Through Oct. 11, a temporary exhibit at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center remembers all the victims, their families and the heroes who saved the lives of countless people on Sept. 11, 2001. PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

says. “And it’s equally important for us because we are honoring those Knights who died and played a role in the relief efforts.”

In the exhibit, a sequence of photos narrates the events of the day. The exhibit also provides brief biographical information about the 46 Knights of Columbus members – including firefighters, police officers and civilians – who perished in the terrorist attacks.

Some of the items on display include a fragment from one of the towers, a replica firefighter helmet given by the Fire Department of New York, and a FDNY cap that belonged to Father Mychal Judge, a Franciscan friar, who was chaplain of the department and was the first officially recorded fatality of the attacks.

There are rosaries that were distributed to the firefighters and law enforcement officers during the rescue response and a gas mask worn by then-Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn, N.Y., when he visited Ground Zero.

Also on display are prayer books and programs from a solemn Mass of Remembrance at the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., attended by 1,100 Fourth Degree Knights on the first anniversary of the attacks.

As part of the museum’s permanent Wall of History for Sept. 11, other items related to the terrorist attacks are on display. They include two twisted beams from the World Trade Center, a severed street lamppost from a neighborhood close to the World Trade Center and information about the Heroes Fund project that provided immediate assistance to families of emergency responders who lost their lives in the rescue and recovery efforts.

Through Oct. 11, “Remembering 9/11: 25 Years Later,” is on display at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven. This temporary exhibit supplements the permanent memorial to the Knights of Columbus who perished on that day. To learn more, call 203.865.0400 or visit michaelmcgivneycenter.org.



Upcoming Events



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER DATES
THE POWER OF A PRAYING PARENT
St. Catherine of Siena, West Simsbury

Do you worry about your children or grandchildren? Join us for a four-session retreat to discover the power of a praying parent who creates a sacred space for God in their home. "Come" (Matt. 14:29). Email kostelni@cua.edu or scan the QR code to register. Morning session offers a light lunch; evening session offers hors d'oeuvres and small plate meal.

Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14 @ 10AM – 12:30PM OR
Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17 @ 6:15PM – 8:30PM



SEPTEMBER 19 @ 4PM
**OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY MASS AND GALA**
Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hartford

Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:30 PM and gala dinner at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. Come celebrate the conclusion of our 130th anniversary year with a special Mass and gala. We will be honoring all our past Saint Joseph Medal recipients. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Contact Joanne Whitehead (860) 202-7118 or Ana Alfaro (860) 881-6088 or the Parish Office (860) 233-4424 to purchase tickets.



SEPTEMBER 22 @ 10AM - 11:30AM
**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, THE HEART OF
JOHN'S GOSPEL**
Archdiocese of Hartford Pastoral Center,
Bloomfield

Join us for a mini course on the Gospel of John - Tuesday mornings at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield beginning September 22. Email Dayanee.Olivieri@aohct.org to register. The spirituality of this Gospel unfolds gradually as each character encounters Jesus, whose mission is sustained by the abiding presence of the Spirit - a presence that strengthens us in our own daily struggles with the world.



SEPTEMBER 20 @ 7:15PM
**FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE: POPE LEO XIV
AND THE AI REVOLUTION**
St. Thomas More Golden Center, New Haven

A public discussion of Magnifica Humanitas, the pope's long anticipated response to the breakneck advance of artificial intelligence and the implications for human flourishing. Join us for this multi-sided conversation with a panel of distinguished experts about the document's premises, arguments, and response thus far, as well as its potential influence on the most consequential technological development of our time. Visit stm.yale.edu to reserve a spot.



SEPTEMBER 18 @ 6PM
FACES OF HOLINESS: SAINTS THROUGH THE AGES
Saint Patrick's Church, Collinsville

An evening of faith, community and art. Learn the inspiring stories of 12 saints expressed through visual art. Each work invites us to reflect on the profound faith, history and spiritual witness of these holy men and women. Feel free to drop in for as long as your schedule permits. Refreshments will be served.



SEPTEMBER 18 - 20
**RETROUVILLE MARRIAGE
WORKSHOP WEEKEND**
Windsor

If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love in the first place. Contact us today at helpourmarriage.org or (860) 837-0447 for information or to register.



SEPTEMBER 15 @ 7PM
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
AND PREVENTION PRESENTATION**
St. Paul Parish Hall, Kensington

Join us for a human trafficking awareness and prevention presentation sponsored by the Culture of Life and Social Action Ministries at St. Paul Parish. A member of the Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford will provide an overview of human trafficking and introduce a prevention framework for engaging parishioners in this important work. Participants will learn about key elements of prevention and practical steps that parishes, ministries, and individuals can take to reduce vulnerability and strengthen their communities.

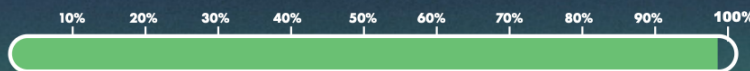


OCTOBER 17 @ 4PM
Mary of the Americas / María en las Américas
The Shrine of María Reina de la Paz, Hartford

Mary of the Americas is an Archdiocesan multicultural Marian celebration that brings together Hispanic Catholic communities and participating parishes from across the Archdiocese of Hartford. The event will include the Holy Rosary and a bilingual Holy Mass, followed by cultural and gastronomic presentations representing various countries of the Americas. Through prayer, faith, music, and cultural traditions, the celebration honors the Blessed Virgin Mary while highlighting the unity and diversity of the Church. All are welcome!

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 99.06% as of 8/20/26

\$9,905,885.63 in pledges from 27,456 generous donors

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

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