

Saint Nicholas Parish

October 4, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 10/3 4:30 pm	 Alice Ewaskie (Donna Gramolini)
Sun. 10/4 11:00 am	 Cruz M. Colon (Daughter Caren Hernandez & Family)
Mon. 10/5 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 10/6 9:00 am	 Henry Andrew (Barbara & George Junko)
Wed. 10/7 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 10/8 9:00 am	Mass Available
Fri. 10/9	No Mass
Sat. 10/10 4:30 pm	 James Roger &  Mary Stratton (Carl & Patricia Miller)
Sun. 10/11 11:00 am	Mass Available

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 10/4 9:00 am	  Lucas Family (Olivia Moreno)
Sun. 10/11 9:00 am	  Carlos Santos (Olivia Moreno)

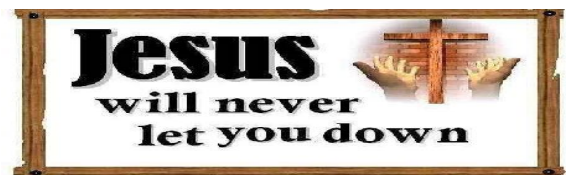
P A R I S H G I V I N G	Thank You for your Generosity	
	September 6	\$4,993
	September 13	\$4,573
	September 20	\$4,719
	September 27	\$4,002
	OnLine Giving August	\$4,457
	Fuel Collection	\$1,582
	Total Collections	\$24,326
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,703
	Total Stay in Parish	\$22,623

Readings for the week of October 4, 2026
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Observances for the week of October 4, 2026
 Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
 Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
 Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time LP

Religious Education Class Registration 2026/2027

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



Oct. 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory of Jeffrey Mullen Requested By Family
 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 Barbara Mullen Requested By Family

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

Riley Louis Nistico
Son of
Louis and Stephanie Nistico



May God's graces and blessings be with him always as he grow in wisdom and understanding, and may his life always reflect God's goodness and love.



**The Prayerful Study of Sacred Scripture
Reminder**

**The Sacred Scripture Study Group will meet on
Mon. 10/5 Leviticus and Mon. 10/19 Numbers**

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.

Join The 2026 Public Square



Rosary Rally!!
Let's Pray The Holy Rosary

WHERE: The Church of the Good Shepherd
(OUTSIDE) - In case of rain,
we will gather in the church.

WHEN: Saturday October 10th 2026.
TIME: 12:00 PM.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

For more information
Contact Carmie Potash (203-888-5396)

Please return Baby Bottles weekend
of October 3rd and 4th, filled with
donations of loose change, cash,
or check made payable to Mary
and Joseph's Place.

Thank you for your continued support of this
Life Ministry. We also accept donations of
baby clothes, diapers, and baby blankets.



For further information, please contact Warren Oko at
203-889-8149 or Barbara Mucha Oko, RN, at
203-530-2730.

*Thank You, Barbara Mucha Oko, RN
Executive Director Mary and Joseph's Place*

Coconuts Jukebox Cabaret

High energy show features classic rock favorites,
musical surprises, comedy, audience interaction.

Saturday - October 10, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley Parish

Holy Rosary Church Hall

Doors Open 5:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm

Bring your own food, snacks & beverages

(Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water provided)

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Invite Family and Friends, Laugh, Sing & Dance
while supporting the works of the Knights of
Columbus!

Questions? Email billmendyka2012@gmail.com

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	Richard B	Jim H
L.P.	Cody T	Mike D		

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.

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2026

West Haven Parish Prays to *Our Blessed Mother* Monthly on the First Saturdays

- Story By Joe Pisani

All her life, Eva Cestari has had a devotion to the Blessed Mother — from her Catholic schooling in Minnesota to the years she and her husband Ralph prayed the rosary with their six children at home and on camping trips.

A longtime Lay Dominican, Cestari is also committed to what is referred to as the "Five First Saturdays" devotion, given by Our Lady of Fatima to do reparation for the increase of sin and godlessness in the world.

For 15 years, Cestari has prayed on all First Saturdays of each month, and with her fellow Lay Dominicans has tried to spread it to archdiocesan churches.

Four years ago, she and her friend Marla Rapini brought it to St. John Vianney Church, part of St. John XXIII Parish in West Haven, along with St. Louis Church. Parishioners do more than pray on the First Five Saturdays — they pray this devotion on the First Saturday of each month.

On Sept. 5, some 80 people from both West Haven churches came to a Mass celebrated by Father Israel Rivera. Afterward, they prayed the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in English and Spanish followed by meditation. Father Rivera also called the children to gather around a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and blessed them.

The priest says his personal devotion to the Blessed Mother deepened during his priesthood and he regards her as the perfect role model of discipleship. "The world, with all its turmoil and suffering, needs the presence of the



Father Israel Rivera, pastor of St. John XXIII Parish, prays with children at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. John Vianney Church in West Haven a First Saturday devotion on Sept. 5. PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

Blessed Mother," Father Rivera says. "It is her promise to Lucia, one of the children at Fatima, if we do reparation for sins, especially sins of blasphemy against the name of the Lord and her, that she will assist us at the hour of our death with the graces we need for salvation. We have to make reparation, receive communion, pray the rosary and go to confession."

Father Rivera says the First Saturday Mass is "a wonderful display of unity of the parishioners from both churches."

In 2023, Cestari made a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in 1917 and said: "People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord anymore, for he is already much offended."

The Blessed Mother later told the visionary Lucia: "I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the

rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."

The confession should be made within eight days before or after the First Saturday, and these acts should be offered in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Rapini, who has prayed the devotion throughout her life, says, "It's so important to me and to bring about peace in the world today, we need to heed Our Lady's words. Sitting in church, praying the rosary in community and spending time with the Blessed Mother in meditation, brings me a sense of peace and encouragement that strengthens me throughout the \$month." Says Cestari, "We know that in the end, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph."

St. John Vianney Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., West Haven, celebrates Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the rosary and 15 minutes of meditation every first Saturday of the month.



Upcoming Events



OCTOBER 9 @ 6PM
MASS OF HEALING
St. Peter Church, Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens — be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Healing Mass with anointing of the sick. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing. We can't wait to see you there!



OCTOBER 15 @ 7:30PM - 8:30PM
HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF AI
Franciscan Life Center, San Damiano Room at the Chiara Center, Meriden

Amidst growing concerns about artificial intelligence and where it is taking us, the Church offers a balanced path forward. AI can be a powerful tool and a benefit to our world—if it is guided by the right moral compass. In this presentation, we will explore Pope Leo XIV's landmark encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. Together, we will examine what is at stake morally and socially for the human person, and discuss how we can help steer the global development of AI for the true good of humanity. Free to attend and reception to follow. Call 203.237.8084



OCTOBER 16 @ 5:30PM
HOLY HOUR FOR WOMEN'S VOCATIONS
Mount Sacred Heart Chapel, Hamden

Come pray for women's vocations with us! All are welcome - men, women, and families. Prayer will be followed by a free dinner. Contact Carlene cdemiany@ascj.us for questions!



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!



OCTOBER 18 @ 1:30PM
"I WILL ALWAYS BE JOYFUL": SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI'S LIFE AND WITNESS
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary Church Hall, New Haven

Father Philip Nolan, O.P., editor of the Magnificat magazine, will discuss the youthful sanctity of recently-canonized Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and his relevance for today. All welcome to attend!



OCTOBER 22 @ 7PM
HOLY HOUR AND CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Mount Sacred Heart Chapel, Hamden

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a grace-filled prayer service to entrust yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Each person or family will receive a blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for their home.

The ceremony will include:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
A special prayer of consecration
A blessing of each individual and family
A blessing of house keys



NOVEMBER 1 @ 3PM
FROM BROADWAY TO THE MET: A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI
St. James Church, Rocky Hill

You are warmly invited to an uplifting afternoon of music. Admission is free, and donations will be gratefully accepted to support our sister parish, St. Anne in Saintard, Haiti. Our program spans Broadway favorites, Classical masterpieces, and Sacred music.

Approximately 50 singers from various parishes across our diocese, as well as professional soloists Rochelle Bard and Daniel Juarez, will present beloved classics including The Prayer, Bring Him Home from Les Misérables, For Good from Wicked, Nessun Dorma, and much more. Bring your family and friends to experience this musical celebration for a wonderful cause!



JANUARY 13 @ 7PM
**SAVE THE DATE
REBOOT: A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT**
St. Margaret Church, Madison

This high-energy, 2 hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created for you: A life of JOY! Event is perfect for everyone: friends, family, children (12+), and those who may not be actively practicing their faith. Scan the QR code to secure your spot!



2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of today, **16.69%** of all Archdiocesan parishioners raised **\$10 million** for our Archdiocesan ministries.
Imagine the difference if one in four parishioners joined in.
Help us reach **26%** participation in 2026!!



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www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

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