Saint Nicholas Parish



November 15, 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.

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 11/14 4:30 pm	✝ Leslie M. Marino *(A Friend)*
Sun. 11/15 11:00 am	✝ Kimberly Martin-Smith *(Renata Martin)*
Mon. 11/16 9:00 am	✝ Robert Mastromatteo *(Tony Giovanetti)*
Tue. 11/17 9:00 am	✝ Jeffrey Roberts *(Tony Giovanetti)*
Wed. 11/18 9:00 am	Parishoners of St Nicholas Parish
Thur. 11/19 9:00 am	Mass Available
Fri. 11/20	No Mass
Sat. 11/21 4:30 pm	✝ Sean Rossetti *(Rossetti Family)*
Sun 11/22 11:00am	✝ Marilyn Cigas 11 Yr. Memorial *(Husband & Children)*

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 11/15 9:00 am	✝ John Madzik *(Sonia Garcia)*
Sun. 11/22 9:00 am	✝ Paula & ✝ (Son) Tommy Keating *(Husband)*

Readings for the week of November 15, 2026

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Observances for the week of November 15, 2026
Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ©LPi

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.
Laura M.	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		

PARISH GIVING

Thank You for your Generosity	
November 1	$5,077
November 8	$5,175
November 15	
November 22	
November 29	
OnLine Giving October	$4,158
Fuel Collection	$1,876
Total Collections	$16,286
Cathedraticum Fee	$1,140
Total Stay in Parish	$15,146



To Join the Parish E-Mail list, send your name and email address to stnicholasct@comcast.net and you will be added to the list

All Saints Day - $1169

Nov. 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory of Joseph Licciardi Requested By Nuzzolo 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	Available



Wish Tree Labels

Wish Tree Labels are available in the back of both churches for items for the Wish Tree. PLEASE use these labels on your wrapped gift as they are marked for distribution. If you give an item other than what is on the label then you may use your own label.

PLEASE NEW ITEMS ONLY.

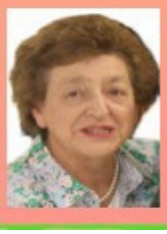
This year there is a change for St. Vincent DePaul They are in dire need for food items for their food pantry. You do not have to wrap these items. Just use your label and put them in the boxes provided on the bench near the Statue of the Blessed Mother. The boxes will be labeled .



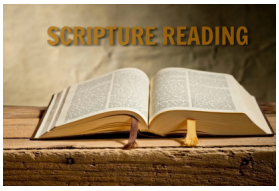
For Gifts going to a resident at **Shady Knoll** **DO NOT Wrap the gift,** It can be placed in a holiday bag. The label you took must be attached to the gift bag.

Please have as many gifts to the church by December 13th. **THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19TH.**

We sincerely Thank You for once again helping Santa bring joy and smiles to many.



Any questions call Carmie at 203-888-5396. Thank You.



The Prayerful Study of Sacred Scripture
Reminder

The Sacred Scripture Study Group will meet on Mon. 11/16 Joshua - Mon. 12/7 Judges

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.

It's a Party! And You're Invited!

The secret is out. Fr. Tom turns 70 in November. Some of his friends want to give him a party to celebrate the occasion. So the parish is invited to join Fr. Tom and friends on Sunday, November 15th after the 11 o'clock mass in the Fr. Keane Hall to celebrate the grand occasion. There will be food and drinks to mark the occasion. So, mark your calendars now and join in the festivities.

Fr. Tom agreed to the party only if gifts were discouraged. So, come and enjoy this special free event. Maybe even sing Stolat for him! See you there.



Our Lady of the Valley Parish
Christmas Fair

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

WHERE: Holy Rosary Campus
10 Father Salemi Drive
Ansonia, CT 06401

Food Available

Vendors Welcome! Contact Joyce Rosito
Joyce.Rosito@usacs.net

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2026

New Faith Formation Center Opens in *New Haven*

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Years ago, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth filled St. Stanislaus Convent in New Haven, where they lived and served local Catholics, especially as beloved teachers at the former St. Stanislaus School.

Today, the former brick convent at 15 Eld St. is finding new life as a hub for spiritual learning and growth – as the new Faith Formation Center for the sprawling, citywide Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The first classes began there in late September.

"As soon as I walked in there, I knew this was the location," says Grace Torres, director of faith formation and parish life for Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven, who says the parish had been looking for a new place to center its faith formation efforts.

"We are one parish with eight churches. And we serve approximately 800 children, youths and adults through our faith formation programs, which bring a diversity of different cultures and different backgrounds," she says. "But the merger in itself is uniting."

"So, I feel that the Center is an opportunity to bring these cultures, these families, these needs into one. It just gives that dedicated space to all the children, youths and adults, families and catechists."

The city parish, which includes immigrants from Eastern Europe and Central and South America, has an especially diverse community. Now the Faith Formation Center is bringing them together for sacramental preparation and special events.

"We're holding faith formation programs there to start," Torres says, "including first communion, confirmation, adult confirmation and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, or OCIA."



Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven has opened its new Faith Formation Center in a former convent. PHOTO BY EMILY NAYLOR

Family faith formation programs, begun last year, will continue to meet at St. Stanislaus Church and St. Francis Church, much larger meeting spaces. The St. Francis campus will also serve as a second faith formation location to improve accessibility for families without transportation. Classes on both campuses are being offered in English and Spanish.

Last summer, to ready the new Faith Formation Center volunteers cleaned up the building and swapped out furnishings. The interior was repainted and recarpeted, and three smart boards were added to assist the 75 catechists. The spruced-up space now provides three floors and a finished basement.

The first floor includes four classrooms, an office, a kitchen and a chapel. On the second floor, 14 rooms present future opportunities. "We have a vision of retreats there for women, men and youths," Torres says.

The third floor houses three classrooms plus three additional classrooms for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. The finished basement provides a larger gathering space for meetings and special events as well as the Polish Saturday School.

The highlight is the chapel. "It's beyond programs," Torres points out. "It's bringing children to a deeper encounter with Jesus in a very personal way. This space will also help strengthen families in their faith. The best place for that is in the chapel in the presence of the Lord."

By uniting people from across the city, the parish also hopes to create a sense of belonging and Catholic unity, Torres says, especially among immigrant families who are members of the body of Christ.

"At the end of the day, and I see that with the kids, they just want to be loved, seen and feel a part of something," she says. "And that's where we get the opportunity to say, 'You are loved, you do belong and you're not alone. We are here to help you.' So, the Faith Formation Center is a key part in continuing that message of unity in New Haven."

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 20 @ 6PM
ENCOUNTER NIGHT
St. John Paul The Great Parish, St. Peter Church Hall, Torrington

Complementing our Healing Mass, we welcome Fr. Madejski of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven to lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join co-facilitator Fr. Emmanuel to experience Christ's presence in the Eucharist and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Free admission. Come expecting: praise & worship, teaching, reflection and prayer teams.

NOVEMBER 20 @ 6:30PM **21+ Young Adults**
POTLUCK FRIENDSGIVING CELEBRATION
Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Make new friends, eat good food and celebrate! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish or dessert to share! Followed by a Prayer Service for the Holy Souls. Join a candlelight prayer service walking through Riverside Cemetery, as we join our Church in this month of praying for our deceased loved ones.

NOVEMBER 20 - 21
48TH ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL
Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden

11/20 Friday 3PM - 8PM & 11/21 Saturday 10AM - 3PM

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at their annual Holly Berry Festival juried craft fair. Shop for unique Christmas gifts from 45 local artisans, plus one-of-a-kind items and delicious baked goods made by the Sisters. Enjoy raffles, children's activities, photos with Santa, food and more. All proceeds support the care of elder Apostle Sisters. Free admission and parking. Visit **hollyberry.org** for more information.

NOVEMBER 21 @ 9:30AM - 2:30PM
35TH ANNUAL FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS FAIR
Franciscan Life Center, Meriden

Admission is free! Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas on this joy-filled day with something for the whole family. A wonderful Living Crèche Franciscan breads, pottery, food, handcrafted items, Merry Miscellaneous; fresh cut Christmas trees, raffles, Franciscan animals, and children's arts and crafts.

Visit **franciscanchristmasfair.org** for more info.

NOVEMBER 21 @ 10AM - 3PM
CHRISTMAS FAIR... WITH A POLISH FLAIR!
SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford

Admission is free! Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair with a Polish flair! This event features traditional Polish foods, homemade baked goods, crafters and vendors, gift baskets, vintage jewelry, cultural displays and imports, music, plus much more. It's a great occasion to shop, eat, and celebrate!

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, 16.89% 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!!

WE ARE ONE

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

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