Saint Nicholas Parish



November 22, 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. 11/21 4:30 pm	✝ Jean Rossetti *(Rossetti Family)*
Sun. 11/22 11:00 am	✝ Marilyn Cigas 11 Yr. Memorial *(Husband & Children)*
Mon. 11/23 9:00 am	✝ Judith Clare Buchholz *(McGuirk Family)*
Tue. 11/24 9:00 am	Mass Available
Wed. 11/25 9:00 am	Parishoners of St Nicholas Parish
Thur. 11/26 9:00 am	✝ Cortello & ✝ Basso Families *(Family)*
Fri. 11/27	No Mass
Sat. 11/28 4:30 pm	✝ Deceased Members of the Platko Family *(Jim & Francine)*
Sun 11/29 11:00am	✝ Sam & ✝ Dolores Cortello *(Family)*

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 11/22 9:00 am	✝ Paula & ✝ (Son) Tommy Keating *(Husband)*
Sun. 11/29 9:00 am	✝ John Gabriel & ✝ (Mom) Vinnie Gabriel *(Irene Henry)*

Readings for the week of November 22, 2026
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
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Observances for the week of November 22, 2026
Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
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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

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.



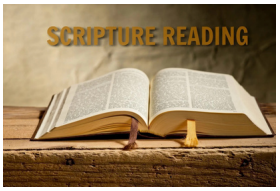
Any questions call Carmie at 203-888-5396. Thank You.

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER



Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, December 3rd. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule for anyone willing to provide a portion of the meal.

Meal Items should be brought to St. Augustine Church at 3 pm on that day to permit a timely delivery to the Spooner house.



The Prayerful Study of Sacred Scripture Reminder

The Sacred Scripture Study Group will meet on Mon. 12/7 Judges - Mon. 12/21 1 Samuel

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.



A Thanksgiving Prayer
Good and gracious God,
You do all things well.
You make the sun and rain come,
nurturing the earth, making it fertile and fruitful.
Through Your gift of creation and the work of our hands, we reap an abundant harvest.
We give You thanks for Your many gifts that sustain us; for health and home, dignified labor, for family, friends, neighbors, and those whom -- today -- we may still consider enemies.
As we reflect in thanks this day, may we remember those who lack something we have.
May our gratitude move us to love, serve, and give. Together we rejoice in Your gifts, and in Your abundant life!
Amen.

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD NOVEMBER 21 - 27, 2026

East Windsor Cemetery Creates Serene Space for *Our Lady*

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



Barbara Sherman, chairwoman of the St. Catherine Cemetery Association for St. Marianne Cope Parish, stands with Father Ronald Zepecki, pastor, on a new walkway leading to a statue of the Blessed Mother.
PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE

Amid the stillness of St. Catherine Cemetery in East Windsor's Broad Brook section of town, Father Ronald Zepecki walks the grounds, offering prayers to the Blessed Mother.

"It is very conducive to prayer," he says of his cemetery walks. "I pray the breviary and the rosary. I pray for everyone here." Father Zepecki serves as pastor of St. Marianne Cope Parish which is made up of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Broad Brook and St. Philip the Apostle Church in East Windsor.

With its recent improvements, the cemetery offers a peaceful, parklike setting that provides a solemn resting place for loved ones. The cemetery is located at 30-76 Rye St.

"It's a picturesque cemetery," says Barbara Sherman, chairwoman of the St. Catherine Cemetery Association, a small group which oversees the five-acre cemetery upkeep with Father Zepecki. "People comment that it looks like a park."

In early August, a new paver walkway was installed and leads to a statue of the Blessed Mother. The sacred space, adorned with granite benches purchased last year, invites everyone to sit, reflect and pray. For many years, the Blessed Mother statue stood prominently outside of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

"Many people are stopping to see the statue of Mary," Sherman says. Next year, she notes, this statue is expected to be repainted.

Future enhancements to the Mary grotto are planned. They include landscaping the area and installing a new bronze plaque with the words "Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy" to be placed alongside the statue.

"We tried to make the cemetery more presentable in this grotto area," Sherman says.

Each May, parishioners of St. Marianne Cope Parish crown a statue of Mary in St. Catherine Cemetery. On Memorial Day, Father Zepecki celebrates Mass in the cemetery to honor military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Next year, from May through October, the pastor plans on leading the rosary on the 13th day of each month, inviting parishioners and guests to gather at the cemetery to pray.

Catholics often pray the rosary to honor Our Lady of Fatima. She appeared to the three shepherd children in Portugal on the 13th of each month from May 13 through Oct. 13, 1917.

Over the years, members of the cemetery association have dedicated countless hours to enhancing the grounds. Visitors will notice recent updates to the cemetery entrance, including the sandblasting and the restoration of the marble statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and a new sign.

Also in the cemetery, the historic altar dating back to the 1950s has been preserved and is used during Masses. New Montgomery spruce shrubbery has been added around the grounds.

The cemetery gives family and friends a place to visit and grieve, Father Zepecki says, noting that it reflects the Catholic faith and traditions of the area's residents.

"People who have loved ones buried here feel good about it," the priest adds.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 12 @ 9:00AM - 12:00PM
BE STILL: ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION
Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden

Enjoy a quiet morning of prayer, reflection and discussion as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas! Light refreshments will be provided. Register online for free by December 5 through the QR code.

DECEMBER 4 @ 7PM - 9PM
YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR
East Rock Brewing Company, New Haven

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for a special Networking Happy Hour with Networking Bingo and an early celebration of St. Nicholas' Feast Day! Come network and connect with young adult Catholic professionals from all over Central CT. YCP Belong Members will receive a free drink ticket, as will the first 10 people to register online.
We look forward to meeting you there!

JANUARY 6 6:30 - 8:30PM
APOSTOLATE FOR LAY MINISTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Joseph Church, New Haven

The Archdiocese's Certificate in Lay Ministry program begins a new class in January 2027. This two-year program provides in-depth spiritual, theological, and pastoral formation for lay people seeking to serve in any Catholic ministry or apostolate. The program also provides mentorship and immersion experiences for the students' ministry of choice.
Call the Office of Missionary Discipleship for more information or to apply: **860-913-2651**.

JANUARY ENROLLMENT
NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE BIBLICAL SCHOOL
St. Augustine Church, Hartford

Earn a certificate in advanced biblical studies through this accredited four year, Spanish language program. Learn about all 73 books of the bible with credentialed instructors. This is an in person learning program sponsored by the St. Thomas Seminary and the Office of Missionary Discipleship. For more information or to apply: **860-913-2651**.

JANUARY ENROLLMENT
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: MODEL FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

This minicourse offered by the Office of Missionary Discipleship is an eleven week Spanish language mini course designed to explore the book of the Acts of the Apostles with an emphasis on learning the original vision for missionary discipleship and Catholic community. Call the Office of Missionary Discipleship for more information **860-913-2651**.

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, 16.95% 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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