Saint Marianne Cope Parish Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor

Alan Germain - Deacon



St. Catherine of Siena 6 Windsorville Road Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses -Mon, Tues & Wed at 12:10 p.m. Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

> Parish Office Hours -Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon



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St. Philip the Apostle 150 South Main Street East Windsor, CT 06088

Weekend Masses -Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation -Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Parish Office Phone - (860) 623-4636 (ext. 101) Parish Fax - (860) 292-8550 Parish Website - smceastwindsor.org Parish Office email - office@smceastwindsor.org

> Pastoral Assistant - Theresa Jablow Director of Music - Wendy Quinn

Pastoral Minister - Jan Albetski Email - JanA@smceastwindsor.org Faith Formation Office - (860) 623-4636 (ext. 106) Parish Rectory - 150 South Main Street East Windsor, CT 06088

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the celebration of the sacrament as well as a pre-baptismal session for parents and Godparents.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the parish office at least six months in advance before making any other arrangements.

New Parishioners

Please call the parish office or registration forms are available on the church bulletin boards.

Christian Stewardship

We are a stewardship community. Parish members are invited to use offertory envelopes or *Online Giving* to support the mission & needs of our parish. Please call the parish office for more details.

SAINT MARIANNE COPE PARISH





NEW PARISHIONERS – Welcome! There are registration forms on the bulletin boards in the church foyers at St. Philip Church during the weekend liturgies. Just fill one out and drop it in the Giving Box or Basket or return it to the parish office. You may also register by calling the parish office during weekday business hours.

YOUNG FAMILIES – At St. Philip Church, the quiet room is available for families with young children attending Mass and at St. Catherine Church the foyer is available if your child needs a break.

PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - The first pew is available for parishioners that have any type of physical limitations, and you may also receive communion while staying in your seat if you'd like. At St. Philip, those in the quiet room may proceed in front of the first pew for communion as well.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - can be celebrated at any time for those who are ill or infirm. When someone's condition worsens, please call the parish office to arrange for Father to visit and celebrate the sacrament rather then waiting until the final moments of their life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Joyce Benoit, Jeannie Bernier, Maria Brenza, Linda Brown, Inez Cabral, Elaine Colson, Donald Daigle, Philip Deane, Gabriel Desrocher, Donald Fitzgerald, Laurie Gallipo, David Gieseke, Ciera Green, Concetta Kopp, Auralie LaChance, Martha Leonard, Bill Mager, Ethel Morin, Rosemary Murak, Laura Palmer, Bev Pikul, Donald Quist, Rob & Lilly, Krystyna Paluch, Bob & Gen Roy, Steven Solesky, Meghan Tully, Mary Winn, Heidi Wormstedt, and Deborah & James Wrann. Also, all health care workers, first responders, missionaries and those serving in the armed forces.



On a Personal Note

At this time I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of myself, Deacon Alan and Jan Albetski to wish all of you a very happy, healthy New Year, 2023. May your faith in Christ increase for you and yours. May God's blessings be yours in abundance. Once again, Happy New Year, 2023.

> Fr. Ron Deacon Alan Jan Albetski

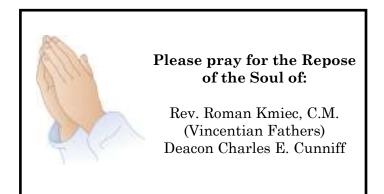
Office Closing

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for regular business.

<u>Thank You</u>

A most sincere "Thank You" to all who sent Christmas Cards with greetings and gifts. Your beautiful messages and good wishes are very appreciated. Again, God bless your kind messages, thoughtfulness and generosity.

> Sincerely, Fr. Ron



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES on Jan 1st due to the New Year holiday. We will see you at Mass!

January First is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the World Day of Peace! - The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a special time to celebrate the special grace Mary had in being the Mother of God! The title "Mother of God" comes from the Greek word "Theotokos" which means "God-bearer." On Christmas, we honor the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. On New Year's Day we honor His most holy Mother, the Queen of Peace. Pope Paul VI instituted New Year's Day as the "World Day of Peace." Mary has a special place in our world and in our hearts and she is forever striving to bring about peace through her Son.

Our Next Class for all grades will be January 8ththe Celebration of the Epiphany, following the 8:30 Mass.



The Christmas Season continues.... Our Pop-Up Pageant will be January 8th, 2022 for ALL STUDENTS Pre-K through Confirmation. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!

Families should plan to attend the 8:30 Mass together. We will move to the Hall after Mass for the Pageant, followed by refreshments. **PLEASE NOTE: This is a change from the posted schedule**. All families will receive an email with details and will be updated and reminded weekly. Your may invite others to attend.

<u>**Please**</u> notify Jan A if there is a reason your child will be unable to attend class. This helps our teachers to plan.

Please visit our website: http://www.smceastwindsor.org

Jan Albetski, Pastoral Minister 860-623-4636 x106 JanA@smceastwindsor.org

<u>Coming in January...</u> <u>A Bible Study on the Mass</u>

In 2021 the bishops of the United States announced a plan that centers on the theme 'Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ, Source of our Healing and Hope.' A key priority of this plan focuses on a National Eucharistic Revival with the goal of renewing the Catholic Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To kick off this movement, Saint Marianne Cope Parish will offer a Bible Study on The Mass.

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear Him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive Him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Two sessions will be offered. On Wednesday, mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning on January 18, 2023 and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on January 19, 2023. Meetings will be held in Saint Philip Church Hall and coffee and refreshments will be provided. The cost of the materials is \$26.95 and pre-registration is required. For questions or to register, contact Deacon Alan and Karen Germain at 860-916-4298 or email AlanGKarenG@att.net.



2023 Calendars

To Pietras Family and Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home of East Windsor, St. Marianne Cope Parish extends a very heartfelt "Thank you" for our 2023 calendars. The calendars are at the entrance doors of both churches. To the Pietras Family, Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home; our sincerest thanks for the 2023 calendars.

Mass Intentions

After much thought and prayer, I would like to open <u>intentions</u> for Masses. The past two weeks I have announced from the pulpit that the church allows for Mass intentions for the deceased and the living. Below please find possible Mass intentions:

- for the deceased
- for an ill person
- for a dying person
- For a birthday intention
- For a wedding anniversary
- In thanksgiving for a favor received from Our Lord, Our Lady or a saint
- For a special intention (private to you)
- For the health of someone
- In honor of a saint (because he/she answered a prayer)
- In honor of The Blessed Mother

If you would like an intention for Mass, please call Theresa any day between 9am and 12noon. She will be happy to help you with your requests.

Social Action Outreach -

Enfield Loaves & Fishes - Tues, Jan. 3, (9:00am-noon)

(Sandwiches to the basement kitchen at St. Catherine)

Loaves and Fishes is a soup kitchen providing meals, aid, and companionship at no charge. Located in Enfield, Connecticut and serving anyone in need. The soup kitchen strives to make a difference in the lives of people who live with food insecurity, serving every meal with dignity and respect in a nurturing environment. Our SMC community has always shared many tasty sandwiches each month.

FOODSHARE Truck – Friday, Jan. 6 & 20, 1:00-1:30pm (St. Catherine Church Parking Lot)

Foodshare serves a network of more than 260 local hunger-relief organizations that operate programs for neighbors in need making sure they get help that is easy and accessible. The pantry-on-wheels delivers produce and other food to community sites throughout the region. Our parish has been a longtime supporter of this important source of food outreach. Helpers are welcome.

Five Corner Food Pantry – Jan. 14/15

(Donations to the weekend Masses at St. Philip Church)

Located at 124 Scantic Road in East Windsor, our town food pantry provides non-perishable food & supplies on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:45am & 1:00-5:30pm. Donations can be dropped off before Mass in the wooden chest in the main foyer as we support our brothers & sisters in need.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31

4:00PM +Repose of the Soul of Emery Berube

(Birthday Remembrance) requested by his wife, Dorothy Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:30AM +Repose of the Soul of William Green Sr.

requested by Colleen Green 10:30AM +**Repose of the Soul of Monsignor Liptak and for Vocations** requested by the Maslow & Teixeira Families

Monday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 12:10PM +Vocations

requested by the Maslow & Teixeira Families Tuesday, January 3

12:10PM + Repose of the Soul of George Vincent Cooney Sr. requested by Isabella Roddy

Wednesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 12:10PM + Special Intention for Roz Zagaja

requested by The Teixeira Family

Thursday, January 5, St. John Neumann

8:00AM +Special Intention for Marie Pelletier

requested by The Teixeira Family

<u>A Note from The Network Against</u> <u>Domestic Abuse</u>

"Dear Rev. Zepecki and the Parishioners of St. Marianne Cope Parish:

Thank you for conducting your Advent Giving Card Project again this year to benefit The Network. We are sincerely grateful for the very generous donation of \$720 in gift cards and a \$50 donation. Your contributions will provide victims of domestic abuse and their children with much needed everyday necessities. We'd like you to know that because of your thoughtfulness, 5,375 individuals received life-saving services and or prevention education in 2021 right here in our own communities.

You are a treasure to us all. Thanks again for standing with us.

Sincerely, Karen F. O'Connor Executive Director Network Against Domestic Abuse"

Two Beautiful Churches

You probably agree that both of our churches under the patronage of St. Marianne Cope were very beautifully decorated this Christmas. Of course, this doesn't get done by a wave of a magic wand. Thus, we thank all those who worked so diligently to bring the warmth of Christmas to our hearts by beautifully decorating our two churches. Thank you decorating committee!!

Also, a most sincere thanks to the choir, musicians and various organists for enhancing our liturgies with traditional Christmas music.