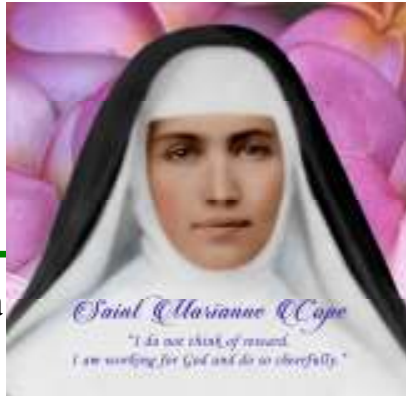


## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 9:00 a.m.

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### 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](http://smceastwindsor.org)

**Parish Office email** - [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

**Interim Administrative Assistant** - Karen Germain

**Director of Music** - Wendy Quinn

**Pastoral Minister** - Jan Albetski

**Email** - [JanA@smceastwindsor.org](mailto: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.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Church  
Followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet



**St. Patrick / St. Joseph Celebration**

St. Marianne Cope Parish will celebrate St. Patrick (Mar 17<sup>th</sup>) and St. Joseph (Mar 19<sup>th</sup>) with a coffee and..... after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in St. Philip Hall. We celebrate these two Saints with Irish soda Bread; Irish Scones; Italian zeppole with vanilla, chocolate and ricotta filling and Polish Paczki. All are welcome and invited to our celebration of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** – Welcome! There are registration forms on the bulletin boards in the church foyers at St. Philip Church during the weekend masses. 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 than 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.

**Two Popular Saints**

Today, March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Joseph, patron of The Archdiocese of Hartford and the Universal Church. The Archdiocese, or at that time, the Diocese of Hartford was established on March 19, 1843 by Pope Gregory XVI. It comprised the entire state of Connecticut and Rhode Island. In 1878, Providence, Rhode Island was established as its own Diocese. In 1953 Hartford was established as an Archdiocese with Norwich and Bridgeport as separate Dioceses. In 1870, Blessed Pius IX (1846-1878) declared St. Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. Pope St. John Paul II (1978-2005) wrote an encyclical on St. Joseph and in 2020, Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” with an apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Cordis* or “With a Father’s Heart”. St. Joseph teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work through our fears, frailties and weaknesses.

On March 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the ever-popular St. Patrick. Born to a catholic Deacon father and Roman Soldier and his mother, Concetta, probably in Wales; more than likely Patrick was of Italian decent. Kidnapped at age 16 by the druids of Ireland, he would go on to be the one who established the church in Ireland after his ordination to the priesthood in Auxerre, France. He was a man of deep prayer and love of the scriptures. He was a Bishop who was not afraid to hold fast to the tenants of the faith. We ask St. Patrick to help us to remain faithful and to evangelize when the Lord gives us the opportunity.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



**GRADES 2-6** will meet on Sunday, March 19th at 9:30 am in St. Philip Hall. Pick up will be at 11 am. Parents will need to come in to sign when you pick up. **Students should bring their folders and books to every class.** Attendance is expected.

**Grade 3 Students** are doing very well with their preparation for First Eucharist. Their Sacrament will take place on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Emma, Brayden, Jason, Emelina, and Mackinley as they prepare for this Blessed Sacrament.

**Grades 7, 8 and 9** will attend the “**Jesus Takeover**” at Holy Family Church in Enfield on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. **Our Confirmation Students** will be fulfilling their requirement for their Mandatory retreat by fully participating in this event. **Parents are welcome** to attend with their students, as well as older siblings. No children below grade 7 please. **This event will take the place of their regular class on March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please note:** We will have reserved seating but we must arrive by 6:45. Please let Mrs. A know by email who will be attending from your family, so that she can secure enough seats for everyone.

**Our Early Childhood Group-** grades preK-gr1, will meet next weekend, March 26<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:30 Mass. Please be sure to bring your folders.

### How we can help others by donating to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



**SHARING SUCCESS** Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a well for water and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit [csricebowl.org](http://csricebowl.org) to learn more

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

Jan Albetski, Pastoral Minister 860-623-4636 x106,  
[JanA@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:JanA@smceastwindsor.org)

### Mini Lenten Retreat

We have been praying for vocations to the priesthood over the past several months. In light of that, I have asked seminarians from the Religious Order of the Legionaries of Christ to join us on **March 25-26** to give a meditation at each Mass after Holy Communion. So as not to prolong the Mass the sermon that weekend will be very brief.. The seminarians are referred to as “**Brother**”. Three of them will be with us that weekend. They are studying for priesthood in Cheshire, Ct. Close to 100 young men are in Cheshire preparing for priesthood. As we pray for Diocesan priesthood we also pray for Religious priesthood. Please give a warm welcome to the seminarians. They will speak to us on the Eucharist.

### Listen to Great Catholic Programs on 730 AM

The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, an EWTN affiliate, is now broadcasting in Springfield! You can now listen to quality Catholic programs 24/7 on **730 AM**, [thestationofthecross.com](http://thestationofthecross.com), or the **iCatholicRadio app** (a free download). In addition to airing EWTN shows, the station also broadcasts self-produced programs. To learn how you can help promote the station, call Colin at 1-877-888-6279 (x104) or send an email to [info@thestationofthecross.com](mailto:info@thestationofthecross.com).

### Job Opening

#### Secretary/Bookkeeper

We have an opening for a part-time secretary/bookkeeper who will work Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Under the supervision of the Pastor, the secretary/bookkeeper will be responsible for all secretarial support of the parish as well as responsibility for revenue and expense analysis, preparation of the annual budget, billing, payroll, accounts receivable and accounts payable, preparation of monthly financial statements in addition to other related bookkeeping services. Additional duties and responsibilities will include maintaining all records of the parish cemetery as well as sale of burial plots. Qualified candidates must have strong communication skills and excellent computer skills utilizing Microsoft applications, QuickBooks software and Paychex payroll systems. The ability to multi-task while maintaining a high level of organization and productivity, as well as exemplary written, verbal and interpersonal skills, are important aspects of this position. An AS Degree in Accounting or Finance is preferred, with three or more years of full charge bookkeeping with financial statement preparation and analysis, is preferred. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Reverend Ronald Zepecki at email: [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

*March 18, 2023*

## **Lenten Schedule**

### **Reconciliation at Saint Philip Church**

Mondays 6 p.m.—7p.m. (During Lent Only)

Saturdays 3 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

### **Stations of The Cross**

Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Saint Catherine Church

Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Saint Philip Church

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will accompany the Stations of the Cross each Monday and Friday at both churches.*

### **Social Action Outreach -**

#### **Enfield Loaves & Fishes - Tues, Apr. 4, (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, Mar. 3 & 17, 3 1 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**

*(Donations to the weekend Masses at St. Philip Church  
Or weekdays at Saint Catherine 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. Please consider bringing a food donation each week when you come to Mass.

### **Connecticut March for Life, 2023**

The March for Life in Connecticut will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 12 p.m. at the State Capitol in Hartford. At 1 p.m. there will be a March for Life around Bushnell Park.

To register visit: [CTMarchforLife.org](http://CTMarchforLife.org)  
On this site you may also obtain much more information.

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 18

4:00PM +**Repose of the Soul of Thomas Blowen, Jr.**

**(1 year Anniversary)**

requested by his family

Sunday, March 19

8:30AM **50th Wedding Anniversary of Sam & Denise McGill**

requested by Colleen Green

10:30AM +**Repose of the Soul of Alden Pelletier**

requested by the Pelletier Family

Monday, March 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10PM +**Repose of the Soul of Fr. James Daly**

**(Diocese of Albany, NY)**

requested by Fr. Ron

Tuesday, March 21

12:10PM + **Repose of the Souls of the deceased members**

**of the Wiechniak family**

requested by the family

Wednesday, March 22

12:10PM **For a Special Intention**

Thursday, March 23

9:00AM +**Repose of the Soul of Beatrice Breor**

requested by the family

Saturday, March 25

4:00PM +**Repose of the Soul of Susan Davis O'Keefe**

requested by Charlie & Gail Szymanski

Sunday, March 26

8:30AM +**Repose of the Soul of Deacon John Abdalla**

requested by the Maslow & Teixeira families

10:30AM +**Repose of the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

requested by the Pelletier Family

*The Sanctuary Light at St. Philip Church  
burns for the glory of God and in memory of:*

*Thomas Blowen*

*requested by his family*

### **Parish Sharing & Support**

*(March 12, 2023)*

**Weekly - \$ 3,792 Monthly-\$465 Online Giving - \$1,160**

*(Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure with our parish.)*

### **Saint Catherine Cemetery News**

It is almost spring and time for the Saint Catherine Cemetery clean up. We will be preparing for spring maintenance tasks soon. Please remove any holiday items you wish to preserve this week. Any items left, will be removed and discarded. Thank you.