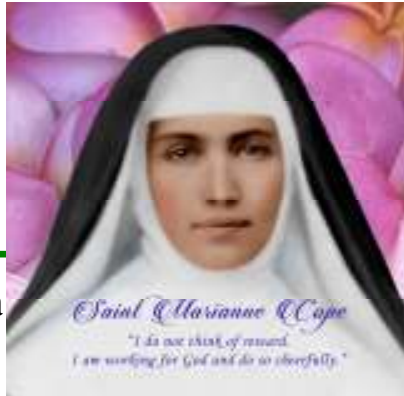


## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



**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.

**On A Personal Note**

Once again, please accept a heartfelt Thank you to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so very spiritual, satisfying, and beautiful. The liturgies for Holy Week were well attended and I thank those who attended Tenebrae on Good Friday evening, as well as Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Both of those services were well attended, seeing that it was the first time.

Our website is up and going. You may wish to visit us at [www.smceastwindsor.org](http://www.smceastwindsor.org) to see other celebrations that are upcoming in the parish. We have a new webmaster. Mr. Brian Krisak who will monitor the website and post updates.

May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Statue will take place on May 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the cemetery. A Memorial Day Mass, in the cemetery will take place on May 29, 2023 at 8:30 am with a wreath laying ceremony after Mass.

Per request of the Archbishop, there will be a Corpus Christi procession with the Blessed Sacrament on June 11<sup>th</sup>. After the procession on Corpus Christi there will be a strawberry short cake social in St. Philip Hall. Our strawberries will come from Peter Starvish's farm. *Where can you go to get fresh strawberries like this?? As they would say in the 1950's "be there or be square!"*

In January we bid goodbye to our office administrator Theresa Jablow and our bookkeeper, Lori Kedzior. Karen Germain is our temporary office administrator/bookkeeper until we hire someone permanent. In March we bid farewell to our custodian/maintenance man Gary Miller. We commend these three for their fine, diligent work and wish them well in their future endeavors. Mr. Mark Stoecker is our new custodian/maintenance man.

On June 1, 2023 we will bid farewell to Jan Albetski as Pastoral Minister and CRE (coordinator of Religious Education). While the Pastoral Minister position will not be replaced, the CRE position will be replaced to ensure that the C.C.D. program will continue.

Last, but not least, first Holy Communion we'll take place on May 7, 2023 at the 10:30 am Mass. Please pray for our first Holy Communion Class.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Ron

## Third Sunday of Easter



**Our Faith Formation Students from Pre-K through Grade 8-** Celebrated their final class of the year in a special way. We learned about the Via Lucis, which is 14 stations marking the events that happened after the Resurrection. The stations are posted on the east wall of the hall for anyone else who would like to take a few prayerful moments to remember this important time for our Church. The Via Lucis begins under the statue of Mary by the stage and ends by the exit from the hall to the church. We also went outside for a scavenger hunt finding signs of the Resurrection in nature. We finished with many tasty items provided by our Catechists and Parents. Set up and clean up by catechists and Confirmation was spot on. The Catechists surprised Mrs. A with a beautiful plant and a touching card on her last day of teaching. Some students also made cards which will be treasured with special memories of our time together.

**Our Third Graders** will have a Retreat to prepare for First Eucharist on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to Noon. All students must attend with at least one parent. They will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please pray** for Jacob, Emelina, McKinley, Emma, and Brayden as they prepare for this Sacrament.

**Confirmation Prep Students** will meet on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in St. Philip Hall for a short class and then will attend Mass together. Pick up will be after Mass. **Remember to bring your books.**

### Coordinator of Religious Education–Job Opportunity

Qualified candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church and a respect for social, moral and ethical issues.

Additional qualifications are strong organizational skills; working knowledge of sacramental preparation; creative abilities, demonstrated knowledge of Catholic catechesis, and an understanding of the connection between family, parish community, and catechists. Candidates should possess excellent communication skills; willingness and the ability to work collaboratively with others; possess good computer skills in Microsoft Office; ability to provide updates to the website, as needed.

This position requires a Virtus-trained, faith-filled, enthusiastic, nurturing, collaborative individual, with the ability to help recruit catechists. A strong knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church and its mission are required.

The hours of the position are flexible, as the work will vary from traditional daytime business hours to some weekend and occasional evening hours, which are required.

Duties include but are not limited to providing oversight of our modest religious education program for grades 1-10, including sacramental preparation, recruitment of catechists, record keeping, and community outreach to families of the parish. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Reverend Ronald Zepecki at email: [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

### April 29<sup>th</sup>; A Special Day

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. Catherine was born on March 25, 1347. She was the youngest of twenty three children. Catherine Benincasa (her last name) was an unusually prayerful child. She was also lively and very charming.

The Benincasa home was directly next to the Dominican Friary (Monastery). At a young age, she made the decision to remain single and sought to become Christ's bride. At the age of 16 she became a Third Order Dominican. The Third Order Dominican women were "lay women" who wore the Dominican habit, followed the rhythm of Dominican prayers, but lived at home. Third Order women are not nuns and do not live in a convent. Therefore, St. Catherine of Siena was not a nun/sister.

St. Catherine visited prisons, encouraging repentance. During the bubonic plague, she brought food, clothing and nursed patients no one else would touch or go near. She also buried the dead as a result of the plague.

From an illness, Catherine was in chronic pain. She had a great devotion to the crucified Christ and offered her life for the good of the Church. She died April 29, 1380 at age 33. There are two Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford that bear her name: Broad Brook and West Simsbury, respectively. To that end: St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

### 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 the bookkeeping including accounts payable, receivable and payroll processing. They will work with the parish accountant to prepare monthly financial statements and the annual report in addition to other related bookkeeping services. Additional duties and responsibilities will include maintaining all records of the parish cemetery as well as the 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. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Reverend Ronald Zepecki at email: [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

*April 23, 2023*

## Happy Anniversary

Our Archbishop has asked us to pray for vocations to the priesthood after each Mass with a special prayer. It is good for us to continue praying for vocations, but also to recognize milestones in priesthood, too. Thus, we extend a very happy priesthood anniversary to Very Rev. John Melnick, a son from St. Catherine of Siena Church, who was ordained on April 29, 2000. He will celebrate his 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of priesthood. Also, yours truly, ordained April 29, 1995 will celebrate 28 years of priesthood, a son of St. Casimir Church in Terryville, CT. Please pray for both of us....and thank you for your support and prayers.

### Social Action Outreach -

**Enfield Loaves & Fishes** - Tues, May 2, (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, April 28 & May 12 & 26 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.

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 22

4:00PM +Repose of the Soul of Mary Nedjoika  
requested by Robert Nedjoika

Sunday, April 23

8:30AM + Repose of the Soul of Paul Durkin  
(4th Anniversary)  
requested by loving family

10:30AM +Repose of the Soul of Robert Rivard  
requested by his sister

Monday, April 24, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

12:10PM +Repose of the Soul of Linda Tyler  
requested by Tom & Sharon Muska

Tuesday, April 25, Saint Mark, Evangelist

12:10PM + For the special intentions of Mark Breen  
requested by Pat Talley

Wednesday, April 26

12:10PM +Repose of the Soul of Dennis Slowick  
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gauthier

Thursday, April 27

9:00AM +Repose of the Soul of Frances Christie  
requested by the family

Saturday, April 29

4:00PM +Repose of the Soul of Leon & Janina Kucner  
requested by the family

Sunday, April 30

8:30AM +Repose of the Soul of Theresa Veroneau Pelkey  
requested by the Karen Clark

10:30AM +Repose of the Soul of Scott Desaulniers  
requested by Karen St. George

### **Parish Sharing & Support**

(April 9 & April 16, 2023)

Weekly - \$ 7,100 Monthly-\$720. Online Giving - \$5,205

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

### ATTENTION

### Daily Mass Time Change

**On Monday, May 1, 2023 Mass will be at 10:30 am. Father will be attending a Deanery Meeting that day.**