

# "ALLELUIA!" CHRIST IS RISEN! "ALLELUIA!"

These are the words that give our life meaning! These are the words that give our world hope! With these simple words we proclaim what God has done in the life giving death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we rejoice this Easter I offer you my warmest greetings and my blessing.

Easter is about rebirth and life unending — our rebirth at our Baptism and our participation in eternal life by the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist. We are invited to renew our baptismal promises and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ ever more devoutly during this season.

As we gather in our churches and with our families to celebrate this Holy Day, let us remember that this is no mere holiday, not just something we sing about and celebrate one Sunday a year, but a reality that we are called to live each day! It is through our faith and our commitment to living a life of love, of sacrifice, and of service to others, just as Jesus did, that we truly proclaim the joy of this Easter message. And every time we overcome temptation, every time we say no to sin, every time evil is vanquished with good, the resurrection of Jesus Christ triumphs in us.

During this Easter Season, let us also pray for those who are suffering in body, mind, soul or spirit, for the lonely and grieving, and for those who are in need of God's mercy and compassion. May we find ways to be a source of faith, hope and comfort for them, sharing the good news of Easter by joining our voices to those of the first disciples in proclaiming, "The Lord is risen!" "He is truly risen!"

May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts and homes. Know that as we celebrate this Easter you remain in my prayers as I ask God's choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones. He is Risen, Alleluia!

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*



*+ Leonard P. Blair*

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop 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.

### *Happy Easter*

I write to extend to everyone a very happy, blessed, joyful Easter. May you and yours experience the good graces of our Risen Lord, Jesus. Easter, in the Christian Church, is not one day! It is seven weeks, for it is the greatest day of the Christian calendar. The last day of Easter is Pentecost Sunday. We do well to continue our celebration of the Risen Lord for these seven weeks. As a matter of fact, the Church sees these seven weeks as ONE day. To that end, a very Happy Easter to all.



### *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Since the year 2000, the second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope St. John Paul II. It is the day we celebrate God's Mercy for all. With the canonization of St. Faustina (April 30, 2000) who was the visionary of Jesus' Divine Mercy in the 1930's, we have focused on God's Mercy for all who are open to receiving this Mercy.

Divine Mercy falls on April 16, 2023. At 3p.m., on that day a celebration and healing service (no Mass) will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Church in the Broad Brook section of East Windsor.

For those who have spiritual or physical struggles please come and be touched by God's Mercy through the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.

Hopefully many will take advantage, this year of God's graces and mercy.



## *Easter Sunday*



I wish you all a blessed Easter. See you all next week when: **GRADES 2-8** will meet on Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 am in St. Philip Hall. Pick up will be at 11 am. Parents of Grade 2-8 will need to come in to sign when you pick up. **Students should bring their folders and books to every class.** Attendance is expected.

**Confirmation Prep Students** will meet on Sunday, April 16th 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.**

**DON'T FORGET TURN IN YOUR Rice Bowl HAPPY EASTER!** Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl, there are 3 ways to do so:

Count the money in your Rice Bowl and ask your parents to write a check for the amount collected. Place your check in an envelope marked "CRS Rice Bowl" and drop it in the regular collection basket.

Instead of a check, donations may be made via online giving, look for the fund called CRS Rice Bowl.

If you prefer to return your Rice Bowl with your cash donations, you may place it in the Basket in the Foyer at St. Philip Church.

**Time for a Change.** After many years of service to this Parish, I have decided that it is time to retire from my position as Pastoral Minister, effective June 1, 2023. I hope to enjoy more time to travel and keep up with our home, which is a full time job. Eric and I plan to stick around and remain active in the Parish to the extent that we are able. We have posted for the position of **Coordinator of Religious Education** use this link for details <https://g.co/kgs/atCTjJ>. I thank you all for an amazing experience, and I look forward to watching our Parish grow in faith together. May God bless you all.

**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)

## **REMINDER!!**

**The Office Will Be Closed Easter Monday April 10th.**

## **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.*

## **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)

*April 9, 2023*

### **Thank You**

We extend a very heartfelt Thank You to everyone who made our Easter celebration so very successful this year. Thank you to our organist, choir, servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and maintenance, those who helped decorate our two churches, Deacon Alan and Karen and Kay Teixeira who helped with "behind the scenes" duties. People walk into church and see the beauty, but just think of all the hours, efforts and time it takes to do this and be grateful. Please thank those people. Once again, thank you.



### **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.

### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday @ St. Catherine Church**  
8:00 PM **Living & Deceased Members of  
Saint Marianne Cope Parish**

**Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday**  
8:30AM St. Catherine Church  
**Living & Deceased Members of  
Saint Marianne Cope Parish**  
10:30AM St. Philip Church  
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Saint Marianne Cope Parish**

**Monday, April 10**  
12:10 PM **+Repose of the Soul of Harrison Hastings**  
requested by his family

**Tuesday, April 11**  
12:10PM **31st Wedding Anniversary**  
**Dan & Debbie Richardson**

**Wednesday, April 12**  
12:10PM **+ Repose of the Soul Fr. Jerome R. Daly**  
**(Diocese of Arlington, VA)**  
requested by his Fr. Ron

**Thursday, April 13**  
9:00 AM **Special intentions of Betty Ann Bailey**  
requested by Pat Talley

**Saturday, April 15 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
4:00 PM **St. Philip Church**  
**+Repose of the Soul of Dolores Norton**  
requested his Charlie & Gail Szymanski

**Sunday, April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
8:30AM St. Catherine Church  
**Healing for Joan Germain**  
requested by Deacon Alan & Karen

10:30AM St. Philip Church  
**+Repose of the Soul of Fr. Stanislaw Wasik**  
requested his Fr. Ron

3:00 P.M. **Divine Mercy Healing Service**

**Parish Sharing & Support**  
**(April 2, 2023)**

**Weekly - \$ 3,407. Online Giving - \$1,600**  
(Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure with our parish.)