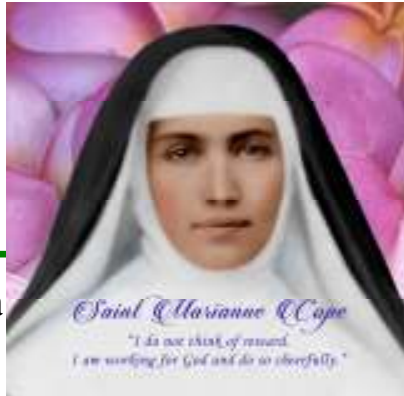


## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

Tuesday-Thursday (Summer Hours)  
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

**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, Sharon Mann, 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.

**Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference**

Saturday, September 23, 2023  
Northwest Catholic High School  
West Hartford, CT  
8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Fellowship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Confession and Mass  
Tickets on sale now! **Visit:CTCatholicMen.org**  
More Information to Follow

**Luke Productions Presents: Vianney**

The Life of St. John Vianney performed by Leonardo Defilippis. St. John Vianney lived between (1786-1859) and is the Patron Saint of Priests. He is also known as the Cure of Ars.

**Performances**

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023 10a.m  
St. Bridget School Gymnasium  
74 Main street  
Manchester, CT

Sunday, Oct 1, 2023 3:00p.m.  
Northwest Catholic High Auditorium  
29 Wampanoug Drive  
West Hartford, CT

Thursday, Oct 5, 2023 9:30 a.m.  
East Catholic High School  
115 New State Road  
74 Main street  
Manchester, CT

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS  
FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 6-8, 2023 in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### Three Beautiful Months

In the Catholic Church there are three, beautiful Marian Months. Two we know quite well. The months of May in which we experience “May Crownings” and pay particular attention to the Litany of Loreto”. Then there’s the month of October in which we pay particular attention to the “Most Holy Rosary”. Then there is the obscure month of August in which we pay particular attention to the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Mary is assumed into Heaven meaning she has to be taken up. Our Lord Jesus ascends into Heaven on His own accord. We celebrate this on Ascension Thursday...another Holy Day of Obligation.

In the Church of The West (Roman Catholic) it is the great feast of “Mary’s Assumption”. In the Church of the East (Byzantine rite) August 15<sup>th</sup> is known as “Mary’s Dormition” (falling asleep). The LCA (Lutheran Church in America) also celebrates August 15<sup>th</sup> as “Mary, Mother of Our Lord”. As well, the Episcopalians celebrate August 15<sup>th</sup> as “St. Mary, The Virgin”. The Franciscan Order uses the Latin. *Tota pulchra est, Maria: (You are all beautiful, Mary).* The rest sums it up: As you journey from this world to Christ.”

From the Benedictine Prayer Book we read:

*“How radiantly beautiful you are, O Virgin Mary, in your journey from this world to Christ. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Let the angels rejoice and all the archangels exult, because through you there has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.”*

Jesus, then Mary and us, as we are all on the same journey from this world to Christ!!

### **Some humorous anecdotes**

-Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. Perhaps we could consider writing: An ambulance!

-The older we get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then our body and our body fat have become really good friends.

-92% of the body is made up of water. Aren’t we doing quite well with the other 8%?

-Ah, yes...being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

### On a personal note!

Many have probably noticed that there is a construction trailer at the end of St. Catherine parking lot. It will be there for about six months. Along the railroad tracks there is a sink hole caused by an old underground piping dating back to the 1880’s. We have permission from the Archdiocesan insurance company; Catholic Mutual to allow the trailer to remain in the lot for the duration of time needed to complete the job. Please know that the construction company had to produce the Archdiocesan insurance company with a liability insurance of \$1,000,000,000. Therefore, we are not responsible for any mishap that may occur during that six-month period. We are also not responsible for any damage or breakage of equipment. Their insurance covers all.

There may have been a micro-burst on Saturday evening July 29, 2023, when the skies darkened, and the wind became strong as some old trees were damaged in St. Catherine Cemetery. I inspected the damage with our cemetery caretaker, Pinewood on August 1, 2023. As of this writing, we are not sure if there was any greater damage other than felled trees. If there is, proper notifications will take place.

Also, two spruce trees have been removed from the front of St. Catherine Church, exposing the beauty of the structure. Those trees were going to get worse if we didn’t take proactive action.

Hopefully you are enjoying the flower gardens at both Churches. The colors are inviting. I extend heartfelt thanks to Mark Stoecker, our maintenance man and Carolyn Miller for planting the flowers and Kay Teixeira and Carolyn Miller for watering the plants. More updates will be forthcoming.

### August 15, 2023

August 15, 2023 falls on a Tuesday this year. It is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on August 15<sup>th</sup> are at 12:10 p.m. and 6p.m. at St. Marianne Cope Parish and in particular, both Masses will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Broad Brook, CT.

### Holy Days of Obligation

Just a pleasant reminder that the Roman Catholic Church regards a Holy Day of Obligation as a Sunday. Catholics are mandated to attend Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation, because it is regarded as a Sunday. Observance of a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic tradition, does not give us the notion nor the opportunity to stay home and read the Scripture for that day. Catholics attend Mass and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, on these days.

August 6, 2023

### Candles Available

*St. Joseph / Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Marianne Cope Parish  
St. Catherine of Siena Church*

Most, if not all, will agree that the Statues of St. Joseph, The Worker and the Blessed Virgin Mary enhance the beauty of the Church. Thank you again to our generous donors. With this writing I am establishing a candle intention for those who wish to remember a loved one, a friend, a late pastor etc. **Here is how it will work:** *please call the office with your remembrance request for either St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary or both. We will place this in our bulletin each week....your intention and from whom it was requested.* The candle will be a \$5.00 donation, for one or each. Also, we will begin taking a sanctuary candle intention for St. Catherine Church as we do for St. Philip Church. The donation for the sanctuary candle will be \$10.00. The candles for St. Joseph and Mary (\$5.00) burn for 7 days. The Sanctuary candles burn for 2 weeks (\$10.00) Please call the office at 860-623-4636.

St. Joseph Statue for the intentions of:  
**Gary Pelletier**

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue for the intentions of:  
**Ernie Teixeira**

### **Do you have a vocation?**

Perhaps you know someone who might be considering a call to consecrated life (as a Sister, Brother, Consecrated Virgin or Hermit). Sometimes it is a family member, a colleague in ministry, or a friend who asks the simple question: "Have you ever considered that you might have a vocation?" Your 'ask' just might be the spark that encourages someone to follow the whisperings of the Spirit. That spark may be all a person needs to take a next step on a faith journey. Fan the flame as you invite them to call the Archdiocesan Office of Religious and speak to Sister Barbara Mullen, CSJ (Delegate for Religious) at 860-242-5573, ext . 7492

### **Social Action Outreach**

#### **Enfield Loaves & Fishes**

**Tues, Sept 5, (9:00am-noon)**

*(Sandwiches to the basement kitchen at St. Catherine)*

#### **FOODSHARE Truck**

**Friday, Aug. 18 & Sept 1, 15, 29**

**1:00-1:30pm**

*(St. Catherine Church Parking Lot)*

#### **Five Corner Food Pantry**

*Bring donations to the weekend Masses at St. Philip Church or weekdays at St. Catherine Church*

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Aug.5 Vigil of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Mary Nedjoika**  
requested by her husband

Sunday, Aug. 6 Transfiguration of the Lord  
8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **William Green, Sr.**  
requested by Colleen Green

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Linda Dzen**  
requested by Charlie & Gail Szymanski

Monday, Aug 7 Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs:  
St. Cajetan, Priest

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Diane Mancuso**  
(1st anniversary) requested by Ray & Donna Mancuso

Tuesday, Aug.8 St. Dominic, Priest

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Patricia Regalbuti**  
requested husband

Wednesday, Aug 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  
Virgin and martyr

12:10PM For Health & God's Blessings **Allison Suriano**  
requested Deacon Alan & Karen

Thursday, Aug. 10 St. Lawrence Deacon & Martyr

9:00AM +Repose of the soul of **Carol Rodrigue**  
requested by her husband, Benoit Rodrigue

Saturday, Aug.12

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Judy Duquett**  
requested by Jeanne St. Pierre

Sunday, Aug. 13

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Patricia Gendreau**  
requested by her family

10:30AM For the special intentions of **Margaret, Steven & James Warren**  
requested by Terry Richard & Bill Mann

*The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches  
remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus  
in the Holy Eucharist*

*The light at St. Philip Church burns in memory of:*

**Joseph, Rose, Joselyn Swierczynski & Valerie McCarrel**  
requested by  
*Elaine Stevens, daughter & sister*

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns in memory of:*

**Kenneth Sunega**  
requested by  
*Wendy Quinn*

### **Parish Sharing & Support**

**(July 23, 2023)**

**Weekly - \$ 2,011 Online Giving - \$860**

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