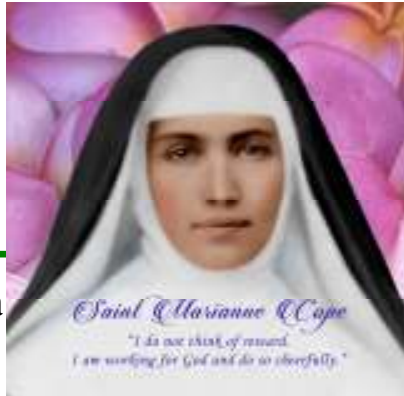


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

Parish Office email - 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 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 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
 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
*A Car pool will leave from
 St. Catherine Church at 7:30 a.m.*

Archdiocesan 2023 Anniversary Mass

The Archdiocese of Hartford cordially invites couples celebrating wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 60 or more to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT.** The Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows followed by an opportunity for couples to have a photograph taken with Archbishop Blair and a personalized certificate.

Couples who wish to participate in this event and priests who would like to concelebrate Mass are asked to register online at: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass/>. If you have questions or need assistance with completing this form, please contact Valerie St. Jean, Coordinator of Adult and Family Life Ministries at valerie.stjean@aohct.org.

Coming Soon!
Bible Study on the Psalms

The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In ***Psalms: The School of Prayer***, discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds. Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the psalms using *lectio divina*, and study the many ways the psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.

Saint Philip Church Hall
Thursdays-beginning September 21st for 11 weeks
Morning Session 10:30 am Evening Session 6:30 pm

\$30.00 per participant-pre-registration is required

For more information or to register contact:
Deacon Alan or Karen Germain
860-916-4298 alangkareng@att.net

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faith Formation Registration

REGISTER NOW! – For the 2023-24 school year. You can pay online using a credit card or bank account number. The following link may be used to register NOW.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saint-marianne-cope-parish-corporation/forms/smc-faith-formation-registration-1-1>

Please register by September 5th to help us schedule the classes and order materials. This link will also be available on the Facebook page, and the Saint Marianne Cope Website.

Volunteers Needed

Teachers and Substitute Teachers Needed
Please Contact Mary Hevner at
maryhevner@cox.net



Annual Outdoor Mass/Pot Luck Picnic **Sunday, September 17th 10:30 Mass**

Don't Forget to sign up!

Sign up sheets are in the foyer at both churches.

Faith Formation will have its "Kick off", all Faith Formation families should plan to attend.

EVERYONE should bring a dish to share. Please choose a dish that can be transported either Cold in a cooler, or Warm in a crockpot. We will not be heating the ovens.

Please bring a moderate amount of food, and plan to bring your leftovers home. We have no way to store or donate leftovers.

Suggestions to get you started:

Main dish salads or side salads. Finger sandwiches, wraps, sliders. Deviled eggs, meat/cheese platter with crackers. Baked beans, meatballs, cocktail franks, kielbasa in a crockpot. Finger Desserts.

Lemonade, bottled water and paper goods will be provided.

Pope St. Gregory, The Great (590-604) cont'd.

Last week we learned about Pope St. Gregory, The Great, but there is so much more to his “greatness”, that it could not be covered in one writing. A pope is usually called “The Great” : when he influences the Church and its life for years or centuries after the Lord has called him home. The title does not come easily but develops through time. Recall, that very few popes are called “The Great”. In fact, there are two and possibly one in the making. The two are Pope St. Leo, The Great (440-461); Pope St. Gregory, The Great (590-604) and in time, possibly, Pope St. John Paul, The Great (1978-2005).

In the case of the latter, we see that John Paul’s writings have a profound effect on the church. This, of course, is still developing. Many theologians and Scripture scholars refer to him as John Paul, The Great already. However, the most telling factor are seminarians worldwide, who attribute their vocation to Pope St. John Paul. Many of these seminarians would not remember him alive. He died in 2005, almost twenty years ago. This is what is meant by a great influence on the church that is far-reaching. This is only one example of Pope St. John Paul II. There are many more. However, our subject is Pope St. Gregory, The Great.

Some “firsts” of Pope St. Gregory, The Great: He was the first monk to become a pope. He was a Benedictine Monk. The first pope to arrange visits to seven Churches as a penance and forgiveness of sins. We remember this in “days of yore” as visiting seven Churches on Holy Thursday evening after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. At one time, all Churches were open until midnight on Holy Thursday to accommodate the pilgrims (people) who sought to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He was the first pope to call himself: “Servant of the Servants of God,” a title every pope has borne since Gregory’s death in 604. He sent missionaries to England to evangelize the Anglos and baptize them Christians.

He perfected the chants of the Church, now known as “Gregorian Chant”. We still hear it at Mass when the priest intones: “Let us pray”. He wrote 854 letters (still existing) to the Church of the East (Roman Catholicism and Protestantism are the Church of the West) to keep unity. Unfortunately, in 1054 the East broke with the West, forming the Orthodox Church and various other Eastern Rites.

In the First Eucharistic Prayer he added: “give peace to our days”. It still remains. He added the singing of the “Alleluia verse” before the proclamation of the Gospel. It still remains. He added the recitation of the “Our Father” immediately after the Eucharistic Prayer. It still remains.

How is Pope St. Gregory, The Great relevant to our times? He unified the Church through discipline to the liturgy. He was very prudent in these efforts. His discipline and reforms touched every area of Church life and for the most part, still do. To that end, he still remains an inspiration and model for those in authority even in the modern church. He did all this through a prayerful, humble life.

St. Gregory, The Great,

pray for the modern Church that she may hold fast to her timeless traditions.

September 10, 2023

Candle Offering

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

This weeks intentions are for:

St. Joseph Statue for :
the intentions of **Fr. Leo Spodnik**

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue for :
the intentions of **Fr. Michael Kottar**

Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your remembrance request for either St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary or both. . The candle will be a \$5.00 donation. Sanctuary candle intentions for St. Catherine Church or St. Philip Church are also accepted. The donation for the sanctuary candle is \$10.00.

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 Thanksgiving
requested by Kay & Ernie Teixeira*

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns in memory of:
Cecelia Dufresne (birthday memorial)
requested by Christine Dufresne-Bajumpaa*

Behind The Scenes

There are many people in a given parish that quietly do “behind-the-scenes” service. Here are several worth mentioning and extending a heartfelt thanks: Sue Solesky and Elaine Stevens for washing and ironing the chalice linens, the counters who prepare the weekly collections for bank deposits and Kay Teixeira who volunteers in the office. We extend a sincere “Thank You” to them and ask God’s choicest blessings for their intentions.

Social Action Outreach

Enfield Loaves & Fishes

Tues, October 3, (9:00am-noon)

(Sandwiches to the basement kitchen at St. Catherine)

FOODSHARE Truck

Friday, Sept. 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, Sept.. 9

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Bertha Durrell**

requested by Jeanne St. Pierre

Sunday, Sept. 10

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Rella Bezanilla**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

10:30AM Special Intention for **Suzanne Berwick &**

Paula d’Avignon

requested by Deacon Alan & Karen Germain

Monday, Sept. 11

12:10 PM Special Intention for **Madeline Ostrowski**

requested by Deacon Alan & Karen Germain

Tuesday, Sept. 12

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ann & David**

Fitzgibbons & Catherine McSweeney

requested Pat Talley

Wednesday, Sept. 13

12:10PM +Repose of the soul of **Marion Carlson**

requested by the Eisenman Family

Thursday, Sept. 14

9:00AM God’s blessings and in Thanksgiving for :

His Clergy and Religious

Saturday, Sept. 16

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Alicja Allen**

requested by her family

Sunday, Sept. 17

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **John Michaud**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Sharon Rodrigue**

(15th anniversary) requested by her husband & family

**Welcoming Mass for
Coadutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne**

We welcome to the Archdiocese of Hartford Coadutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne with a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023. On that day, daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and not at 12:10 p.m. at St. Catherine Church. The office will also be closed. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass of Welcome on that day. A gentle suggestion, if I may. Please arrive at the Cathedral early, as the parking situation is not the best. Hope to see you at the Cathedral on October 9th.

Parish Sharing & Support

(Sept. 10, 2023)

Weekly - \$ 2,097 Monthly-\$794 Online - \$1,845 .

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