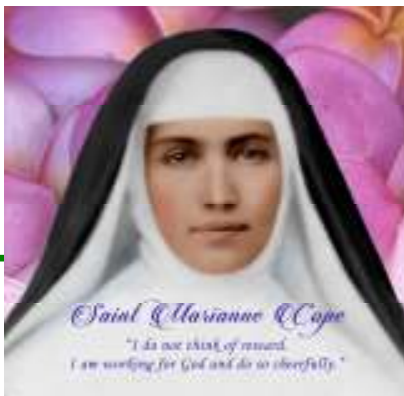


## **Saint Marianne Cope Parish**

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor

Alan Germain - Deacon



### **Confirmation 2023**

**Please pray for our students as they prepare to be confirmed,  
that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will grace their entire life.**

*Ryan Berry*

*Liliana DaCosta*

*Will Davis*

*Brandon Dupont*

*Jessica Dupont*

*Thomas Ferrick*

*Gabryella Guzie*

*Timothy Mehan*



**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.

### **Emergency Phone**

ST. Philip Rectory now has an emergency landline. Since our Office is only operating Monday through Thursday, there may be an emergency such as an anointing of the sick during the period that we are closed. Please bear in mind that Father Ron is not available on Fridays. If you need a priest on that day you must call a neighboring parish, especially for an anointing that is a critical matter. If it is a critical matter please do not leave a message on Friday and wait for a call back, as it is not going to happen! You must call a neighboring parish. Our land line number is as follows: 860-370-5116. Please note that this is an emergency land line not an extended office. We are not taking Masses, funerals, weddings or baptismal arrangements at this number. For these arrangements, please be referred to the office number which is 860-623-4636.

### **Thanksgiving 2023**

It seems as though the warm summer and all the heat and humidity of July, August and even part of September and October went so fast! Wow, we enter the twilight time of late fall and early winter with cold mornings and crisp evenings and the celebration of Thanksgiving.

There are two holidays in the American calendar that are “very” American: Thanksgiving Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Now that the Almighty God has brought us once again, to another Thanksgiving with our family and friends and as a nation, we pause to “give thanks” to God for all God’s benefits, graces and gifts to us as His special daughters and sons. Please take some time to reflect on the many gifts God has given you and continues to give you.

Our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865), set the fourth Thursday of each November as a day of National Thanksgiving. Our first President, George Washington (1789-1797) constantly called for a “day of Thanksgiving”, which was observed each year, but finally set by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864. This holiday remains in our American roots.

What better way to pause and reflect on Thanksgiving Day, as Catholics, that to attend Mass at 9:00 am on this special day. What better way to celebrate the “Eucharist which is itself a word from the Greek that means: “Thanksgiving”.

As we gather with family and friends, I take the opportunity to gather with my only family member in Austin, Texas. I will be attending the 9:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Austin, Tx and as usual Mass will be offered for my parishioners and staff. Incidentally, you may want to go online and look at the beauty of St. Mary Cathedral in Austin.

I have arranged for Fr. Anthony Bruno to celebrate Mass for you Monday-Thursday, Nov. 20, 21, 22, 23 and Monday, Nov 27. We welcome to our parish, for the first time, Fr. Fred Aniello, newly retired of the Archdiocese of Hartford, who resides in Meriden, CT. Fr. Aniello will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, November 25 at 4:00 pm and on Sunday Nov. 26 at 10:30 am. We welcome back Fr. Mark Jette for Mass at 8:30 am on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

I sincerely would like to wish all of you a most happy, healthy, grace-filled, joy filled Thanksgiving Day. God’s blessings be yours and “thank you” for all you are to each other, the parish and to me. Let us pray for each other.



### **BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests and caring and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the **RIGHT** of every pregnant woman to give **BIRTH** and the **RIGHT** of every child to be **BORN**. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

### **Social Action Outreach**

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

Tues, December 5, 9:00am-noon

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

#### **FOODSHARE Truck**

Friday, and Dec. 8 & 22

1:00-1:30pm

*(St. Catherine Church Parking Lot)*

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

*Bring donations to either church weekends at St. Philip Church or weekdays at St. Catherine Church*

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **NO ADORATION THIS WEEK**

**There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023**

### **Thanksgiving Day Cards**

**Please don't forget to take a Thanksgiving Day Card. On the back please find a prayer that you may want to use before you eat your Thanksgiving Day Meal. God desires that we know Him and love Him but most of all, that we thank Him. Happy Thanksgiving.**

### **Divine Mercy**

Through the good grace of the Father Nadolny Foundation we are the recipients of two Divine Mercy portraits that will hang on the outside of our two churches. These portraits measure 7' X 4' and are in full color, protected from all weather fronts and have a small mesh cage around the frame to prevent birds from nesting. They are lit up at night by solar lighting. They cost more than \$2,000 for the picture and installation. The Fr. Nadolny Foundation has already collected the money for the two portraits. Thus they are no cost to us!! They will also be installed at no cost to us!!

In her book: **Divine Mercy in My Soul**, St. Faustina writes that the Lord Jesus told her that anyone who places a picture of the Divine Mercy on the outside of the church or the home will be protected from sickness or diseases. I had them placed on two churches in Southington before the pandemic and had no one pass away from Covid-19. Please consider learning how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily. St. Faustina is a very powerful intercessor in matters of health and especially kind to those who have a heart condition.

We are very, very grateful to the Fr. Nadolny Foundation for their kindness to us. What a wonderful gift to St. Marianne Cope Parish.

***Jesus, I Trust In You***

*November 19, 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 :  
Dominic DeGeorge- 4th anniversary*

*Blessed Virgin Mary Statue for :  
Deceased members of Saint Marianne Cope Parish*

*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 this candle burns two weeks.*

*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 for:  
**The Holy Souls in Purgatory***

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:  
**Theodore Bulgajewski**  
requested by his wife*



### **Archbishop Coyne**

*I am pleased to announce that Archbishop Coyne will be visiting us on Sunday, December 3, 2023 to celebrate Mass at St. Philip Church at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow in St. Philip Hall. This visit will provide a wider opportunity for the parish to meet and greet our coadjutor Archbishop. Please plan to attend to warmly welcome Archbishop Coyne to East Windsor.*



Saturday, Nov 18

4:00PM God's blessings & Health for **Joan Squires**  
requested by Geraldine Jackavonis

Sunday, Nov 19

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of the **Dominic DeGeorge**  
(4th Anniversary) requested by family

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of the **Mark Drost**  
requested by the Paul Drost

Monday, Nov 20

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Rita Kelley**  
requested by the Francis Pajot

Tuesday, Nov 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Theodore Bulgajewski**  
requested by his wife

Wednesday, Nov 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Janet Dunne**  
requested by Francis Pajot

Thursday, Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM In Thanksgiving for the many graces bestowed  
upon our country.

Saturday, Nov 25

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of the **Susan O'Keefe**  
requested by her family

Sunday, Nov 26

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of the **Sherman Family,**  
**Elizabeth, Jane, Nancy & Sanford**  
requested by family

10:30AM 50th Wedding Anniversary **Bob & Kathy Joy**

### **Parish Sharing & Support** **(Nov. 12, 2023)**

**Weekly - \$ 2,401 Monthly—\$305 Online - \$1,155**

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