

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor
Alan Germain - Deacon



St. Catherine of Siena

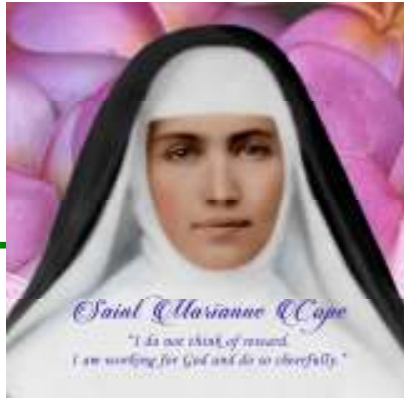
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

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

Parish Office email - office@smceastwindsor.org

Administrative Assistant - Kimberly Green

Director of Music - Wendy Quinn

Faith Formation Office - (860) 623-4636 (ext. 106)

St. Philip Rectory - (860)370-5116

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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.

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.



Thank You

This entire parish extends its heartfelt thanks to Archbishop Coyne and his Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Nevill Brooks for their visit to us last week for the celebration of the 10:30am Mass (Dec. 3, 2023). Thank you for your warm welcome to both.

Most especially, thank you to all those who set up St. Philip Hall, placed the delicious food from Geisler's Market on the tables, with all the extras and those who made special desserts for the occasion. Thank you to all who were so gracious enough to attend Mass and the reception. Of course, thank you to our choir who provided beautiful music to enhance the liturgy and to all who served in the sanctuary. God's blessings to all of you.

Confirmation 2023

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, eight of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Leonard Blair administered the Sacrament to our confirmands. I want to thank Mrs. Mary Hevner, their teacher, their parents, and their sponsors for making that day so very special for them. Confirmation at the Cathedral is an unforgettable experience! Again, God's blessings to all of you; and thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ron

2024 Lector Books

The 2024 Lector Books are available to all Lectors. If you haven't received yours, please come to the sacristy after Mass. Each book has your name on it. May we have a graced 2024 preparing ourselves for the Scripture readings throughout the year. Thank you for offering to "proclaim" the Scripture at Mass.

Second Sunday of Advent

Social Action Outreach



Friday, Dec. 8 & 22

Five Corner Food Pantry

(St Catherine Parking Lot)

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

Thank you for your generosity!



From the Manger to the Mass Celebration

On Tuesday, December 12, from 6:00-8:00pm St Robert's Church at 52 Elm St., Windsor Locks, is presenting an **Advent Evening Reflection** on the Eucharist and the coming celebration of Christmas. Fr. Michael Ruminski is our guest speaker. He is the Director of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. There will be a light reception of hot drinks and festive cookies in the Gathering Area of St. Robert's Hall at 6:00pm. The Presentation will begin at 6:30pm in the church.



Advent II

In the Book of Genesis, we find that the first creation is that of LIGHT. Everything made by God is soaked in LIGHT.

God reveals Himself through the Scriptures. It is the way God makes Himself known to us. The *Light of God* is the story of God helping us to understand (see) God. Through the *light*, God communicates goodness for the created world. The LIGHT from heaven illumines our days unless we choose to reject God's *light*.

Fiat Lux in Latin means: "*He made the light*". (literal translation) Commonly it is translated: "*Let there be light*". In the Book of Isaiah 9:1 we read: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great *light*!" In Advent, we await that LIGHT. As a matter of fact, the Christmas Carol: *Silent Night's* third verse says this: "*Silent Night, Holy Night, Son of God; Love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face; with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus Lord at Thy birth; Jesus Lord at Thy birth*". It all reflects the *Light* of God: radiant beams; the dawn (1st light of daytime) of redeeming grace.

The following is an Advent prayer by Fr. Henri Nouwen:

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people walking in darkness yet seeking the LIGHT. To you we say:

"Come, Lord Jesus!!"

December 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:
Peace in the world*

*Blessed Virgin Mary Statue for :
The repose of the soul of May Pallotto
requested by Fr Ron*

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 is 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:
Norman Cloutier*

requested by his wife

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
The souls in Purgatory*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

December 23 & 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 4 p.m.- Vigil- St. Philip

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:30 a.m. - St. Philip

10:30 a.m. - St. Philip

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - St. Philip Church

December 25 - Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:30 a.m. - St. Catherine Church

10:30 a.m. - St. Philip Church

December 30 & 31 - Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30 - 4:00 p.m.- Vigil Mass - St. Philip

Sunday, Dec. 31- 8:30 a.m.- St. Catherine

10:30 a.m.- St. Philip

January 1, 2024 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1 - 10:00 a.m.- St. Catherine

January 6 & 7 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, Jan.6 - 4:00 p.m. St.Philip

Sunday, Jan 7 - 8:30a.m St. Catherine Church

10:30a.m St. Philip Church

CONFESSION SCHEDULE - St.Philip Church

December 19, 20, 21 -7 p.m - 8 p.m.

December 23 - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.



Saturday, Dec 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtaloatzin

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ted Phillips**,
(3rd Anniversary) requested by his wife, Pat

Sunday, Dec 10

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Pelletier**
requested by Dcn Alan & Karen

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Loretta Burnham**
requested by Maslow & Teixeira family

Monday, Dec 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Loretta Lyman**
requested by family

Tuesday, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Roger Bajumpaa**
requested by Francis Pajot

Wednesday, Dec 13 Saint Lucy Virgin & Martyr

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Cecille Powell**
requested by Karen Germain

Thursday, Dec 14 St John of the Cross, Priest & Dr

9:00AM For God's blessing & health - **Frannie Rossing**
requested Teixeira family

Saturday, Dec 16

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **James & Catherine Roche**
requested by Maslow & Teixeira family

Sunday, Dec 17 Gaudete Sunday

8:30AM For the living & deceased members of the
Swierczynski family, Vallera family & Laraia family
requested by Elaine Stevens

10:30AM God's health & blessings for the **Bukowenski**
family
requested by the family

Parish Sharing & Support

(Dec. 3, 2023)

Weekly - \$1894 Monthly - \$645 Online - \$3100

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