

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor
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St. Catherine of Siena

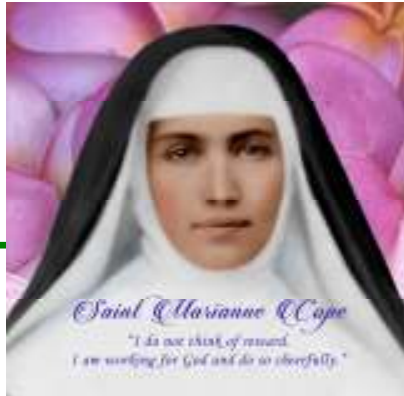
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

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), Fax (860) 292-8550

Parish Website - smceastwindsor.org

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Administrative Assistant - Kimberly Green

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Pro –Life - Marie Pelletier

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions every Monday in Lent from 6pm – 7pm. As usual, Confessions every Saturday from 3 – 3:45pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays between 11am – 12pm (Unless otherwise indicated)

Daily Mass, as usual: Monday – Wednesday 12:10pm, Thursdays at 9am. St Catherine Church

Stations of the Cross (two times a week) during Lent:

Wednesdays 2:30pm (Fr Ron) St Catherine Church

Fridays 6:30pm (Deacon Alan) St Philip Church



The Pieta

Below, please find a list of people who so generously volunteered to take the Traveling Pieta into their homes for one week during Lent. Thank you for inviting our Lord and our Blessed Lady to grace your residence for a week.

March 18-23 Josephine Nolin

HOLY WEEK March 25-30 Lorraine Wprostek

Tenebrae Readers

Thank you those readers that volunteered to read at the Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on March 29, 2024. Readers please be in Church at 6:30 p.m. The service will take place at St. Catherine Church.

Cemetery Clean-up

If you haven't done so already, its time to clean up your Christmas decorations from the cemetery in time for Easter. Please remove all Christmas decoration by March 25, 2024. What is left will be discarded.

SAVE THE DATE!

CT March for Life March 20, 2024

12:00 pm CT State Capitol Area

The rally will begin at 12:00 p.m at the Capitol and the MARCH will begin at 1:00 p.m at Bushnell Park. More information will be provided in next week's Parish bulletin regarding local transportation options, etc.



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on Friday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day Celebration

Please join us today, March 17, 2024 to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph after the 10:30a.m Mass. It's just coffee and... no need to bring anything but yourselves.

St. Joseph is so special to us in the Archdiocese of Hartford as he is our patron saint. Our diocese was erected on his Feast Day, March 19, 1843. St. Joseph is also the universal Patron of the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Patrick is the saint of the Emerald Isle. Strong and committed in his faith in Jesus Christ, he was a no nonsense pastor of the Irish people and dedicated to the teachings of the Pope and the Church.

All the reasons we should join in celebration of these two saints.

Helpers are needed for this event. Please see the sign up sheets on the altar rail.

Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins. (413) 552-7231 or email Mary **DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com**.

St. Patrick March 17/ St. Joseph March 19

In Roman Catholicism two famous saints are celebrated in the month of March. **St. Patrick** on March 17th and the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary on March 19th. This article will take a glimpse at the two of them. However, no article can do them complete justice.

In the year 461 A.D. St. Patrick died on March 17th. Roman Catholic tradition usually celebrates a saint's day on the day of his/her death: We call the death date, the "birth into heaven".

Born Patricius Sucatus (his surname) to Calpernius and Conchetta Sucatus in the year 385 A.D., Patrick would go on to live a deeply spiritual life after his conversion to Christ. His father was a Roman soldier, stationed in what is known today as the British Isles. His father (Calpernius) was a Deacon in the Church. More than likely Patrick was of Italian origin.

Kidnapped by the Druids (Irish) at the age of 16, Patrick spent many years as a shepherd, learning the Celtic language and customs. During this time, he converted to Jesus Christ through much prayer.

Eventually he escaped from Ireland and found his way to France where he was befriended by St. Germain of Auxerre. He lived in the French monastery on the Isle of Lerins. After 15 years of monastic life, Patrick was ordained a priest at Auxerre, France. At the time, Pope Celestine I sent Bishop Palladius to Ireland to convert the Druids. Unfortunately, he was assassinated.

Pope Celestine then sent Patrick to take the place of Bishop Palladius. He was successful in bringing the Catholic faith to the Irish people, because he knew the language and customs of the Irish.

In their pagan religion, the Druids believed that someone would come and introduce them to the true God. Of course, this was St. Patrick.

St. Joseph Day is a solemnity during the time of Lent. Actually, because it is a Solemnity, it truly is not in Lent. A Solemnity is treated as a Sunday. Celebrated on March 19th each year, he is especially celebrated among the Italians and the Polish.

He is the Husband of Mary, the protector of Mary and Jesus, the Patron saint of the Universal Church and of the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT, erected on March 19, 1843 by Pope Gregory XVI. In the Scripture he is known as a "just man". We find strength in his faithfulness and silence.

In 1505 the very first Mass was celebrated in his honor and in 1621, Pope Gregory XV extended the celebration

of his Feast Day to the entire Church. Pope St. John XXIII (1958-1962) inserted his name into the first Eucharistic Prayer. In 2013 Pope Francis inserted his name into every Eucharistic Prayer. Blessed Pope Pius IX (1846-1878) gave him the title: Patron Saint of the Universal Church. Many people pray to ask his prayers for a peaceful (happy) death.

St. Joseph is faithful to his role as husband of Mary and foster father to Jesus, supporting them by his vocation as a carpenter and imparting this trade to Jesus.

St. Joseph was quick to be obedient to the Lord. He did what the angel of God told him to do. We have no spoken words of St. Joseph, only actions. This gives credence to the phrase: "actions speak louder than words."

St. Joseph was devoted to Mary. He is her guardian; and therefore is the guardian of the Body of Christ formed in her. This makes him the Patron saint of the Universal Church.

Finally, in long-standing Catholic tradition, he is the patron saint of a "happy death" for all of us. We offer our prayers and ask for St. Joseph to pray for the dying that they will have a peaceful departing from this life to the next life in Christ.

Of all the aspects of St. Joseph, we glean that silent obedience is much more eloquent than words. His protection of Mary and Jesus gives us comfort that he is protecting us too.

I'm Glad I'm Not Like Him

The Pharisee's prayer is one we often pray. "I'm glad I'm not like him, her, or them. I am lucky not to belong to that family, that country, or that race." We are always comparing ourselves with others, trying to convince ourselves that we are better off than they are. But this is a very dangerous prayer. It leads from compassion to competition, from competition to rivalry, from rivalry to violence, from violence to war, from war to destruction. It is a prayer that lies all the time, because we are not the difference we try so hard to find. No, our deepest identity is rooted where we are like other people- weak, broken, sinful, but sons and daughters of God.

--- Henri J.M. Nouwen
Sabbatical Journey

*What can I do to stop comparing myself with others
and be more accepting of them?*

From: Words of Grace Jan-Mar 2024

March 17, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR

How to request your Intentions: Call the office at (860) 623-4636 or email office@smceastwindsor.org your Mass Intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

NOTE: Kindly submit your suggested offering shortly after making your reservation. This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the basket near the Altar in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 6 Windsorville Rd, Broad Brook, CT 06016. Checks are to be made payable to Saint Marianne Cope Parish and include the Mass date.



Candle Offering

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

**St. Joseph Statue:
Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:
Holy Souls in Purgatory**

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 available for a \$10.00 donation. These candles burn for 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:
Repose of the soul of Anita & Stephen Prutz*

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
Health & God's Blessings for Mona Cavanaugh*



Saturday, March 16

4:00PM +Health & God's blessings for **Barbara Richard**
requested by friends of St. Marianne Cope Parish

Sunday, March 17

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Joan Plourde**
requested by family

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Larry C. Kreon**
requested by Pat Holden

Monday, March 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church*

12:10PM +Repose of the soul of **Beatrice Breor**
requested by family

Tuesday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary*

12:10PM +For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 20

12:10 PM Spiritual Blessings for the **Ramsdell Family**
requested by family

Thursday, March 21

9:00AM Special Intentions for **Birthday Blessings**

Saturday, March 23

4:00PM +Special Intentions for a **friend**
requested by Kay & Karen

Sunday, March 24

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Kenneth Sunega**
requested by family

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Reed Clavette**
requested by Knights of Columbus Council #50



Parish Sharing and Support

(March 10, 2024)

Weekly \$2245. Monthly \$391.

Online \$1,300