

## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



### St. Catherine of Siena

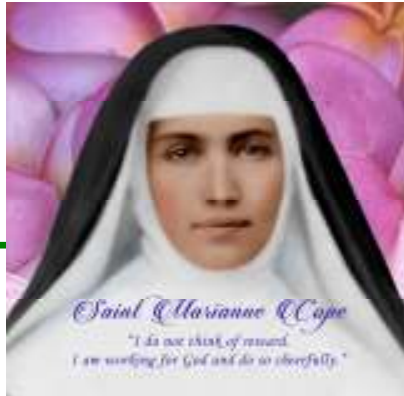
6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### 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), Fax (860) 292-8550

**Parish Website** - [smceastwindsor.org](http://smceastwindsor.org)

**Parish Office email** - [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

**Administrative Assistant** - Kimberly Green

**Director of Music** - Wendy Quinn

**Vocations Committee** – Paula McCloskey, Kay Teixeira

**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

**Attention Tenebrae Readers**

Thank you to 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.

**On a Personal Note**

I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank you to all those who helped in making our St. Patrick/St. Joseph celebration on March 17 a great success. Hopefully we continue to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph in our hearts.

Again, Thank you.

Fr. Ron

**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.*

**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 [MaryDivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:MaryDivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).



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



**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.

HOLY WEEK March 25-30 Lorraine Wprostek

**Polishing The Soul**

*Lent is a cosmetic season to beautify not only the outside but also the inside. Our Lenten practices are intended to allow what is inside to radiate outward, as Jesus did when he became the transparent, see-through Christ. But, you object, he was the Son of God! True, but does not the glorious image of God also reside in you? Perhaps like dull, old silver, the image has lost its luster—tarnished by neglect, sins and human frailties. Prayer polishes the soul and a habitual desire for inner beauty causes your soul to surface splendidly on your face in a radiant smile. Your transfiguration into the glorious Christ need not be delayed until death. Simply begin today to think, to speak, and to act as he did.*

—Edward Hays  
*The Lenten Pharmacy*

*How has my behavior this Lent  
Allowed Christ's image to shine from  
within me?*

**Office Closing**

The office will be closed in observation of Easter on March 28 (Holy Thursday) ; March 29 (Good Friday) and April 1st (Easter Monday). The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Everyone please have a wonderful Easter Holiday.

Dear Parishioners,

We thank Almighty God that we have been brought to another year to celebrate His Resurrection. When we see the phrase written or hear the phrase: "Christ is Risen," the guilt, loneliness, hunger, poverty, war, and devastation no longer have the ultimate word. Death is not the final end anymore, for Christianity thrives upon the Resurrection of Christ. The greatest Christian celebration is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! As Christians we must affirm this to the world, or at least to our small world of family and friends. Depression, resentment, revenge and hatred all surrender to the power of death and leave us blurred and sometimes blinded to the power of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from death. Through His death on the Cross Our Blessed Lord has overcome death and the devil! The Resurrection of Christ is triumphant over any worldly power. Yes, "Christ is Risen". May we celebrate with insurmountable joy!

Please find, in this letter, a Holy Week and Easter schedule of Confessions and Masses, as well as a Divine Mercy celebration of healing, physically and spiritually.

Fr. Ron

**Holy Week: March 25-29, 2024**

**Daily Masses: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 12:10 PM.**

*No Mass at 9 AM on Holy Thursday morning.*

*No Mass on Good Friday.*

***Confessions: Monday 3/25 at 6-7 PM, Tuesday 03/26 at 6-7 PM***

***Wednesday 03/27 at 6-7 PM, Saturday 3/30 at 9-10 AM***

**Holy Thursday March 28, 2024**

*7 PM Mass of the Lords Supper-(St. Catherine Church)*

**Good Friday March 28, 2024**

*3 PM Passion of The Lord (St. Philip Church)*

*7 PM Tenebrae Service (St. Catherine Church)*

**Blessing of Easter Food Saturday, March 30, 2024**

*11 AM (St Philip Church)*

*12 PM (St. Catherine Church)*

**Easter Sunday March 30-31, 2024**

*8PM Easter Vigil Mass- (St. Catherine Church)*

*8:30 AM Mass- (St. Catherine Church)*

*10:30 AM Mass- (St. Philip Church)*

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 6 – 7, 2024**

*4 PM Mass St. Philip Church*

*8:30 AM Mass St. Catherine Church*

*10:30 AM Mass St. Philip Church*

*3:30 PM Divine Mercy healing Service with procession (St. Philip Church)*

March 24, 2024



### **MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR**

**How to request your Intentions:** Call the office at (860) 623-4636 or email [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto: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:  
God's Peace in Holy Land & Haiti**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:  
For a Special Intention**

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 :  
Lawrence & Florette Theriault*

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:  
God's Peace in Holy Land and Haiti*



**Saturday, March 23 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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

**Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30AM **St. Catherine Church**  
+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

**Monday, March 25 Monday of Holy Week**

12:10PM For a **Special Intention**  
requested by Joanne & Michael Cappa

**Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week**

12:10PM +Repose of the soul of **Jack Provenzano, Sr.**  
requested by Terri Richard & Bill Mann

**Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week**

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Robin Ennis**  
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

**Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday**

8:00PM Mass of The Lord's Supper-**St. Catherine Church**

**Friday, March 29 Good Friday**

3:00 PM The Lord's Passion-**St. Philip Church**  
7:00 PM Tenebrae-**St. Catherine Church**

**Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil - St. Catherine Church**

8:00 PM +For Living & Deceased members of  
Saint Marianne Cope Parish

**Sunday, March 31 Easter-Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30AM **St. Catherine Church**  
For Living Members of St. Marianne Cope Parish

10:30AM **St. Philip Church**  
+For Living & Deceased members of Saint Marianne Cope Parish



**Parish Sharing and Support  
(March 17, 2024)**

**Weekly \$2,560. Monthly \$225.  
Catholic Relief Services \$125 Online \$1,100  
Thank you for your generosity and support!**