

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



St. Catherine of Siena

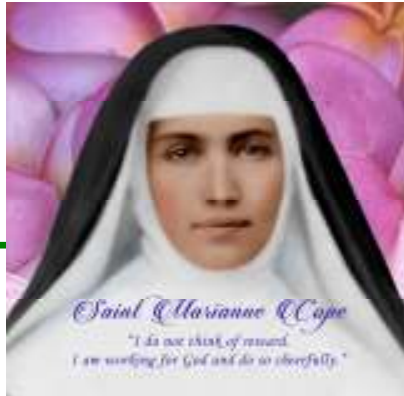
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

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

Parish Office email - 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

Up Coming Events

April 7, 2024 –3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy healing and celebration. St. Philip Church with procession of The Blessed Sacrament

April 5, 2024 10:30 am Mass First Holy Communion

May 5, 2024-3 p.m. Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue in St. Catherine Cemetery.

May 27, 2024 9 a.m. Memorial Day Mass St. Catherine Cemetery (bring your Lawn chair)

June 2, 2024 Corpus Christi Procession after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (St. Philip Church)

June 2, 2024 Strawberry Shortcake Social after the procession (St. Philip)

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 Divine-MercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com.



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on Friday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m.

On behalf of Deacon Alan and I, we extend to all of you a most happy, joyous, faith-filled Easter Sunday and Easter Season. The Easter Season is the longest liturgical season in the Church, lasting (7) weeks. Hopefully, your Lenten penances have brought you to the inner peace of Christ's Resurrection. Happy Easter.

Fr. Ron and Deacon Alan



April 7, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope St. John Paul II (1978-2005) instituted Divine Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of Easter in the year 2000. It is a time in which we reflect upon God's unfathomable Mercy for all people of the world. This year's celebration will take place at St. Philip Church at 3:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin the hour with readings from the Scripture, The Divine Mercy chaplet, a Eucharistic procession of healing and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We are happy to welcome the Brothers from Cheshire (Legionaries of Christ) to join us that day as they did last year. Hoping to see all of you too.

On a personal Note

I think all of you would agree that our Holy Week liturgies at St. Maryanne Cope parish were very inspiring. There is nothing more inviting than to experience the Church looking so beautiful for this very special time of year. Mostly, it is you, the faithful who add so much to the Paschal Mysteries and the events of Holy Week.

Therefore, I extend a heartfelt thanks to all who attended the masses and two Good Friday Services. A special thank you to those who decorated the two Churches for Easter. I'm sure you agree that both are very beautiful.

Thank you to the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, choir members, musicians and guest soloists who enhanced our special liturgies tremendously. Thank you to Deacon Alan for the tremendous help he gives to the parish and to me.

Please don't forget that we enjoy seven (7) weeks of Easter. As I've stated, any Catholic may go to confession anytime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. Catholics are only required to confess once-a-year. This is called an "Easter Duty."

Concerning the aforementioned paragraph, this year one can complete their Easter Duty between February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and May 19th (Pentecost) Sunday, which ends the Easter Season.

My hope is that all of you had a most enjoyable Easter Sunday with family and friends. May the Risen Lord continue to shower you with many graces.

As always,
Fr. Ron

Welcome

St. Marianne Cope Parish welcomes four religious brothers from the Legionaries of Christ. Who will be helping in the Divine Mercy Celebration today. Please pray for them as they are studying to be priests.

St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) Apostle of Divine Mercy

As previously mentioned, St. Faustina Kowalska was declared a saint on April 30, 2000. The very first saint of the new millennium. On that day, St. John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Faustina's real name was Helena Kowalska. She was the third of ten children. Born August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec (gwogoviets) Poland, she only attended three years of school. As she grew older, she became a domestic servant for several families.

On August 1, 1925 she was invested into the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland. The Order's Apostolate was the care and education of troubled young women. In her Order she served as a cook, gardener and porter (door-keeper). Her convent name was *Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament*.

Her deep spirituality was in honor of Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation (confession) which led her to a mystical life of prayer. She was a mystic. When mystics pray, they are not aware of the world around them, because they are one with God. St. John Paul II was a mystic. Priests have reported that in his private chapel at the Vatican he would utter soft groans during prayer.

Receiving messages in prayer from Jesus, she recorded over 700 pages of Christ's Mercy which became a book: Divine Mercy in my Soul. In these writings, Jesus emphasizes His Mercy and Forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. Jesus told her: "I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart."

In her revelations of Jesus she was told to be the messenger of Divine Mercy for the world. She was instructed to have an image painted with the inscription: **"Jesus, I trust In You."** The painting shows a red and white light coming from Christ's Sacred Heart. The two lights or rays represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death. (Jn:19:34.

Sinners are encouraged not to despair, nor to doubt God's willingness to forgive them if they repent.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland on October 5, 1938. St. John Paul II declared her a "blessed" on April 18, 1993. He declared her a "saint" on April 30, 2000.

May we come to know the love and mercy of Christ, which surpasses all human understanding.

April 7, 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:
Edith and Joseph Zepecki**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:
For the people of the Taiwan earthquake**

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 :
Swider & Melancon Families*

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



Saturday, April 6 *Divine Mercy Sunday*-St. Philip Church

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Arnold Tyler**
requested by Dcn. Alan & Karen Germain

Sunday, April 7 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:30AM **St. Catherine Church**
+Repose of the soul of **Fr. Michael Kottar** (Diocese of Metuchen,NJ)
requested by Fr. Ron

10:30AM **St. Philip Church**
+Repose of the soul of **May Pallotto**
requested by Fr. Ron

3:30 PM Divine Mercy Celebration (No Mass) **St. Philip Church**

Monday, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

12:10PM Special Intentions of **Luke Tyler**
requested by Dcn. Alan & Karen Germain

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11 *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

9:00AM **God's Peace for Haiti & Holy Land**
requested by Teixeira family

Saturday, April 13

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Emily Berube**
requested by Dorothy Berube

Sunday, April 14

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **John Nadeau**
requested by his daughter Christine
10:30AM **Health & God's Blessings for the Bukowski family**
requested by Stasia Bukowski



Parish Sharing and Support (March 31, 2024)

**Weekly \$1,578. Easter \$2,035
Good Friday \$316 Online \$3,435**

Thank you for your generosity and support!