

## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



### St. Catherine of Siena

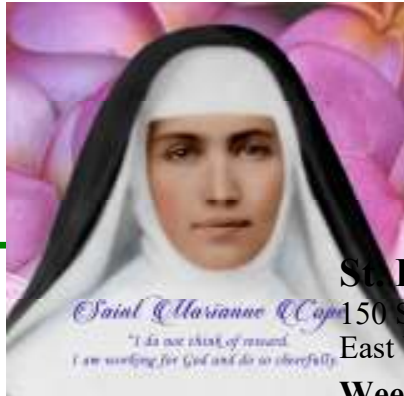
6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### 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



**Thank You**

**Up Coming Events**

**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)

A heartfelt thank you to our First Holy Communion students for crowning the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Daily Mass congregation for helping to crown the statue of the Virgin Mary at the daily Mass on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we were not able to crown the statue in the cemetery, as planned on Sunday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>. However, we had a crowning on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> after the daily Mass.

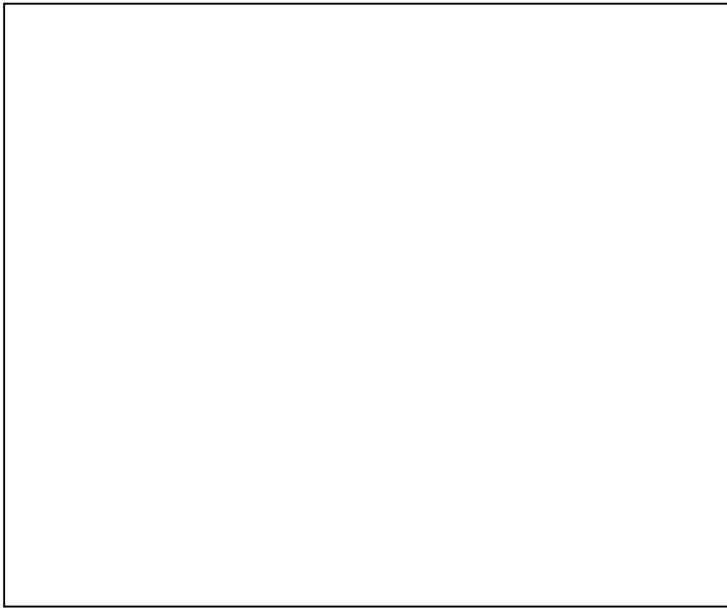
*Fr. Ron*



**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.**



**Help Us St. Joseph**

*Oh good St. Joseph in your name...We ask for grace and light...To live a better life each day...By doing what is right...Inspire us to holiness...And virtue unashamed...Watch over us in happiness...And when our hopes are dim...Protect us from all harm and hurt...As you protected Him...O good and kind St. Joseph, be...Our foster-father, too...And let us bring our problems and...Our troubled hearts to you...Teach us to work for Jesus Christ...With every deed and breath...Help us to live a holy life...And die a happy death.*

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**FOODSHARE** will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m.**

## **.The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Recently, we've learned a little about the Sacrament of Baptism, the Anointing of The Sick and Holy Matrimony (Marriage). Today, our focus is on the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the Roman Catholic tradition there are three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

Most of us remember receiving Confirmation at the age of 9 or 10. There were big Confirmation classes in those days. We were taught by the "Baltimore Catechism", which was a question and answer catechism that was mostly memorized and given back to the teacher (usually nuns or priests) upon request or question. In those days the Bishop would confirm us and then give us a tap on the cheek, indicating that the Holy Spirit would give us strength through the ups and downs of life. Also, there were no individual sponsors. The pastor would choose the sponsor or sponsors for the entire class; usually one or two outstanding parishioners. Also recall, that the Bishop came every four years.

Incidentally, I was confirmed at the age of 9 ½ with almost 55 children from a very small parish. I remember learning the Baltimore Catechism, quite well, as we were told that the Bishop would ask us questions, I was confirmed by the late Bishop Joseph Donnelly who was an auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, at the time. He was very tall with a loud Irish voice. Later on I learned that he was very, very involved with United States social justice and was a friend of Cesar Chavez and Bobby Kennedy. As the song goes: "those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end; for we were young and sure to have our way."

The use of Chrism Oil is predominant in the sacrament of Confirmation. This Chrism Oil is used in two other sacraments: Baptism and Holy Orders (Ordination). The Chrism Oil is traced as a cross on the head of the Confirmed by the Bishop as he says: "**be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit**".

Confirmation makes us full members of the Christian Church. It is, for Roman Catholics, the last sacrament of initiation into the church. We will learn more about confirmation next week, but we will end with the seven gifts of The Holy Spirit given in Confirmation. They are: *Wisdom; Understanding; Counsel; Fortitude; Knowledge; Piety and Fear of The Lord.*

***More next week***

### **Correction**

*Several weeks ago I wrote about the sacrament of Baptism. In that article, I inadvertently stated that one, or a family, must be registered in a parish to be baptized. In fact, a family or a person need not be registered in a parish to be baptized. Also, baptism may be administered on any day of the week. Usually, baptisms take place on Sundays. However, there is no hard and fast rule that they must take place on Sundays. Any day of the week is appropriate according to the convenience of the family. One of the most beautiful times a baptism is administered is during the Mass. In this way, the whole congregation is able to participate in welcoming a child into the Christian community.*

May 12, 2024



# Mass Intentions

## 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 your phone number & 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



### Candle Offering

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

St. Joseph Statue:  
**Prayers for Peace**

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:  
**For Special Intention of Joan Squires  
Requested by Gerry Jackavonis**

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  
**In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Czestochowa &  
Our Lady of Fatima***

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:  
**Spiritual Blessings***



Saturday, May 11

4:00 PM **For all mothers, living and deceased of  
St. Marianne Cope Parish**

Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*

8:30AM **For all mothers, living and deceased of  
St. Marianne Cope Parish**

10:30AM **For all mothers, living and deceased of  
St. Marianne Cope Parish**

Monday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

12:10 PM Special Intentions for **Isbel Pharo**  
requested by Elizabeth Cafasso

Tuesday, May 14 *Saint Matthias, Apostle*

12:10PM Special Intentions of **Paula**  
requested by Joyce

Wednesday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **William O'Donnell**  
requested by Family

Thursday, May 16

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Thomas Breor**  
requested by Family, Maureen Lyman

Saturday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope & Martyr*

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Linda and Joseph  
Zepecki (67th Wedding Anniversary)**  
requested by Fr. Ron

Sunday, May 19 *Pentecost Sunday*

8:30AM **Fr. Thomas Kelly**  
*Archdiocese of Hartford* requested by Fr. Ron



### Parish Sharing and Support (May 5, 2024)

**Weekly \$3,114.00 Monthly \$660.00  
Online \$1,565.00**

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**