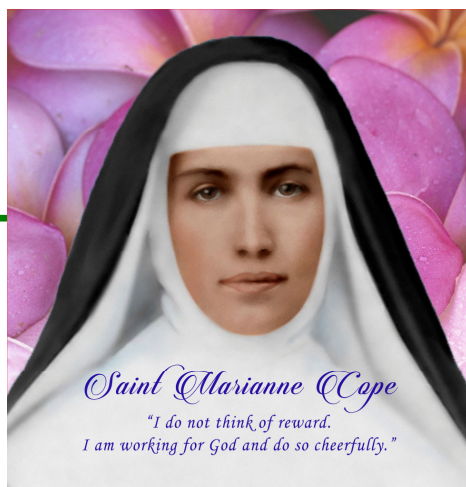




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 12:15 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle

150 South Main Street
East Windsor, CT 06088

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

March , 2025

**First Sunday
Of Lent**

St. Patrick, March 17

St. Joseph, March 19



Parish Office

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

Parish Office Hours: *Mon.-Thursday 9am-3pm*
St. Catherine Cemetery: *by appointment*

Phone: (860) 623-4636 **Fax:** (860) 292-8550

Parish Website: smceastwindsor.org

Parish Office email:
office@smceastwindsor.org

Administrative Assistant &

Cemetery Family Service Advisor: *Ruth Hertel*

Director of Music: *Wendy Quinn*

Vocations Committee:

Paula McCloskey & Kay Teixeira

Pro –Life: *Marie Pelletier*

Faith Formation Office: *Mary Hevner*
maryhevner@cox.net

St. Philip Rectory: **Phone** (860) 370-5116
 150 South Main Street
 East Windsor, CT 06088

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

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at
 St. Catherine Church



Regulations For Fasting and Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so. From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory (mandated) days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory (mandated) days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards."

On a Personal Note

First of all; a thank you to the Little Sisters of the poor for visiting our parish last week. Secondly a big "Thank you" to all of you for your most kind generosity to them and the work they do among the elderly of our area. Because of your generous kindness, they realized from our three Masses last weekend (March 8 & 9) \$2,443.00!! God Bless you with abundant graces for you and your.

Fr. Ron



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, March 28, 2025** at **1:00 p.m.**

Some Lenten Practices

*During Lent the Church prescribes no use of the organ for six weeks to enter us into this penitential season. **We will have use of organ music during Lent, though.** However, there are other items we can eliminate for the next six weeks that remind us we are in a very solemn season of penance and meditation.*

During Lent the Psalm will be recited instead of sung.

The “Gloria” will be omitted all together.

The “Alleluia” is never sung during Lent. An appropriate Gospel Acclamation is sung. There will be no singing of the parts of the Mass. They will be recited.

The wooden clacker will take the place of the bells during Consecration.

There is an ancient custom to use “unbleached” candles during Lent: The candles you will see are unbleached, with bleached candles returning for Easter.

Please enjoy entering into a deep spiritual relationship with God and may His Grace and Mercy cleanse your soul.

2025 Lenten Schedule

The Following is a Lenten schedule for the Lenten Season, 2025. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025. The schedule below should help you with your spiritual journey during Lent this year.

**March 5, 2025: Ash Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Mass and 12:15 Mass:
St. Catherine Church**

**Every Monday during Lent:
Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 pm:
St. Philip Church**

**Every Wednesday during Lent:
Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
with Exposition & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament:
St. Catherine Church**

**Every Friday during Lent:
Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm
with Exposition & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament:
St. Philip Church**

St. Patrick of Ireland

Patrick was probably born in England since his father was a deacon in the Church and also a Roman soldier. His mother was Conchetta. More than likely, Patrick was of Italian heritage. Born in the year 389, he was captured by the Druids at the age of 16 serving as a slave for them and a herder of sheep. He prepared for the priesthood in France after he escaped from the Druids. Ordained in the year 417 at Lerins, France, Patrick remained in the monastery in Auxerre, France for 15 years. In 432, Pope Celestine 1 (422– 432) sent Patrick to Ireland as a bishop, after the assassination of Bishop Palladius by the Druids. He wrote these words in his Confessions (autobiography): “I came to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers, putting up with reproaches about my earthly pilgrimages, suffering many persecutions, even bondage and losing my birthright of freedom for the benefit of others. If I am worthy, I am ready to give my life without hesitation and most willingly for His Name.”

**St. Patrick, Pray for Us
Feast Day, March 17th**

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

St Joseph was chosen by the eternal God to be the trustworthy guardian and protector of two great treasures: the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, The Son of God. St. Joseph became a central and active figure, not only in the life of Mary and Jesus, but also in the life of the universal Church, of which he is the patron. Through his deep faith, Joseph understood what was asked of him by God. Without question or doubt, he acquiesced to God's requests. “When Joseph awoke, he did as the Angel of the Lord directed him.” (Mt. 1:24) The Scriptures give him the highest compliment: “He was a just man.”

In the Scripture, the “silence” of St. Joseph is eloquent, for it speaks of his faith, humility and obedience to God. Our prayers honor St. Joseph, the “just man,” the wise and loyal servant the Lord God placed to cherish Mary and Jesus. He is the Patron Saint of our Archdiocese as it was erected on March 19, 1843 (St. Joseph's Feast Day) by Pope Gregory XV(1831 – 1846).

**St. Joseph Pray For Us
Feast Day March 19th**

March 16, 2025



Mass Intentions

How to request your Intentions:

To request Mass Intentions, please call the office at (860) 623-4636. WE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING EMAILS FOR MASS REQUESTS. You are also welcome to stop by the Parish Office during regular office hours to request Masses.

NOTE: Kindly submit your suggested offering shortly after making your reservation. This can be done via 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, and your phone number.



Candle Offering

The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary candle intentions are available for a \$10.00 donation. These candles burn for two weeks.

The Sanctuary light at St. Philip Church burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Reed Clavette

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Louise Tierny

St. Catherine of Siena Church

St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary candle intentions are available for a \$5.00 donation. These candles burn for one week.

St. Joseph Statue burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Pope Francis

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Pope Francis

Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.

Masses For The Week



Saturday, March 15

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Abigail Jean Sauerhoefer**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Sunday, March 16

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions of **G.F. Richard Family**

requested by Terri Richard

10:30 AM In thanksgiving for answered prayers for **Ron**

requested by His Wife

Monday, March 17: St. Patrick

12:15 AM **Pro Populo** (For the People)

Tuesday, March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12:15 PM Health & God's Blessings for **Iija Pelletier**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Wednesday, March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

12:15 PM Special Intentions for **John, Dan, Mark & Peter Breen**

requested by Pat Talley

3:00 PM **Stations of the Cross** (St. Catherine Church)

Thursday, March 20:

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Ippolito Pellicano, Erminia**

Giacco & Domenico Strangi

Requested by Chuck & Concetta Kopp

Friday, March 21:

5:00 PM **Stations of The Cross** (St. Philip Church)

Saturday, March 22:

4:00 PM Health & God's Blessings for **Barbara Grady & Family**

requested by Toni & Ron & Parishioners

Sunday, March 23:

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+Repose of the soul of **Joseph Caruso**

requested by Pauline & Anton Hastillo

10:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Reed Clavette**

(1st Anniversary)

requested by His Family

Parish Sharing & Support



(March 9, 2025)

Weekly \$2,967.00

Monthly \$450.00

Online \$1,353.00

*Thank you for your
generosity and support!*