



St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

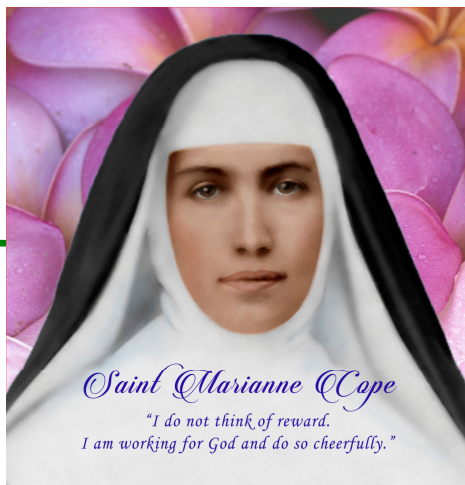
Mon., Tues. & Wed at 12:15 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



April 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday



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



Parish Office

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

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

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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



On April 29, 2025, I will be celebrating 30 years sharing the priesthood with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, I had to forfeit my 25th anniversary in 2020, due to Covid-19. I write to invite you to an open house. I am returning for this celebration to my home parish in Terryville, Ct. Priests refer to the parish they were reared in, as a "home parish."

I am one of six vocations from my home parish, and I am the last surviving vocation. There were four priests and two nuns. The Lord gave me the privilege of knowing and conversing with all of them, and the distinct privilege of celebrating the life and funerals of the two nun vocations.

Please join me in this celebration of 30 years serving the good people of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Below, please find the particulars of the day:

May 4, 2025, Mass at 3 PM St. Casimir Church
 Terryville, Ct. 19 Allen St. (This takes care of the Sunday obligation.)

May 4, 2025, Reception in the Church Hall of St. Stanislaus Church Bristol, Ct. 510 West St.

PLEASE: NO GIFTS – Please bring a potluck dish as your gift to St. Stanislaus Church Hall, before Mass. St. Stanislaus Hall will be open.

I would love for you to join me on this special occasion to celebrate you and your kindness to me over these 30 years.

Fr. Ron

Film about St. Carlo Acutis

On Sunday, April 27, 2025 Carlo Acutis will be declared a saint along with Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. Carlo Acutis is pronounced: a-coo-tis. A movie about his life will be shown in 945 theaters across America on April 27, 28 and 29. Once 5,000 tickets are sold, the theaters have agreed to extend the movie about the life of Carlo Acutis three more days: April 30, May 1st, and 2nd. Carlo Acutis will be known as the First Millennial Saint and is closely connected to Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. Dying at the age of 15 in the year 2006 from Leukemia, he offered his sufferings for the Church and the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI (2005 – 2013). You may purchase your tickets now by visiting: www.carloacutisfilm.com. At that time the site may tell you which theaters in Conn. the film can be viewed. Incidentally, Carlo Acutis will be the first saint in the over 2000 year history of the Catholic Church, whose parents will be present at the Canonization. **Because of the passing of Pope Francis, the Canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis has been postponed.**

SANDWICHES FOR ENFIELD

First Tuesday of each month. Individually wrapped sandwiches should be place in the St. Catherine Church Hall refrigerator 9 am -12 pm , May 6, 2025



FOODSHARE
 will be in the
 St. Catherine
 parking lot on

Friday, May 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**Pope Francis
(2013 – 2025)
*Requiescat in Pace***

Even though Pope Francis has been battling health problems that had become somewhat acute over the past several months, we were all shocked over his quick passing after Easter. Before daily Mass this past week, the congregation and I have been reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Repose of his soul. Monday afternoon at the 12:15 Mass a pall was cast, seemingly, over those who attended Mass. As a matter of fact, that pall reigned over the entire world.

We have lost a religious leader who TRULY walked in the steps of Jesus, the Risen Lord. He lived and taught the Life of Jesus. As Archbishop (Cardinal) of Buenos Aires in Argentina, he knew and interacted with the poor in the “barrios”, as the Spanish would say. He rode the bus each day in the city, sitting among and chatting with the people or as he would say:” getting to know the smell of the sheep.”

In Rome he lived in the humble home called “Doma Marta” or the “Home of Martha.” Obviously referring to Jesus’ best friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. St. Martha’s Feast Day has for years been celebrated on July 29th. Pope Francis added Mary and Lazarus, the brother and sister of Martha to that day. July 29th is now the Feast Day of Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Pope Francis inserted into each Eucharistic Prayer the words:” and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,” referring directly to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In many ways he was much like his predecessor, Pope St. John XXIII(1958-1963) when he inserted into the First Eucharistic Prayer the words: ”and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,” in 1962.

He was born Jorge (George) (pronounced:hor-hay) Mario Bergoglio (pronounced: ber-go-yo) on December 17, 1936, I Buenos Aires, Argentina to Mario Jose Bergoglio and Regina Maria Sivori. His father was an Italian immigrant. His mother was born in Buenos Aires, to Italian Immigrants. He was one of five siblings, his sisters, Maria Helena, Martha: his brothers Albert and Oscar and a step-brother Enrique. Of these siblings, Pope Francis is the oldest. Only his sister, Maria Helena, is still alive.

Although we’ve had many popes from religious orders, Pope Francis was the first pope from the Jesuit Order founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1540 and officially recognized by Pope Paul II (1534-1549). The founder of the Jesuit Order was ordained a priest in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in 1537. Pope Francis is buried in the same Basilica.

His accomplishments are as follows: advocate of social justice and environmental protection, reform of church governance, focus on interfaith dialogue and inclusivity, addressing the climate crisis, enforcing stricter church regulations concerning the priest scandal, advocating human rights, treating of immigrants and refugees with dignity and respect as human beings, softened relationships between Cuba and the United States.

His humility, his faith, his greeting and accepting all people as created by God will become tough shoes to fill! Why? Because he acted like Jesus Christ! All we have to do is read the Gospel. He is the first pope to take the name “Francis” after the universally acclaimed St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).

His autobiography was just released entitled: Pope Francis HOPE the Autobiography . Another book just released is Pope Francis Life My Story Through History.

Thank you, Pope Francis, for every thing you gave us to be better Christians and Women and Men of the Gospels!
Requiescat In Pace.....Rest In Peace



Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 30, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II (1978 – 2005) declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Of course, this draws attention to the Mercy of God which cannot be compared to human Mercy. On that day he declared Faustina Kowalska a saint, already 25 years ago.

St. Faustina Kowalska is known as the “*Apostle of Mercy*” and St. John Paul II is known as “*the Mercy Pope*”.

In her visions of Jesus and her writings, Jesus speaks to her of His Mercy which is an unfathomable ocean, meaning there is no depth to His Mercy. Also, it is meant for all. His Mercy cannot be singled out or portioned to only Christians but is meant for all. Our Lord instructed Faustina to spread the news of His Mercy far and wide. That she did, in her short life of 33 years.

Pope St. John Paul II would write “*God only takes us to himself when He can give us the most Mercy.*” However, on earth we are able to experience His Mercy, too. Jesus told St. Faustina that: “***the more people ask for my Mercy; I want to give them double what they ask for.***” Divine Mercy, there is no escape!! Divine Mercy Sunday falls on April 27th this year. We have a celebration this year of Jesus’ Mercy at St. Catherine of Siena Church with a Mass. Confessions will be heard from 1-2 PM in the newly renovated Rectory. People can enter the Rectory using the new ramp entrance on the driveway side of the Rectory.

The following is a schedule for the day:

Confessions: 1 – 2:00 PM

St. Catherine Rectory

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 2:40 PM

St. Catherine Church

Mass 3:00 PM St. Catherine Church

**Procession and Healing after Mass with
the Blessed Sacrament**

Solemn Benediction

Veneration of The Relic of St. Faustina

Reception in the Church Hall

April 27, 2025

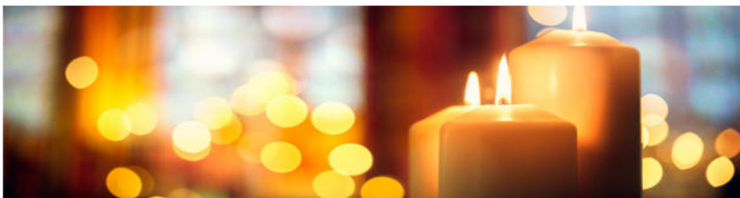


Mass Intentions

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:

Health & God's Blessings for Jim & Patricia Pedersen

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Special Intentions for a Good Outcome
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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:

Repose of the Soul of Joseph Welsh

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Peter Bulgajewski
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Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 26

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Margaret Katroski**

requested by Family

Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy & Healing Sunday

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Laura Palmer**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Harrison Hastings**

requested by Family

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Confession

3:00 PM **Mass of Divine Mercy & Healing (with Procession and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament)**

+ Repose of the Soul of **Peter Bulgajewski**

requested by Irene Bulgajewski

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

12:15 PM In Thanksgiving for 30 years of Priesthood

Wednesday, April 30

12:15 PM Health & God's Blessings for **Mary A Twarkins**

requested by Fr. Ron & Parishioners

Thursday, May 1

9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for **Christopher Bajumpaa**

requested by Christine Bajumpaa

Saturday, May 3

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Emery Berube** (5th Anniversary)

requested by Family

Sunday, May 4

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

First Holy Communion

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Jim & Patricia Pedersen**

requested by Wyrstek Family



Parish Sharing & Support

(April 20, 2025)

Weekly \$1,925.00

Monthly \$45.00

Online \$1,133.00

Easter \$1,063.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!