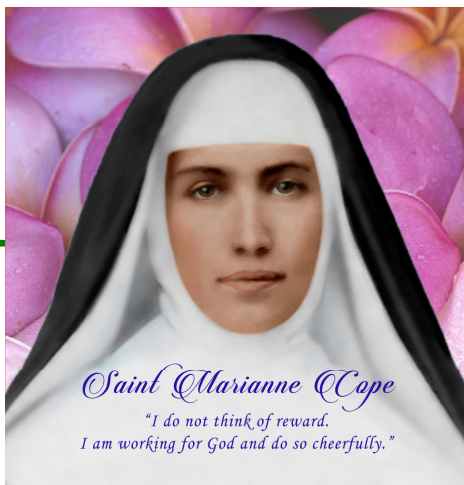




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:23– 29



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: Garrett Grothe

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

Office Closing

In observance of Memorial Day, the Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025. The Office will re-open on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Corpus Christi Planning**Volunteers Needed**

*Join us Thursday, May 29th, 7:00 PM at
 St. Catherine's Rectory*

TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Ascension Thursday

Most dioceses and archdioceses celebrate Ascension Thursday on a Sunday. Five dioceses in the United States celebrate on a Thursday. The local bishops are working to change to a Sunday. This year, the Archdiocese of Hartford will still celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday. Ascension Thursday Masses are at 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM. NO evening Mass. Ascension Thursday marks the 40th day after Easter.



FOODSHARE
 will be in the
 St. Catherine
 parking lot on

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Pope Leo XIV

We've witnessed some very historic events over these past several days. With the election of an American Pope, or as the media says: a Pan-American Pope; to the beautiful Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 18th in which the Holy Father received his pallium and papal ring. On Monday, May 19th, Pope Leo took possession of his Cathedral as the Archbishop of Rome. Imagine the weight on his shoulders!

Incidentally, the Pope's Cathedral is not St. Peter's Basilica, but is the Cathedral of St. John, The Lateran, also known as the Cathedral of St. John, The Baptist and also known as the Cathedral of The Holy Savior. It is one of the four major Basilicas in the world; any other Basilica is known as a minor Basilica. The four major Basilicas are: St. Peter's Basilica, St. John, The Lateran Basilica, Saint Mary Major Basilica (where Pope Francis rests) and Saint Paul, Outside the Walls Basilica; all in Rome. Locally, we have minor Basilicas: The Immaculate Conception Basilica in Waterbury, CT.; St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, Ma.; and St. Joseph Basilica in Webster, Ma. Broadening ourselves out a bit further we have Sacred Heart Basilica which serves as the Cathedral Church of the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. Any Basilica outside of the four in Rome are all known as minor Basilicas.

The name "Leo" means "lion". As mentioned last week there have been 14 popes who have taken the name "Leo". Last week we met Pope Leo, The Great (440 – 461). His greatness comes from his firm, unflinching faith in Our Lord and his fearless defense of the faith in the midst of very turbulent times definite challenges to theology and doctrine. He wrote a Tome on Christ, becoming a man (Incarnation) and met one of the most formidable forces in history, Attila the Hun, persuading him not to attack Italy. What a great success!

Very few popes possess the title: The Great. It is very, very rare. We only have three: Pope St. Gregory, The Great (590 – 604); Pope St. Leo, The Great (440 – 461) and Pope St. Nicholas, The Great (858 – 867).

The Church does not officially bestow the title: "The Great" on a pope. The Catholic faithful do. Rapidly, in many circles, Pope St. John Paul II (1978 – 2005) is receiving that title from the lay faithful and theologians alike. Most likely, he will be the fourth pope to receive this title. More than likely, we may be gone, and future generations will be witness to it.

Now, we take a look at Pope Leo XIII (1878 – 1903) from whom Pope Leo XIV took his name. To have Leo XIII as an inspiration opens to us the heart and mind of Pope Leo XIV. Leo XIII's baptismal name was Gioacchino Vincenzo Pecci or Joachim Vincent Pecci. St. Joachim was the husband of St. Anne, the Blessed Mother's father. It means, "May God raise up".

Pope Leo XIV chose this name to honor Pope Leo XIII who was the "Pope of Social Justice." There are those in the Church who deem social justice an Achilles heel. For in social justice one cannot escape working for the equality and comfort for all. These are not only Gospel values, but Bible values.

Pope Leo XIII wrote a magnificent encyclical (letter) call Rerum Novarum (in English: Of New Things). In it, he advocated workers' rights, which eventually became "unions". He advocated "no child labor in factories". The children should be schooled. He advocated a shorter work week with shorter hours and Sunday to be set aside for worship and a day of rest.

By imposing upon himself "Leo", Pope Leo XIV is telling the world he intends to lead the Church to champion social justice and the plight of the marginalized in society, thereby continuing the work of Pope Francis and, of course, Our Lord Jesus Christ. No argument there!

Incidentally, Pope Leo XIV has a great love for the Prayer of St. Michael. As a matter of fact, he was elected on May 8th, the anniversary of the apparition of St. Michael to the three Fatima children in preparation for the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 13th.

May 25, 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 Richard Washburn

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
**Prayers for Pope Leo XIV & Vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life**

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 Christopher Bajumpaa

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Christopher Bajumpaa

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, May 24 Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Ronald Godin Sr.**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Birthday Memorial for **Dominic DeGeorge**

requested by Barbara

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Richard Washburn**

requested by Patricia & Traci

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day (St. Philip Neri)

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Cemetery)

For All Those Who Served and Made the Supreme Sacrifice

12:15 PM **NO MASS**

Tuesday, May 27 Easter Weekday (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

12:15 PM

+ Repose of the Soul of **Mina & Bob and Galaleo & Mary**

requested by Roger & Joyce

Wednesday, May 28 Easter Weekday

12:15 PM

Birthday Blessings for **Norma Pajot**

requested by Francis & Lisa Pajot

Thursday, May 29 The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Thomas Breor**

requested by Larry & Maureen

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

For the Intentions and well being of **Pope Leo XIV**

Saturday, May 31 7th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Michael A. Hastillo**

requested by Uncle Anton & Aunt Pauline

Sunday, June 1 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Michael Rodriguez (6th Anniversary)**

requested by the Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Flo Lockwood**

requested by Maslow & Texiera Family



Parish Sharing & Support

(May 18, 2025)

Weekly \$1,830.00

Monthly \$0.00

Online \$1,760.00

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