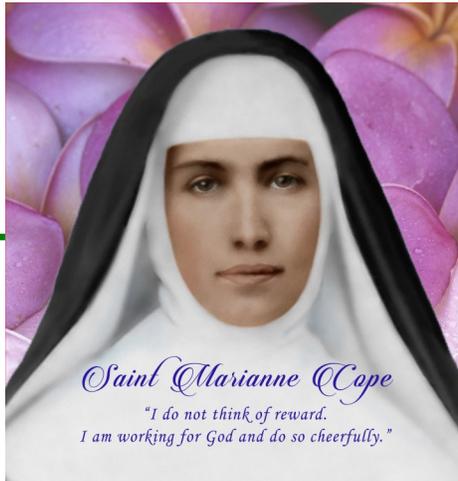




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



Saint Marianne Cope
"I do not think of reward.
I am working for God and do so cheerfully."

March 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

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



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: *Donna Garry*

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

Connecticut March for Life

For several years our state has had a March for Life. Below, please find the details about that March. If you wish to join, you must register on the site at the very bottom of the announcement.

**Lenten Events**

Mary Gate of Heaven of Windsor Locks invites you to two Lenten programs at St. Robert Bellarmine Church 52 South Elm Street.

On Saturday, March 7th 1pm - 4pm at St Robert's Hall we will hear Sr. Barbara Mullen's presentation: "*The Prodigal Son/Daughter and the Grace of Lent: Homecoming, Mercy and Identity*". If interested in attending this presentation, please call to sign up at 860-995-5614.

Also, offering two evening **Lenten missions with Frank Runyeon** performing the Gospel of Mark on Thursday, March 12th and the Sermon on the Mount, on Friday March 13th, both at 7pm. All are welcome.

Lent Schedule**Every Monday during Lent**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

St Philip Church

7:00-8:00PM

St. Bernard Church, Enfield

6:00-7:00PM

February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April

1st

Stations of the Cross

St. Catherine Church

3:00PM

From the Desk of Father Ron

Since the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton on September 14, 1975, Catholics in America have come to witness others reach the calendar of saints in this country. Among them are John Neumann, Rose Philippine Duchesne and Kateri Tekakwitha to name several. Others await this great honor such as Solanus Casey. In a special way Jesus chose them, giving them special characteristics, ministries and apostolates to benefit His people in the United States.

This week on March 3rd we celebrated the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955). She was the second daughter of three, born to Francis Drexel. Her mother, Hannah, died a few weeks after giving birth to her. Later, her father re-married a woman named Emma Bouvier, a direct descendant of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, First Lady from 1961-1963. Emma gave birth to a third daughter, named Louise.

Elizabeth (the eldest daughter), Katharine and Louise grew up under the auspices of Emma. A devout Catholic, Emma taught the girls that they should always have concern for the less fortunate. Three times a week the girls joined her in giving food and clothing to the poor in Philadelphia. They had a wealthy upbringing, since their father Francis, coming from Austria was the typical American success story, brokering currencies and opening a bank called Drexel & Co. The bank made a fortune out of the California Gold Rush in the 1840's. So successful was he in this endeavor, that he was able to send gold to the Union government during the Civil War. He came to occupy a very prominent place in Philadelphia Society, where he made his home.

Francis Drexel was a friend of Bishop John Neumann, helped to finance the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia and was, for years, the organist at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Cathedral. He helped to finance the building of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and when he passed away in 1885, he left 15.5 million dollars to his three daughters. The equivalent today would be 305 million dollars. Incidentally, Drexel University in Philadelphia was founded by Francis' brother, Anthony.

Elizabeth and Louise Drexel would marry, but Katharine was to go on to become the foundress of a religious order called the **Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People**. She was invested with the habit in 1891 and remained as its Superior until 1935, when a heart attack slowed her down. She lived another twenty years praying and doing penance.

Sister Mary Katharine Drexel used her millions to educate poor American Indians and Blacks. She built churches, schools, hospitals, convents and was the foundress of Xavier University in New Orleans, La., which she funded from beginning to end.

She lived on \$7.00 a week. On her many train journeys she spent hours in uncomfortable day coaches and used her extra money to tip the black porters. She re-used envelopes and sewed her shoe laces back together when they broke. She used a pencil until it was one inch high. She vowed that her own wealth would never be used on herself.

Dying on March 3, 1955 at the age of 97, her funeral was held at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul where she worshipped as a lay woman, listening each Sunday to her father play the great organ at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

On October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared Mother Mary Katherine Drexel a saint. **The two miracles were the healing of two children from deafness.** This is unusual because in most cases the miracles are very different. By this, what is St. Katharine Drexel trying to say to us? Perhaps because she was the foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, she is asking Catholic Americans to spend more **quiet time** with the Lord. Perhaps because the two miracles were the curing of two deaf children, she is asking us to be like children and **listen** to the Word of God.

In life she was dubbed "the richest nun that ever lived." In the history of the Church many women have given up wealth, socially prominent backgrounds and prospects of wonderful marriages to follow the Lord Jesus in service and charity, but no woman since St. Melania, the Younger who lived in the 300's made a financial contribution to compare with St. Katharine Drexel.

How did it all happen? Quite simply.... in an entry in her spiritual journal she writes that she was meditating on the Cross of Christ and came to this conclusion: If He could die for others, **the least** she could do is die to herself and spend her life in the service to the less fortunate. With these words we begin to see the making of a saint.

Lenten Fasting Regulations

Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, 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 members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Little Sisters of the Poor

I am happy to share with you the results of the collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor visit to our parish last week. They raised \$2427.00.
Thank you for your generosity.

On a Personal Note

We temporarily welcome back Mrs. Donna Garry who will be filling in for Stefanie Karam who will be out taking care of some personal matters.



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:

God's Healing for Patricia & Jim Pedersen

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

The Souls in Purgatory

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 candle burns for:

Fr. Gerald Dziedzic

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Archbishop Coyne on the 15th Anniversary of his Episcopacy.

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Timothy Sullivan, Jr.*

requested by Barbara Sherman

Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Chuck*

requested by Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the Souls of Karen & George St. Georges*

requested by Maslow & Teixeira

+ *Repose of the Soul of Manuel Salinas (One month Anniversary)*

requested by Family

Monday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 10

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the Souls of George Sr., Marge & George Jr.*

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, March 11

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Joseph Klundt Jr.*

requested by Parents

Thursday, March 12

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Karen St. Georges*

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Saturday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

God's Healing for **Patricia & Jim Pederson**

requested by Wyrostek Family

Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Matante*

requested by Pauline

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Moore Ferreira*

requested by Earnie & Kay Teixeira

Parish Sharing & Support

(March 1, 2026)

Weekly \$1822.00

Monthly \$683.00

On-Line Giving \$685.00

Total at Present \$3190.00

