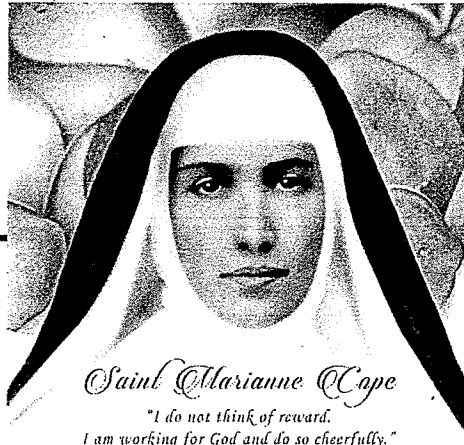


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 12:15 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

April 12, 2026
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

"Peace be with you."



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

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Vocations Committee:
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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

On A Personal Note

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the ladies and our Maintenance Man, Mark for the beautiful decorating they did in both churches (St. Philip and St. Catherine) for Easter. I'm sure you agree that both churches look great! Thank you to all our Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers who read the Scriptures so well and distributed Holy Communion with reverence. A sincere thank you to Wendy and our choir who enhanced all of our liturgies during Holy Week and Easter with wonderful music and singing. Please remember, Easter lasts for several weeks, ending on Pentecost Sunday. Happy Easter!

EMPTY TOMB, FULFILLED HOPES

I worry that if we Christians lose our belief in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we will also lose the ferocity of our hope, the holy restlessness that leads us to action, the commitment to justice that fuels our prophetic lament, solidarity, resilience, and courage. After all, how will we pray for God's kingdom to come, and how will we credibly usher in that kingdom in whatever small ways we can here and now, if we don't believe in its ultimate fulfillment? If the resurrection really is the best good news that has ever hit the Planet, then its goodness doesn't depend on us. The tomb is empty. Death is vanquished. Jesus lives. Period. We are not in charge of Easter; God is. How does our faith in Jesus' resurrection most renew our hope?

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Each year we switch Churches for our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Last year we celebrated at Saint Catherine Church. This year we will celebrate at St. Philip Church. The same format will remain. There will be confession at 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. After Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for healing: physically and emotionally. Everyone who asks, sincerely, will not be denied God's Mercy. Please join us. Please pray for the Mercy of God, most especially for peace of mind and heart. Pray for God's Peace to prevail upon the world. We welcome the Seminarians of the Legionnaires of Christ in Cheshire and Fr. Christopher O'Connor, L.C. who will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. and Concelebrate at 3:00 p.m. Incidentally, the regular mass schedule will remain in place: 4:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

From the Desk of Father Ron

In the Merchant of Venice Shakespear wrote: *"the quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes."* Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Although this is rather new to the Church's calendar, mercy is not new to us as Christians, for we count on the mercy of God mostly to forgive us our sins and misgivings, reconciling us to a most merciful, loving God. The dictionary describes mercy as a lessening of just punishments for crimes committed. Is sin a crime? Perhaps that is too austere. But sin is a turning away from God; a falling out of the good graces of God. Thus, we depend upon God's mercy to take us back into His graces. Once again, the quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the rain from heaven upon the place beneath." The one who bestows mercy wants to bestow it. It is not a strain to bestow it. It is joy!

Where did this all come from? It came from heaven, of course. God's mercy was always part and parcel of His tributes. The 20th century was rife with wars and bloodshed and in 1931 the merciful Lord Jesus appeared to a Polish nun by the name of Faustyna Kowalska. Born Helena Kowalska in Glogowiec, Poland in 1905, she entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland. She was a simple woman, who only attained a fifth grade education, but was deeply religious at a very tender age, attending Mass and praying in her parish Church of St. Casimir in Glogowiec after school each day.

Her visions of Jesus in the convent were of a special nature. Our Lord appeared to her plainly with two rays emanating from His heart. One ray was red, the second was pale. They signify blood and water which flowed from his side while he hung upon the cross. He told her to write down the words about His mercy, which amounted to a 600 page book entitled "Divine Mercy in My Soul!" She was to spread the word of His mercy in times that were rife with war and bloodshed. She was to have an image painted and inscribe it Jesus, I Trust In You," which became the little prayer attached to the picture and the message. She did in 1938 at the age of 33.

In time, her writings would be suppressed by the Vatican, as well as the devotion to the Divine Mercy. The year was 1958. A Polish priest took up the cause in that year of lifting the bans of suppression on the writings and devotions. Twenty years later, in April of 1978, the bans of suppression were indeed lifted and the breath of life once again came into the Divine Mercy message. Six months later, in October of 1978, that Polish priest became Pope John Paul II. He lived to declare Faustyna Kowalska a saint on April 30, 2000, the Church's first saint of the new millenium.

"The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath."
Shakespeare wrote these words in the Merchant of Venice nearly 500 years ago. He was the only Catholic to have the freedom to practice his Catholicism openly in Elizabethan England, because he so pleased the queen with his many plays. In those days that was quite merciful. Many believe that this is a "Polish devotion," because it took place in Poland with a Polish nun. Is God's mercy Polish? We hardly think so. When John F. Kennedy was

ministers in West Virginia: "I am the Democratic nominee for President of the United States who happens to be Catholic." The same principle applies to The Divine Mercy Message. God chose to receive His saving message of Divine Mercy for our times to a nun who happens to be Polish.

Mercy from God is Mercy from God. It has no nationality and mostly it has no boundaries or borders. We don't need to attain it on condition that we must be something else than what we are. We need only to desire His mercy for us for it is not strained and droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. Thus we repeat over and over again: Jesus, I trust in you!

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 ORGAN RECITAL

We are celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the building of St. Catherine of Siena Church (1886-2026). We are so grateful to St. Thomas Becket Church in Cheshire, CT (now closed) for giving us the beautiful Alan Organ (digital) we now hear each Sunday.

We have every reason to celebrate! This Recital will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026. Mr. Kyle Swan will be playing selections from Bach as preludes, interludes and postludes. We welcome the Choir of St. Bridget and the former St. Thomas Becket Churches in Cheshire as well as a small seminarian schola from the Legionnaires of Christ in Cheshire. The theme is to cover the entire liturgical year and encourage congregational singing. Afterward, everyone is invited to the Church Hall (St. Catherine Church) for coffee and... More details to come!



JAZZ

Brunch

Sunday April 19, 2026

Holy Family Church 11 am - 2 pm
25 Simon Rd
Enfield, CT 06082



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Jazz Brunch on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The event will be held at Holy Family Church - 25 Simon Road on April 19, 2026. Adult tickets are \$40 and Children over the age of 8 are \$15. Featuring The Olivia Josephine Quartet. You can purchase tickets online <https://JazzBrunch26.givesmart.com>



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 Margaret Katroski

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Gerri Jackavonis

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:

Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Intentions of Archbishop Leonard P. Blair (Birthday)

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

Masses For The Week

Sunday, April 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ God's Blessings to Evelyn and Michael Sherriffs

requested by Ernie & Kay Teixeira

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Birthday Memorial for Peter Bulgajewski

requested by Mother & Family

2:00 to 2:45 PM (St. Philip Church) CONFESSION

3:00 PM (St. Philip Church) Divine Mercy Mass with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, April 13, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupolo

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of *Ida Cyr* (1st Anniversary)

requested by Mike & Ev

Wednesday, April 15

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of *Stephen Sullivan*

requested by The Family

Thursday, April 16

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of *Manuel Salinas, Jr.*

requested by Ernie & Kay Teixeira

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of *Mary Dutcher*

requested by Ron & Toni Theriault

Sunday, April 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of *Edna M. Lehouillier*

requested by Terry & Bill

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Birthday Memorial for *Karen St. Georges*

requested by Josephine & Bill

Parish Sharing & Support Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday

(March 29 & April 5, 2026)

| | <u>Palm Sunday</u> | <u>Easter Sunday</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly | \$2,055.00 | \$3,339.00 |
| Monthly | \$ 145.00 | \$ 560.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$ 655.00 | \$1,635.00 |

Totals \$2,855.00 \$5,534.00

Combined Totals \$8,389.00



Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 11 - 17, 2026

Local Parent Educator Featured in Catholic Charities' *Traveling Museum*

• Story by Joe Pisani

Marcus Wilson grew up in foster care and understands the importance of having a secure family environment. For the past five years, as a parent educator for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford, he has helped many families by providing the tools they need so parents and children can break the cycle of insecurity and develop stronger relationships.

In recognition of his work with Parent Support Services, Wilson has been selected with 40 other employees and volunteers, chosen from 169 Catholic Charities nationwide, to be featured as part of the People of Hope Museum, which highlights ministries and services of Catholic Charities.

"His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away."

"The museum will bring to life their meaningful and memorable encounters with families and individuals in need," says Scott Griffin, director of Communications & Public Relations for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The museum, which is housed in a tractor-trailer, will travel around the country and be available to the public April 14 to 15 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Visitors will view the video stories of Wilson, record their own stories of hope and service and gain a greater understanding of poverty in the state and country, Griffin says. "To have one of our people, who is serving the community,

featured in the museum is an incredible honor, and we are very proud of Marcus," Griffin says. "He and his team visit people in their homes to help parents create stronger families.

They are among 11,000 individuals we served last year. Even though we are a faith-based organization, you don't have to be Catholic to receive services. You only have to need help, and Catholic Charities is here to help."

The goal of Parent Support Services is to establish a family environment that has "a circle of security," Wilson says.

"A lot of parents were never taught how to know when their children are seeking security because they didn't have it when they were growing up," he says. "Some parents never thought about it or just didn't know."

The program's curriculum has two components: one is designed to give parents the tools to make their children feel secure by providing the emotional support, and the other establishes a structured home environment that has rules, rewards and a routine.

One important skill parents should have is the ability to listen to their children, Wilson says. "Sometimes children need reassurance, and parents have to know how to give them their undivided attention and listen," he adds. "But if the parents grew up in a home without affection or they were ignored, they might not have those skills, so we bring awareness to them. We can't fix the problem, but once parents are given the knowledge, they can use it and make the choice to seek help or develop the skills they need."



Marcus Wilson has been chosen to be featured as part of the People of Hope Museum, which highlights ministries and services of Catholic Charities.

Jennifer Raines-Pusey, program manager for Parenting Support Services, praised Wilson. "Marcus brings incredible heart to this work," she says. "His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away. He has a special way of meeting parents exactly where they are, without pressure or pretense, and helping them see their own strengths." She adds that Wilson is deeply committed to helping families grow and succeed.

"He truly lives out the mission of Parenting Support Services every day, which exists to walk alongside families who are often overlooked or struggling quietly," she says.

The People of Hope Museum will be open to the public at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, from April 14 to 15 in the rear parking lot off Asylum Avenue.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 14 - 15 @ 11AM - 7PM
PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph rear lot,
 off Asylum Ave, Hartford

Step inside for an inspiring look at how Catholic Charities agencies bring compassion to help people in need nationwide. Visit www.ccaoh.org/poh to learn more.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP
 Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM with Trivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
 St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm
 Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatcko at 203-453-2788.



APRIL 18 @ 9:30AM - 3PM \$70
MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT DAY
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

Strengthen your marriage by spending the day at our Retreat Center! Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102 to RSVP. Donation asked \$70 a couple - Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch.



APRIL 18 @ 5:30PM \$30
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "SPRING FLING"
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Evening get-together with door prizes, basket raffles, dinner, dessert, and Beer/wine/soda. Entry Tickets are sold at the door (\$30) or at the Parish Office (\$25) until April 16. Cash/Check only please.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM
SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING
 Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 2 @ 4PM
LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
 St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email kathleen.pencz@aohct.org to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to hello@waterburybasilica.org to RSVP.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
 Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary's Church, New Haven

"AI, Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?"
 Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
 St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, Cheshire

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and an inspiring reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM
DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT
 Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for A Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status www.daywithmarywest.org Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!

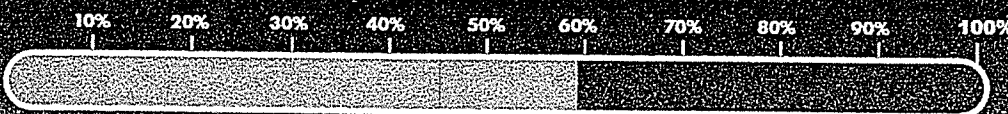


MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
 Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.

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