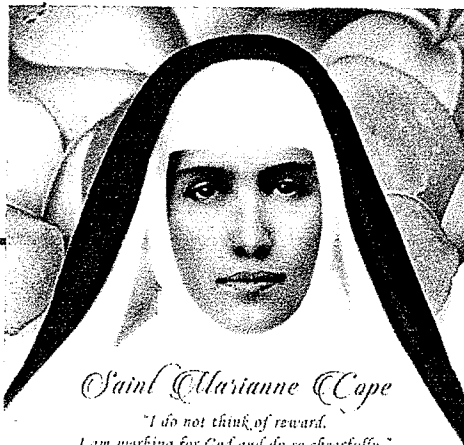


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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.

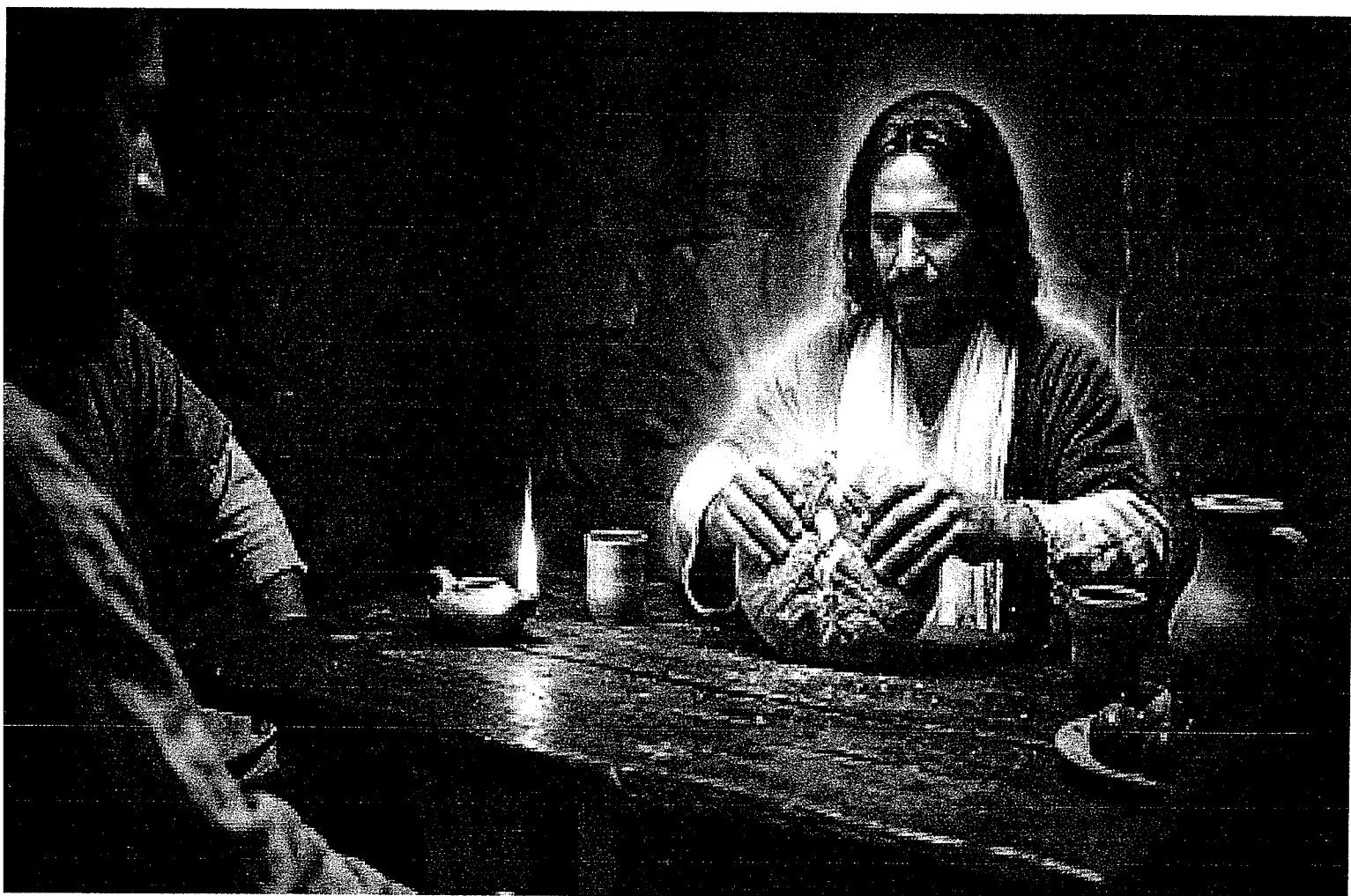
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Lord has truly been raised."



Parish Office

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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: *Stefanie Karam*

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

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!

Fr. Ron

Memorial Day Event in the St. Catherine Cemetery

There will be a mass in the cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in honor of Memorial Day. If there is inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church of Saint Catherine. Please bring a lawn chair(s) for your comfort.



Thoughts from the Pastor

Most of us would probably say that we enjoy Easter and the Easter Season the best of all the Christian Feasts. Certainly in the entire Christian Church it is the Feast of Feasts. What's not to like and enjoy? We know that brighter days are soon approaching. We see the trees begin to bloom again. We notice the crocuses, daffodils and other flowers reawakening to splash the earth with a colorful array of God's beauty. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is what renews and replenishes, not only nature, but the spiritual life of the Christian. The Resurrection is what Christianity **thrives** upon! Without it, there would not be a Christian faith. It would be senseless.

Thus, the symbols of Easter become so much a part of our exterior expression of what we know to be so intimately interior to the spiritual life. Unfortunately, in our massive secular world, some have tried to minimize Easter by focusing on a "happy spring." Witness the many cards in the card store that completely side-step the resurrection and move on to **only** spring flowers, bright skies and a happy spring. Who provides the spring flowers, bright skies and a happy spring. Who provides the spring flowers and bright skies? Therefore, the symbols are richer than a mere happy spring.

The Pascal or Easter candle signifies Christ, resurrected. It stands at the side of the pulpit for forty days. The candle is lit for every Mass during these days and that light of fire on the candle tells us what Jesus Himself told us, "I am the light of the world." This Pascal candle holds great significance, as it is borne in darkness through the Church on Holy Saturday evening, while the priest chants, "Christ, our Light," and the people respond, "thanks be to God." The church is in total darkness on that night, for it symbolizes the tomb of Jesus and we're thankful that "the Light" has come back to life again. On the fortieth day of Easter we celebrate The Ascension, commonly known as Ascension Thursday. Since Jesus has ascended to Heaven, the Pascal candle is removed to a proper place in the sanctuary, always used throughout the year for baptisms and funerals.

Another tradition is The Butterfly. For years the Butterfly has symbolized the "Resurrection." The little caterpillar goes into a cocoon and after awhile comes out as a beautiful butterfly. The "Monarch" butterfly is supposed to be the most beautiful. The cocoon symbolizes the tomb of Jesus. The butterfly with all its radiant colors symbolizes the Resurrection of Jesus.

We began by saying that for most Christians, Easter is the best Feast in the Church. It is the Feast of Feasts! What's not to like and enjoy? **Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Indeed, Christ Is Risen!**

TODAY

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 at Mass.

The Recital will begin at 2:30 p.m. TODAY April 19, 2026. Mr. Kyle Swan will be playing selections from J.S. Bach. As usual, we are happy to have our choir present along with our organist, Wendy Quinn. We welcome a small Schola from the Legionaries Brothers who will perform some familiar Latin hymns. Alternatively, everyone is invited to the Church Hall (St. Catherine) for a short

A Prayer by St. Catherine of Siena

**O tender Father,
you gave me more, much more
than I ever thought to ask for.**

**I realize that our human desires
can never really match
what you long to give us.**

**Thanks,
and again thanks, O Father,
for having granted me petitions, and
that which I never realized I needed
or petitioned. Amen.**

April 19 2026



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:

For the Intentions and Protection of Pope Leo XIV

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Repose of the Souls of Steven, Mary & Dorothy Govotski

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

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, April 20, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Souls of the living & deceased members of the DiPlacido, Perry, Bevilacqua & Chenard Families

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Joseph Rondeau (62nd anniversary)

requested by Jerry Rondeau

+ Repose of the Soul of Rev. Msgr. Raymond Barton

Diocese of Richmond, Virginia

Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Health & God's Blessings for Our Daughter

Her Parents

+ Repose of the Soul of Rev. Msgr. Joseph Aubin

Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York

Saturday, April 25, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Margaret Katroski

requested by The Family

Sunday, April 26, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Ron Stoecker

requested by Marie & Gary Pelletier

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Eugene Romanowki

requested by Children & Grandchildren

Parish Sharing & Support

(April 12, 2026)

Weekly	\$3,319.00
Monthly	\$ 305.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,030.00

Total \$4,654.00



Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2026

SEEN Events Offer Grieving Parents Avenues to Healing

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Families who have experienced infertility, the loss of an unborn child or a stillbirth often suffer in silence. But there is hope and healing for the invisible pain of child loss.

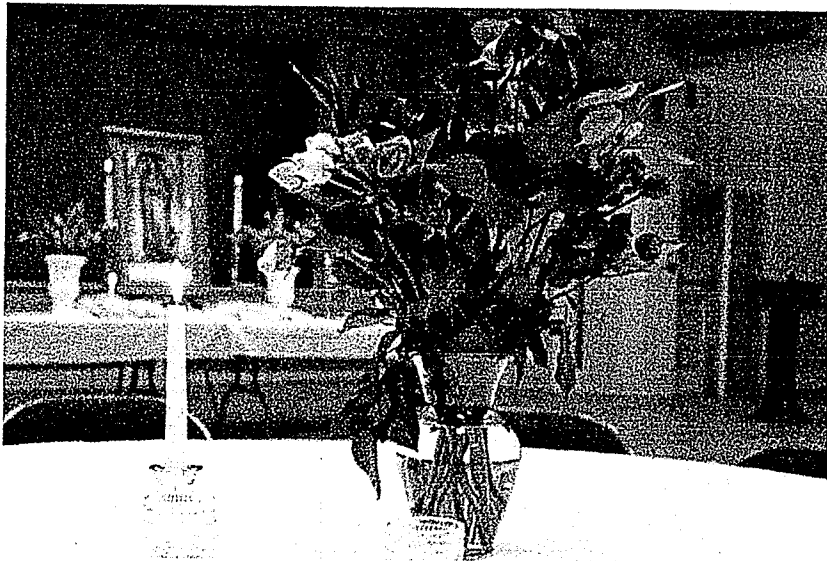
"SEEN," which stands for "Supporting Everyone Experiencing Neonatal Loss," is a series of events intended to acknowledge the life lost and to provide spiritual support for grieving families.

There is one upcoming spring event: Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury.

"Parents love that baby with all their heart from the first moment," says Valerie St. Jean, associate director of adult and family life ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. "When a parent loses a baby, the sadness is almost too much. And the loss is not recognized.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus."

"The name 'SEEN' is important because very often, nobody knows what happened. The parents hold it inside," she explains. "But we're here to affirm the dignity of the life lost. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception, and every soul has meaning and purpose."



Roses, candles and religious images set a quiet and prayerful tone for a SEEN gathering.

SEEN events allow parents to come forward to acknowledge their loss, meet other parents, gain spiritual nourishment and find ways to begin healing. The Basilica event will offer both spiritual and practical resources for coping with the loss of a child, whether the loss was due to a miscarriage or occurred after birth.

The evening event at the Basilica will include Mass, adoration, the veneration of relics, and a reception with resource materials. It will also feature a ministry of presence, including prayer, reconciliation, and counselors as well as art and journaling therapies.

"These events offer those suffering a safe place to grieve and to process their emotions, to be comforted and guided by spiritual support through our Catholic teachings," St. Jean stresses.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus. Expanding upon other resources and forms of prayer, can help people process their grief in different ways. The Basilica has done an amazing job

of finding resources to help people," she adds.

The SEEN concept was started as a grassroots effort in 2020 by interested parishioners at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven and has been quietly circulating to other parishes around the archdiocese in slightly different formats to reach more Catholics.

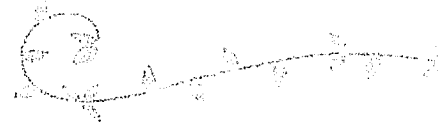
This past week, a SEEN event was also sponsored by St. Paul VI Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

While the events are parish-driven, the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life is offering its support and guidance, recognizing SEEN events as creative forms of support to reach the hearts of those who are suffering.

SEEN events are free, with many resources and services being donated, including music, food and materials. All interested families are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
 Bl. Michael McGivney Parish,
 St. Mary 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 a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



APRIL 28 @ 5 - 9PM
BENEFIT NIGHT FOR HAITI MINISTRY
 American Flatbread, The Shoppes at Farmington Valley, Canton

Enjoy dinner and support feeding & educating almost 500 students at St. Thérèse School in Lilavois, Haiti at the same time! Dine in or take out - it all counts! Visit www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti for more information.



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 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM \$50
COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship?

Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



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.



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.



MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM \$300
MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at 860-250-6246 for information.

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