

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



St. Catherine of Siena

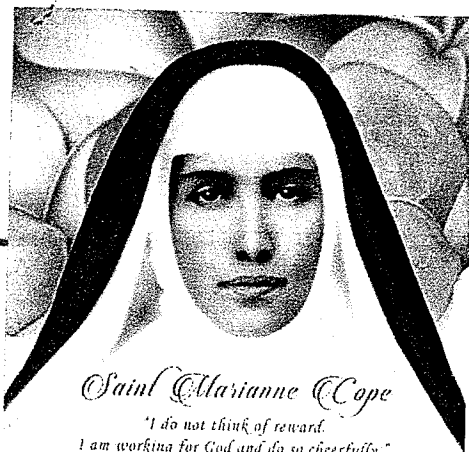
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

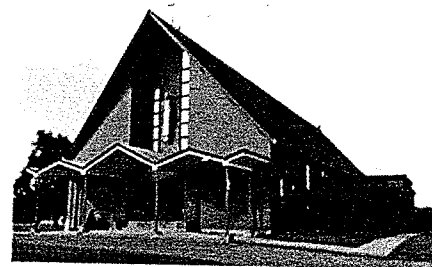


Saint Marianne Cope

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

April 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

"I am the gate for the sheep"



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: *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

At this time, and on behalf of our entire parish family of St. Marianne Cope we extend a sincere thank you to all who attended our Organ Recital on Sunday last. What a gorgeous instrument and lovely sound from our new/old organ. We heard renditions from Composers César Franck and Johann Sebastian Bach, plus the Brother's small Schola from the Legionaries of Christ in Cheshire, CT. Then we had congregational singing, celebrating our country's 250th anniversary, by singing "America" (My Country tis of Thee). A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Kyle Swan and Wendy Quinn for helping to put this together, our choir, who helped lead the singing. A special thank you to Colleen Green and the ladies for making the Hall look so great! Also, thank you for all the food! Your generosity has not gone unnoticed. God's blessings and graces to all!

*Very Sincerely,
Fr. Ron*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, May 3rd, we will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We welcome six first communicants to the Lord's Table. Please come and join us to welcome our First Holy Communion children to the Eucharist.

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

On April 30th the Church celebrates the Feast of Pope St. Pius V (1566-1572). Although we may think that he served so many centuries ago, yet in many ways Pope St. Pius V is quite close to us today especially through the many implementations he made almost 500 years ago.

Born Michael Ghislieri in 1504; at the young age of fourteen he became a Dominican. He was a deeply prayerful man who became a professor of theology, provincial of the Dominican Order and head of the Roman Inquisition, an office known today as the Office of the Propagation of the Faith. Incidentally, this was the office held by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before he became Pope Benedict XVI in 2005. In 1558, he was appointed Cardinal Bishop of Nepi and Sutri and later the Bishop of Mondovi.

Upon the death of Pope Pius IV (1559-1564) in December of 1564, the Cardinals elected Cardinal Michael Ghislieri, who took the name of Pius V. The year was 1566. The sixteenth century was quite difficult and painful for the Catholic Church. It was the century of the Protestant Reformation that endured Martin Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, King Henry VIII of England and later his daughter Queen Elizabeth I of England. It was the century of the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the longest Ecumenical Council in the history of the Church, lasting eighteen years. Into this historical situation Pope Pius V entered upon the scene remaining steadfast, firm and prayerful.

Many remember the Latin Mass, known as the Tridentine Mass. This was the Mass of Pope St. Pius V which lasted until the close of the Vatican II (1962-1965) when the Mass of Pope Paul VI (1963-1978) was implemented in 1969. This is the Mass we celebrate today. Presently, the old Latin Mass seems to be having a type of renaissance in our time. Possibly the result of nostalgic feelings for an era that seemed more tightly controlled or rather clear and cut with fewer options or deviations.

During the Papacy of Pope St. Pius V, a Universal Catechism was written for the entire Church; the Catechism of the Council of Trent. The Breviary was reformed. These are the prayers of the priests and religious. At this time, seminaries came to have tighter regulations and rigorous studies for priesthood. From this time forward, priests were mandated to live in rectories. Pope St. Pius V mandated priests to form the consciences of the young, this was a very early forerunner of the C.Y.O. He also instructed that priests adequately prepare adults who seek entrance into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. This is the forerunner of the O.C.I.A. Program. Due to the Battle of Lepanto in 1570, which was won without bloodshed, but through the prayers of the Rosary, Pope St. Pius V added "Mary, Help of Christians" to the Litany of Loretto and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was added to the Roman Calendar and is celebrated on October 7th.

There were many other reforms and implementations of Pope St. Pius V, and these have effected us to our own day. Obviously, we have a new Universal Catechism under the guidance of Pope John Paul II. Seminarians are once again closely monitored so as to present proper Catholic teachings.

Perhaps the most visible remembrance of Pope St. Pius V is the white cassock worn by the popes to this day. Cardinal Ghislieri, upon his election as pope, refused to forfeit his

Dominican habit, and since 1566 every successor of Pope St. Pius V has worn a variation of this beautiful Dominican habit.

Pope St. Pius V was a champion of the poor and the sick. He visited the hospitals weekly, walking among the ill, comforting them and bringing them hope. His own money was spent weekly to supply the poor with bread and other necessary items that would sustain their life and alleviate, in some small way, their plight. He was deeply and well loved by the faithful throughout Europe and held in high regard by the Protestants.

His death was slow and agonizing. He was dying of stomach cancer. For most of the rest of his life he lived on a limited diet, and was given goat's milk to ease the stomach pain. The faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray and sing on the death watch of their beloved pope. Several times Pope Pius appeared at his apartment window to acknowledge the love of the crowds and their generous prayers, until he could do so no more. Doesn't this all sound too familiar?! It seemed as though the same events happened recently with Pope John Paul II, in 2005.

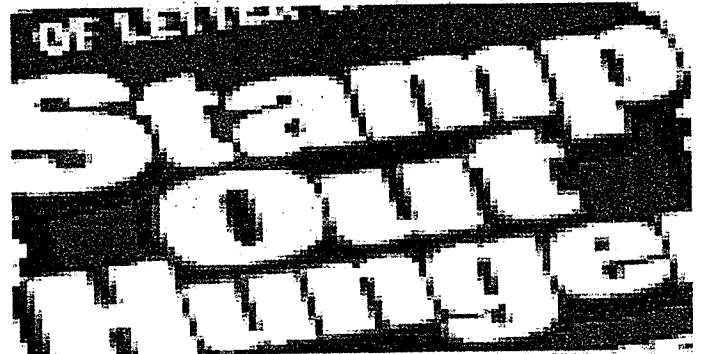
As he was dying he uttered these words to the cardinals: "I recommend to you the Church that I have always loved. Try to elect as my successor a zealous man who will seek nothing but the glory of the Savior and will have no other interest here other than the honor of the Apostolic See and the good of Christianity."

In the centuries old history of the Church we sometimes focus on the popes and the papacy. For in certain eras, certain popes were steering the barque of Peter through the Holy Spirit, it seems, more keenly than others. This is true of Pope St. Pius V.

Saturday, May 9, 2026

National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is Saturday, May 9. Donations collected from postal patrons who leave a bag of non-perishable food next to their mailbox on the second Saturday in May. All the food collected will be donated to Five Corner Cupboard in East Windsor, Connecticut.



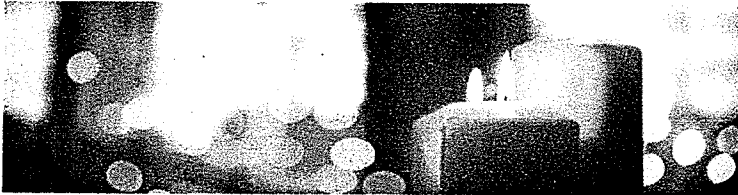


Mass Intentions

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:

Repose of the Soul of Harrison Hastings

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 Health & God's Blessing for Karen

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Barbara Piecha

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

Masses For The Week

Sunday, April 26, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Margaret Katroski

requested by The Family

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

Monday, April 27, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Rondeau (38th Anniversary)

requested by Jerry Rondeau

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend James Daley

(Diocese of Albany, New York)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ For the Souls in Purgatory

requested by Parishioners

+ In Thanksgiving for 31 years of the Priesthood

requested by Fr. Ron

Thursday, April 30, 2026 — NO 9:00 A.M. DAILY MASS TODAY AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

11:00 AM CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH — FUNERAL MASS FOR THE MOST REVEREND HENRY J. MANSELL — FOURTH ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD WITH BURIAL TO FOLLOW AT MOUNT SAINT BENEDICT CEMETERY, BLOOMFIELD

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Karen St. Georges

requested by Ron & Toni Theriault

Sunday, May 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Harrison Hastings

requested by The Hastings Family

Parish Sharing & Support

(April 19, 2026)

Weekly	\$ 1,497.00
Monthly	\$ 90.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 445.00

Total \$ 2,032.00



Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 2 - 8, 2026

Diaper Drive Brings Compassion, One Box at a Time

- Story by Jim Tierney

The idea did not begin in a church hall, but in a town conversation.

While living in West Hartford, Deacon Keith Griffin learned local agencies were quietly collecting diapers for families that could not afford them. When he was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2023 and assigned to Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield, the thought stayed with him. Why not here?

Christ the King Parish, comprising Church of the Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart, already had a strong social action committee. Parishioners were supporting a health clinic in Honduras and the work of Father Rick Frechette in Haiti. A diaper drive would be practical, immediate and local, Deacon Griffin notes.

"The main goal for the drive is to lend a helping hand to families."

"Diapers are an expensive necessity," he says. "People shouldn't have to choose between food and diapers. An average monthly supply costs \$80 to more than \$100. Clean diapers are a basic need for every baby and toddler."

For families relying on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, that money must also cover rent, heat, electricity, food and transportation, Deacon Griffin adds. Diapers alone can consume up to 12% of those benefits.

The first diaper drive was held in January 2024, around Three Kings Day. Parishioners responded with open hands. More than 800 diapers were collected. That generosity has continued, twice each year — once in January and again on Mother's Day weekend. The next Deacon's Diaper Drive will be held May 9 and 10 at all Masses.

"The main goal for the drive is to lend a helping hand to families," Deacon Griffin explains. "We deliver diapers to groups to distribute. We don't know directly how many families we are accommodating. The main goal is to collect as many as possible to help as many as possible."

Before the May 2024 collection, social action committee member Vin Cannamela contacted Corpus Christi School. Principal Ann Sarpu offered a simple incentive: a dress-down day for students who brought diapers, wipes or ointments. The children came through. Nearly 40% of the items collected each year now come from the school.

On collection day, the students form a bucket brigade, passing boxes hand to hand from the school building to adjacent Corpus Christi Church. It is a small parade of charity — sneakers squeaking, cardboard shifting, children grinning as they carry what many take for granted.

The parish does not distribute directly but delivers the diapers to those who manage the need: the Town of Wethersfield Social Services Department, Maria Reina de la Paz Parish in Hartford, Undercover New England, Hartford Deportation Defense, and Birthright. At the request of partner groups, the drive now also includes disposable undergarments for adults.

Deacon Griffin summarizes the broader community message from Matthew 25:45, when Jesus says that whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

For questions or more information about the diaper drive, email Deacon Griffin at deaconkeithCTK@gmail.com.

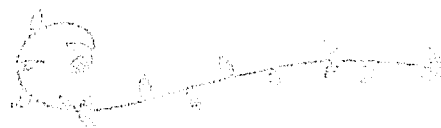


Deacon Keith Griffin of Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield organizes biannual diaper drives to support local and area social services. He stands with donations collected from the drive in January. PHOTO BY SHARON REYNOLDS



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Upcoming Events



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 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 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.



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!



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 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](tel:860-250-6246) for information.



MAY 21 @ 9:30AM - 3PM \$12
NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

This seminar helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. The cost of the book is \$12.00. Reservations required. Call Sr. Patricia Cigrand [203-606-4830](tel:203-606-4830) or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com. A free will offering will be welcomed.



JUNE 12 - 13 @ 8PM
ALL NIGHT VIGIL
 St. Joseph Church, Winsted

Vigil begins at 8PM with opportunity for Confession until 8:45PM. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9PM. Each hour throughout the night will have some structured prayer time as well as time for quiet reflection. Vigil concludes with 8AM Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Coffee and water will be available throughout the night. Homemade Bread will be shared after the 8AM Mass in honor of St. Anthony's Feast Day, June 13.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Total Goal: \$10M 74.14% as of 4/20/26

\$7,414,029.49 in pledges from 20,522 generous donors



www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal