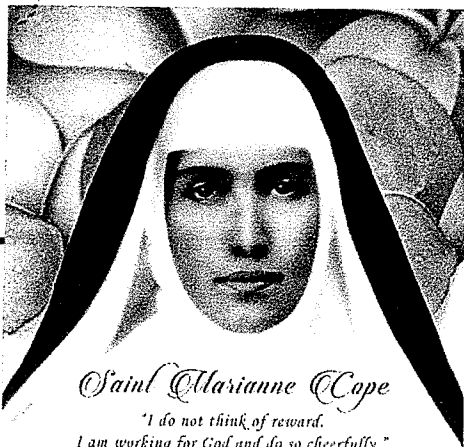


## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

May 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## First Holy Communion

Please pray for our

First Holy Communion class.

May they always have friendship with Jesus.

*Annalyn Katrina Belforti*

*Isabella Lena Bloznalis*

*Leahvoni Peyton Guzman*

*Riley Grace O'Brien*

*Elliott Christopher Wayne Rainey*

*Abigail Ann Starvish*

**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](http://smceastwindsor.org)  
**Parish Office email:**  
[office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*On May 8th we celebrate the first anniversary of Pope Leo XIV's election as pope. We congratulate him on his election and pray that the Holy Spirit will constantly be his guide. In recent times we've witnessed unusual events with the election of a pope. We've had a pope from Poland, German and South America, namely, Argentina. Now, we have an American Pope or as some in the media like to say: a Pan-American Pope because of his connection to Peru. We've witnessed a pope who is very definitive about the teachings of the Church, which comes from his Argentinian training. Please pray for Pope Leo XIV.*



**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 about Archbishop Mansell

Please permit me to share a few personal thoughts about Archbishop Henry J. Mansell whom The Lord called home on April 21, 2026 at the age of 88. He was a priest of the Archdiocese of New York. At the time he was taking possession of the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, he was Auxiliary Bishop of New York New York. He spent eight years as the Bishop of Buffalo before being assigned as the Fourth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2003.

From the outset, I found Archbishop Mansell to be very affable. I found no pretentiousness or guile in him. I found his humility and prayerfulness to be very genuine. Everyone was treated with dignity and respect. I felt that no matter what was said to him about someone, he never approached anyone with pre-conceptions. As a priest of the Archdiocese. I so welcomed this!

In 2005, the year of my 10th anniversary of priesthood, Archbishop Mansell called me to his office. I had no idea why I was going to have a private meeting with him. We sat together and prayed.

He said to me: "Father Ron I would like to make you an administrator of a parish for one year and then make you a pastor." I said: "Archbishop, I don't want to be an administrator or a pastor." He did not come back with: "I am The Archbishop and that's what I want." He simply said: "Father Ron, I'm in need of administrators and pastors and you have been a parish priest for 10 years now. I need you and your service.

Of course I acquiesced to his request and became the administrator of St. Patrick Church in Enfield, Connecticut for one year (2005 - 2006). During that time he graciously granted me a six-week sabbatical. Giving me three days to decide where I wanted to go. I telephoned him back at the Chancery and told him I would like to go to Poland to stay in the Monastery of The Pauline Fathers in Czestochwa, Poland. He responded: "What an excellent choice!" He shared that while he was Bishop of Buffalo, he had been to Poland and the Shrine of Our Lady several times. Even though he was Irish, he expounded on how much he enjoyed Polish culture and how much he learned about the land of John Paul II.

At the end of my administrative duties at St. Patrick in Enfield; he called and asked if I would go to SS. Peter and Paul Church in Wallingford, Connecticut, a small Polish parish. He said he could not get a Polish priest to go there, but if I took it; it would save him from moving several priests around. I took it and remained there for 11 years. At the time the parish had no money! He gave me a check from the Archdiocese of \$25,000.00 to begin to build it up. This was not a loan, it was a gift. This was in June of 2006. His only stipulation was that he be invited to celebrate Mass 6 months later. He came and celebrated Mass the Sunday after Christmas. Needless to say, there was standing room only. He was

so gracious to the people.

At the time I was a Vincentian Brother, the Vincentians lived in what was the Archbishop's Mansion on Prospect Avenue in West Hartford. Again, I was summoned to his office. He invited me to dinner with this specific request of asking me what the mansion looked like when the Vincentians had it. In that meeting he asked me what is my favorite part of priesthood. I said: "Saying Mass." He responded: "It is the favorite part of priesthood for me, too." I was taken by his humility in that he did not say it is the favorite part of my being a bishop. His title and his office never went to his head. He considered himself a priest, first.

When my father died, in walked Archbishop Mansell to pay his respects. My mother was not there because the day before my father's wake she fell and broke her hip. He asked which hospital she was in. I told him the Bristol Hospital. That evening I received a call from my mother telling me that Archbishop Mansell had visited with her for a half hour and anointed her.

During his tenure with us (2003-2013) I would tell my brother priests: "Enjoy his kindness and humility, as a bishop like this comes every 150 years." I would also say enjoy John Paul II for a pope like he comes every 500 years.

I likened Archbishop Mansell to our Hartford Bishop Maurice McAuliff (1934 -1944). He was a seminary professor, prayerful and humble. He lived as Bishop at the seminary taking the bus everyday to work in the chancery and taking the bus back to the seminary in the evening.

In the beginning I said Archbishop Mansell was affable, non-pretentious, no guile, humble, prayerful and very genuine. He seemed to never approach anyone with pre-conceived notions. May all these attributes precede him to the heavenly banquet of Jesus Christ. Simply put, Thank you, Archbishop Mansell.

Resquiescat in Pace!

*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.*

May 3, 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 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 Paul

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

For Health & God's Blessing for Kate & Baby Forest

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

# Masses For The Week

Saturday, May 2, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

**INTENTIONS OF THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

+ Repose of the Soul of Richard Washburn (Second Anniversary)

requested by Patricia & Traci

Monday, May 4, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Aunt Jo, Uncle Rolland & Cousin Paul

requested by Joyce & Roger

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend Earl Keating, C.P.

(Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ For the Soul of Loretta Lyman

requested by Maureen & Larry

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend Thomas J. Murphy

(Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts)

Thursday, May 7, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+Repose of the Soul of Donald Arcari

requested by the Teixeira & Maslow Families

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend Jerome Daly

(Diocese of Arlington, Virginia)

Saturday, May 9, 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ For all Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Marianne Cope Parish

Sunday, May 10, 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 AM

+ For all Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Marianne Cope Parish

## Parish Sharing & Support

(April 26, 2026)

Weekly	\$ 2,090.00
Monthly	\$ 155.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 860.00

Total \$ 3,105.00

