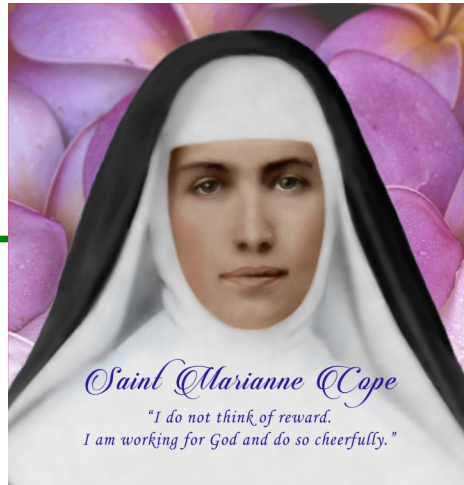




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

May 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy
Mother's Day

A mother's love is God's greatest blessing.

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

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office@smceastwindsor.org

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Director of Music: *Wendy Quinn*

Vocations Committee:

Paula McCloskey & Kay Teixeira

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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

Welcome

Today, for the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses, we welcome Fr George Brennan. Fr Brennan is a retired priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y. who resides in Enfield, CT. and works in prison ministry. We are very happy to welcome Fr Brennan, again, to St. Marianne Cope Parish.

Happy Mother's Day

On behalf of Deacon Alan and I, we would like to extend a heartfelt "Happy Mother's Day" to all the ladies who are mother's, grandmothers, godmothers, step-mothers, etc. on your special day. May Our Lord bestow many blessings upon you for all you do for us, and all you mean to us. Ladies: Happy Mother's Day!

For The Gentlemen

Through the kindness of Holy Family Retreat Center (The Passionist Fathers) in West Hartford, CT. I received a gift certificate for a gentleman from our parish who would like to make a weekend retreat (with other gentlemen) on the weekend of June 5-7, 2026. That would include Friday evening to Sunday noon. It's a gift certificate for \$375.00..... all expenses paid! Please, if you are interested, contact the office during business hours at 860-623-463 or see Fr Ron after Mass. *Gentlemen retreats are wonderful and take us out of our daily routine into a short, spiritual time with Our Lord in prayer and meditation. Please consider this opportunity and take advantage of the generosity of the Passionist Fathers. First come; First serve!!*

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.



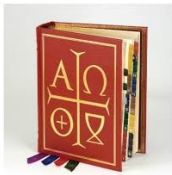
Crowning of the Statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Cemetery

As many of you have noticed and commented, our cemetery is looking so beautiful the last few years. It is the resting place for many of our loved ones. However, cemeteries should not only be used for burying the dead. It is a place to gather, on occasion, to pray for them.

Our cemetery has a beautiful, old statue of The Blessed Mother toward the end of the cemetery (in the back). Recently, we've had it cleaned and the grounds around her, also.

Therefore, I ask you to please join us for a May crowning in the cemetery at 6PM on May 13, 2026, weather permitting. We will recite the Rosary for God's peace in the world, through the intercession of The Blessed Virgin Mary. At the same time, we will ask Our Lady's prayers for all those who rest in the cemetery.

I chose May 13th because it is the 109th anniversary of Mary's apparitions to the children in Fatima, Portugal at the Cova da Iria in 1917. Her message at the time, and for all time is to pray for peace, to confess our sins and to do penance. Therefore we will be in God's Graces. Please join us in the cemetery on May 13th at 6PM. Please bring a lawn chair.



Thank You

We extend a heartfelt thanks to **Deacon Alan Germain and his wife Karen** for donating a new Roman Missal (the book the priest uses to say Mass) in memory of Deacon Alan's mother and father; Joan and Albert Germain. There is beautiful calligraphy in the Missal presentation. May Joan and Albert rest in the peace of Christ.



An old Catholic saying:

*Ad Jesum, per Mariam
To Jesus, through Mary*

Ascension Thursday

This week Thursday, May 14th is Ascension Thursday commemorating the day Jesus ascended to His Father; completing His earthly mission. Masses on that day will be at 9AM & 12:15PM. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass.

Congratulations

Once again, we offer congratulations and God-speed to our First Holy Communion Class, 2026. We are grateful to the parents for the gift of their children. We especially thank their teachers for their hard work and patience in preparing them for this very special sacrament. *May they be strengthened by Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. Once again, Congratulations!*

Some Anecdotal Tidbits

A deacon (Greek: *diaconos*... a servant) described the disciples "service" to continue Jesus' Mission and ministry to the church's historical "orders" of clergy; deacons were the sixth order before full priestly ordination. Today, the orders are 3; bishop, priest, deacon. The deacons assist the priests in their parish duties. A deacon does everything a priest does except: *say Mass, hear confessions and anoint the sick.*

On May 4, 1884 the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire was established by dividing the Diocese of Portland, Maine. Fr Denis M. Bradley was consecrated its first Bishop. In 1884 on that day, there were 45,000 Catholics in New Hampshire, 37 priests and 89 religious sisters.

Parish Sharing & Support

(May 3, 2026)



Weekly \$3,366.00
Monthly \$990.00
On-Line Giving \$630.00

Total \$4,986.00



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:

Repose of the Soul of Donna Gendreau

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:

Repose of the Soul of Archbishop Henry J. Mansell

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Health and God's Blessings for Fr Josh Wilbur

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

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, May 11, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Cindi & Mark Stoecker**

(49th Wedding Anniversary)

requested by Parishioners

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend Albert L. Roca**

(Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Souls of **Charles Cummings & Raymond Gaylord**

requested by Family

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend Monsignor Lawrence Deno**

(Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York)

Thursday, May 14, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Thomas Breor**

requested by Maureen & Larry

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend George Winne**

(Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania)

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Archbishop Henry J. Mansell**

requested by Fr Ron & Parishioners

Saturday, May 16, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

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

requested by Wyrostek Family

Health & God's Blessings for **Fr Josh Wilbur** (Archdiocese of Hartford)

requested by Fr Ron & Parishioners

Sunday, May 17, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Gerri Jackovonis**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Theodore Bulgajewski** (12th Anniversary)

requested by Wife & Family