



Saint Marianne Cope Parish

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor
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St. Catherine of Siena

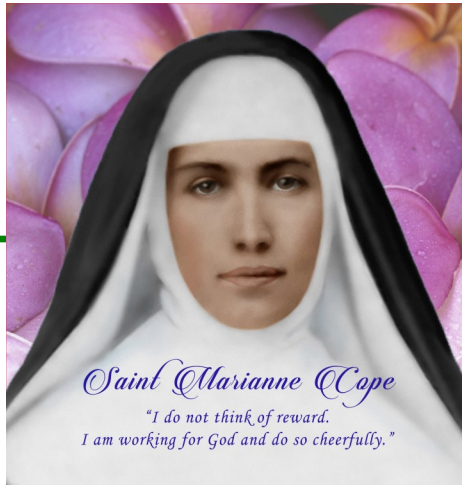
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



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

July 12, 2026

*"But blessed are your eyes, because
they see, and your ears,
because they hear."*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thursday 9am-3pm
St. Catherine Cemetery: by appointment

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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

The Month of July

We cannot say “traditionally” the month of July is the month of *St. Anne*, but in the church this month is dedicated to Anne and her husband, Joachim, (pronounced: joe-ah-keem). Their Feast day is July 26th. Since 1969 the church has celebrated the both of them together. We have a beautiful, yet old statue of St. Anne, on loan to us from the Mary-heart Crusaders Oratory in Meriden, CT. It depicts St. Anne with her daughter, Mary. Mary is about 5 years old and ready to be presented in the Temple. Anne is teaching her Sacred Scripture. Religious artists have long said that St. Anne is always presented as being old or older, so as to give light to the Blessed Virgin Mary’s youthfulness. Like many others, this statue follows that description. Please feel free to come into the sanctuary to see. There are Litanies in Honor of St. Anne, available for you on the table where the 2026-2027 Calendars are found. You are invited to take some for your spiritual edification. In days of yore young women would pray this little prayer in honor of *St. Anne*: “*O Good St. Anne; find me a good man.*” Incidentally, the statue of St. Anne in St. Philip Church, stood for 70 years in the vestibule of St. Joseph Church in Suffield, CT., which closed permanently in 2022. As you know, St. Anne is very dear to the French people.

Also, the month of July is to honor *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*. This beautiful statue of Mount Carmel was give to me by the late *Fr. Carmine Raneri*, who at the time was Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Waterbury, CT.; where I served for one summer as a Deacon in 1993.

Since I’ve come to St. Marianne Cope Parish, I’ve invited the “*Lay Carmelites*” to our Church. I celebrate Mass for then and am usually present for the taking of their promises, on or around her Feast Day of July 16th.

In her arms, she holds the baby Jeaus, who gently caresses her face. She gave the “*Brown Scapular*” to St. Simon Stock. The baby Jesus is presenting the Brown Scapular as the statue depicts. Again, in days past the Frist Holy Communion classes would be invested with the “*Brown Scapular*” by the parish priest. In this case the word “Scapular” is pronounced: (scap-pew-lah) without the “r”. We are happy to have the Lay Carmelites at Saint Catherine Church July 14th for their yearly celebrations of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The statue dates back to the 1940’s and has crystal eyes which was very common on Catholic statuary in those days. You are invited to take a closer look at her in the sanctuary. Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Pray for Us!

Sanctified and Rectified

Each year priests are given sometime to be on Spiritual Retreat to become sanctified and rectified. I will be on Retreat from the 13th to the 17th of July. I am pleased to say that in my absence Fr. John Gwozdz and Fr. George Brennan will be celebrating daily Masses for you. **There will be NO adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, July 14th.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Tuesday July 21, 2026. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Happy Fourth of July Our 250th Anniversary

Last week I began a series of articles on our patriotic songs. I will continue these articles through the month of July, honoring our 250th anniversary as a nation and the Declaration of Independence. This week we continue with *My Country, 'Tis of Thee or America.*

Our patriotic songs are so very beautiful. We are somewhat different, though, than other countries in that we don't sing our patriotic songs on a regular basis throughout the year. That's probably a positive thing, as we will never wear those songs out, allowing the heart to appreciate them even more when they are sung on our civic holidays.

We also have another tradition that is not found in Europe. It is the flying of the flag each day; and even from our own homes. I suppose it is why we are very different from the status quo of European thought. Obviously, European thought and customs are not wrong. This is the very reason upon which we were established: to be different.

In the last two weeks this column examined the rousing, defiant patriotic hymn: *The Battle Hymn of the Republic.* This week we examine another all-time favorite patriotic hymn: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee or America.* Once again, please read the lyrics carefully, slowly and with meditation. One can feel the movement of a free people when this hymn is sung. Written in 1831, a mere 55 years after the country was established; the song depicts an American people not only tasting freedom, but also nature tasting freedom, too. The blood runs cold at the lyrics of the third verse: "*Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break the sound prolong*". It is as if even nature itself was crying out FREEDOM! Please read the lyrics with great thought:

My Country 'Tis of Thee

*My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry
Mountainside Let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with
rapture thrills, Like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, And ring from
all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe
partake; Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.*

*Our father's God to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing. Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light, Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.*

The author is **Samuel Francis Smith** who after attending Harvard Latin School entered the Seminary to become a minister at Andover, Massachusetts. There, he became fascinated with Christian Missionary work and evangelization.

In the Seminary he met and befriended hymn publisher, *Mr. Lowell Mason*. Mason had a commanding knowledge of the German language and a large repertoire of German songs. While thumbing through these songs on a cold February evening, Smith chanced upon a beautiful tune entitled, in German "*Gut Segne Sachsenland*" (pronounced: *gut-zaing neh Zak-sen-lahnd*) or "God Bless Our Saxon Land". This of course, is the same tune as "God Save the Queen/King" sung in England at the King or Queen's presence just as "Hail to the Chief" is played upon the arrival or entrance of the President of the United States.

Incidentally, "*Hail to the Chief*" was first played for President James Knox Polk (1845-1849). He and his wife Sarah were of Scottish descent. "Hail To The Chief" is a Scottish tune. President Polk, the 11th president was short in stature, about 5' 8", Sarah stood much taller. When he came into a State Dinner at the White House, very few people knew he was there. Thus, the First Lady had an orchestra play "Hail to the Chief", a rousing Scottish tune to announce his presence. Since the Polk Administration the tune has been played for every president of The United States. *Another tidbit:* The shortest president was James Madison, our 4th president (1809-1817). He stood at 5' 4" and weighed 100 lbs. His wife Dolly Madison stood taller at 5' 6 1/2". He was a second cousin to President Zachary Taylor, our 12th president (1849-1850). By the way, Dolly Madison was a frequent guest of James and Sarah Polk during many White House State Dinners. She was the Belle of Washington society. In Washington, D.C. she was known as "*buxom Dolly*".

When Samuel Smith heard this German tune, he was compelled to write a patriotic hymn. In his diary he wrote: "*picking up scrap paper which lay near me, I wrote at once probably within half an hour, the hymn, America, without any changes.*"

On July 4, 1831, it was sung for the very first time at Boston's Park Street Congregational Church, by the teenage choir.

Samuel Francis Smith became a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer and advocate of Christian Missionaries. His death was quite sudden, at the Boston train station before boarding a train to go to a preaching appointment. He was in his late eighties.

At the age of 23, Samuel Smith penned the lyrics of the second most revered patriotic hymn: "**America**". His close friend, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935) late Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court spoke these words about Smith:

"And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith, fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith; but he shouted a song for the brave and the free, just read on this medal, "My country, 'Tis of thee!"

Next to the *Battle Hymn of The Republic, My Country 'Tis of Thee* is also a great favorite of mine. I have a framed copy of the lyrics next to my bed. I read those verses, reminding me of how very precious freedom truly is and that these United States were indeed founded upon God's principles. I especially LOVE the last verse, or part of it: "*Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might Great God our King.*" **Need we say more??**





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 Joseph M. Welsh

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Maria & Wes

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 Joseph M. Welsh

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Josh Wilber

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



Masses For The Week

Saturday, July 11, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the soul of Josie Werden*
(eighth anniversary)

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the soul of Margaret Teske*

requested by the Stoecker Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the soul of Karen St. Georges*

requested by Maureen & Larry Lyman

Monday July 13, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

Health & God's Blessings for the Lay Carmelites

requested by Annedda Stiller

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

God's Grace, Healing & Mercy for John P. Breen Jr & Pat Talley

requested by Pat Talley

Thursday, July 16, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ *Repose of the souls of Ed, Mina, Bob & Mia*

requested by Joyce & Roger

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the soul of Rev. Richard W. Puetz*

(Diocese of Lafayette, LA.)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Ed Przygocki, M.S.A.

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ *Repose of the souls of Leon & Janina Kucner*

requested by Family

Parish Sharing & Support

(June 28, 2026 & July 5, 2026)



Weekly \$4450.00

Monthly \$690.00

On-Line Giving \$1265.00

TOTAL \$6405.00