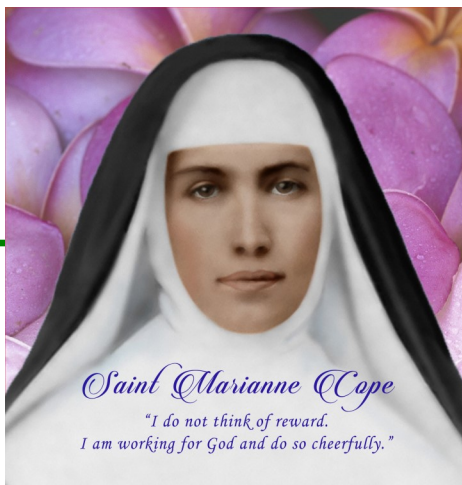




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor
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July 19, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven may be linked to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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

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

**Mt. Carmel Italian Festival**

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society warmly invites you to our historic **100th Anniversary Italian Festival**.

Bring the whole family for three unforgettable evenings of incredible food, thrilling rides, games, and world-class live music.

July 31 to August 2 | Opens at 5:00 PM Nightly
Admission: \$5 (Kids under 12 FREE).

Join us for rides, games, great food, and treats from Carlo's Bakery (Cake Boss)!

Saturday, August 1st: A Patriotic Tribute

We are thrilled to welcome back *Deana Martin* (daughter of legendary Dean Martin) with special guest *Tony Orlando*!

Both Deana and Tony are passionate advocates for our military, veterans, and their families.

They've heard that Enfield is a deeply patriotic town - let's prove them right! Please wear your military hats, t-shirts, or patriotic attire to show our appreciation for their support.

Sunday, August 2nd: Solemn Mass

Time: 9:00AM | Location: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (outdoor shrine) Celebrant: We are especially honored to announce that Archbishop Christopher Coyne will be celebrating this special anniversary Mass.

There is so much to see, do, eat, and hear. Don't miss out on making history with us - plan to attend this spectacular milestone event!

**Parish Sharing & Support**

(July 12, 2026)

Weekly \$ TBA

On-Line Giving \$ TBA

TOTAL \$ TBA



Happy Fourth of July Our 250th Anniversary

Perhaps you may have noticed that I have decided to take the whole month of July, in which we celebrate our American Independence, to review our treasured patriotic hymns and share an historical account of their inspiration. I have found the research and writing quite interesting, justifiably proud, yet graciously humble. I say graciously humble, because I was moved to learn that both *The Battle Hymn of The Republic* and *My Country 'Tis of Thee* were first written on scrap paper that the authors of both were trying to rapidly write the lyrics before it left their minds.

This week we peer into yet another of America's best loved patriotic hymns "***America The Beautiful***" penned in 1893, by a woman named Katherine Lee Bates. Also, I thought of the women whose rapture-filled hearts were so caught up with love for this country, that their pens gave us these never ending patriotic hymns. Not that the men were not proud of the country, perhaps they were busy running the country, at the time.

Read now, the patriotic hymn:

America The Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassion'd
stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who
more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine!*

*O Beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!*

This patriotic hymn came out of the observance of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in the New World, celebrated in 1892. In that year,

Chicago hosted a World's Fair to commemorate this milestone anniversary. A group of Wellesley College professors (Wellesley, Massachusetts) traveled to the Fair en route to Colorado to teach summer school. Later, these women compared the marvels of the World's Fair to the Glory of God's Creation of the Rocky Mountains.

At the close of summer school in Colorado, the teachers decided to visit Pike's Peak, which rises 14,000 feet above sea level. *Katherine Lee Bates* wrote these words in her diary: "*We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view. I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse.*"

We'll let Katherine Lee Bates tell it to us in her own words: "*It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind. When we left Colorado Springs the four stanzas were penciled in my notebook... The Wellesley work soon absorbed time and attention again, the notebook was laid aside, and I do not remember paying heed to these verses until the second summer following, when copied them out and sent them to The Congregationalist where they first appeared in print July 4, 1895. The hymn attracted an unexpected amount of attention...In 1904, I rewrote it, trying to make the phraseology more simple and direct.*"

The tune to ***America the Beautiful*** was already in existence. Katherine Lee Bates wrote only the lyrics. The author of the tune is *Samuel A. Ward* who attached the tune to a Church hymn entitled: "*O Mother Dear, Jerusalem*". It is believed that Ward composed the music in 1882 while crossing the New York Harbor after spending the day at Coney Island. Here's another humble, proud American moment. Ward composed the tune on the cuff of his shirt!!

The most profound words of this patriotic American hymn are found in verse three. They follow: "*O Beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved. And mercy more than life!*"

All these patriotic hymns thus far reflect God and God's goodness, mercy and love. ***What will happen to these beautiful, soul stirring patriotic hymns when the present generation rules the country. I fear they may be totally shelved and never sung again, because the present generation believes not in God and for the most part has already shelved God or at least relegated God to a back burner. Something worth pondering.***



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 Andrew J. Welsh Sr

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Peace in Ukraine & Iran

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:

*Health & Blessings for Bishop Jeffrey Walsh
(Diocese of Gaylord, MI)*

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Health & Blessings for Annie Grey

Masses For The Week



Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

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

(Diocese of Lafayette, L.A.)

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

Monday July 20, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

11:00 to 12:00PM (St. Catherine Church)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

For the souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Patricia McConnell**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Thursday, July 23, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Zofia Rzepka**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Saturday, July 25, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Mabel Ouellette** (5 year Anniversary) &
Daughters Joyce & Gail

requested by Family

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Fr. Terry Kristofak, C.P.**

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Patty Pallotti**

requested by Steve & Roseanne