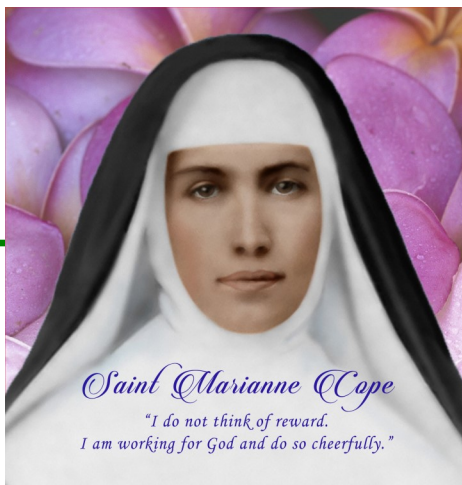




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



July 26, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Seventeenth 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

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

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 & 19, 2026)



Weekly \$3454.00
 Monthly \$435.00
 On-Line Giving \$ 880.00

 TOTAL \$4769.00



SS. Anne and Joachim **July 26th**

In one of the many parishes that I have been graced to serve, I met an elderly lady around midafternoon while lighting a candle before the image of St. Anthony of Padua. She asked if I had a devotion to St. Anthony and I answered, I do. She told me that he was a saint who answered prayers rather quickly to which I concurred. The lady asked if I knew the little prayer- poem to the saint. I said I never knew there was one. She said here it is, Father: *"Tony, Tony, come around, something's lost and must be found."* Obviously, we both had a hearty chuckle.

The time of the year was around the end of July, or midsummer. Our conversation turned to St. Anne since we were so close to her feast day along with her husband Joachim. The lady was a bit of a spitfire. She told me that there was a prayer-poem for St. Anne, too. Needless to say, she had my undivided attention. She said, here it is, Father: *"Good St. Anne, please find me a good man."* She tersely reminded me that it was a prayer for women only and that's how she caught a good husband.

We celebrate the feast of St. Anne and Joachim on July 26th. Truly, we don't know for sure if they were the parents of the Blessed Mother. Their names were first found in the Protoevangelium of St. James, an apocryphal book that has not been accepted by the Church, canonically.

However, the feast of Ss. Anne and Joachim has been celebrated and not celebrated throughout Church history. St. Anne received popular devotion during the Crusaders in the 1300's. St. Joachim was added to this devotion in the 1500's. Pope St. Pius V (1566- 1572) decreed that Ss. Anne and Joachim are to be honored as the parents of Mary for all posterity. Their feast day was finally set at July 26th by Pope Paul VI (1963-1978).

Strangely enough, we never see holy images or statues of St. Joachim, but of St. Anne there are plenty! She is depicted in art as an old woman, teaching her five-year old daughter, Mary, the scriptures or perhaps, the Ten Commandments, in particular. One of the most beautiful Shrines in the world is the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre (St. Anne of the Meadows) in Quebec, Canada. Here, through her intercession, many have been healed, because she prays for God's graces to touch the life of the faithful.

We began this article with my meeting an elderly lady in church when lighting a candle. From that we have two prayer-poems; "Tony, Tony come around, something's lost and must be found" and "good St. Anne, please find me a good man" Chuckle though we may at these, it remains constant that St. Anthony does help to find things that are lost, especially our faith. Ss. Anne and Joachim, how blessed they are, all creation is indebted to them. They fashioned a jewel of virginity. They gave the world the Virgin Mother of God as their precious daughter. I don't know about you, but I believe that Anne and Joachim are the parents of Mary. Let us ask ourselves, would the Lord God deny Jesus his grandparents? In French: *"C'est bon est Le Bon Dieu"...* "How good is the good God!"

We would have celebrated their Feast Day today (July 26th), however, this is the Lord's Day. Rightfully as it is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Happy Feast of SS. Anne and Joachim, anyway.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th



August 15th falls on a Saturday this year. According to the church regulations for the past 30 years, if a **Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Saturday or Monday it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.** However, in order to accommodate those who love The Blessed Virgin Mary, we will celebrate a **Vigil Mass only**, in her honor at 5:30PM, Friday August 14, 2026 in St. Catherine Church. Please mark you calendars. All are invited to honor our Blessed Lady on that evening.



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:

For Special Intention

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Repose of the soul of Linda Zepecki

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

Masses For The Week



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

Monday July 27, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Geraldine Jackavonis**

requested by Sandra Coelho

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Kathleen Rybick**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Thursday, July 30, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

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

requested by Sandra Coelho

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Andrew J. Welsh, Sr.**

requested by Seglio & Welsh Family

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Gilson Family**

requested by John & Marilyn Gilson

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **James Bradley**

requested by Gary & Carolyn Miller