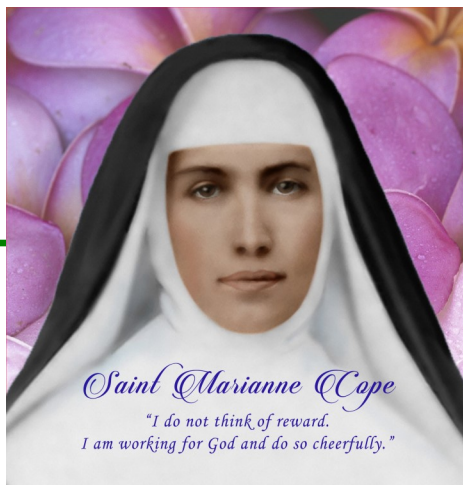




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



August 16, 2026

"Lord, help me."



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

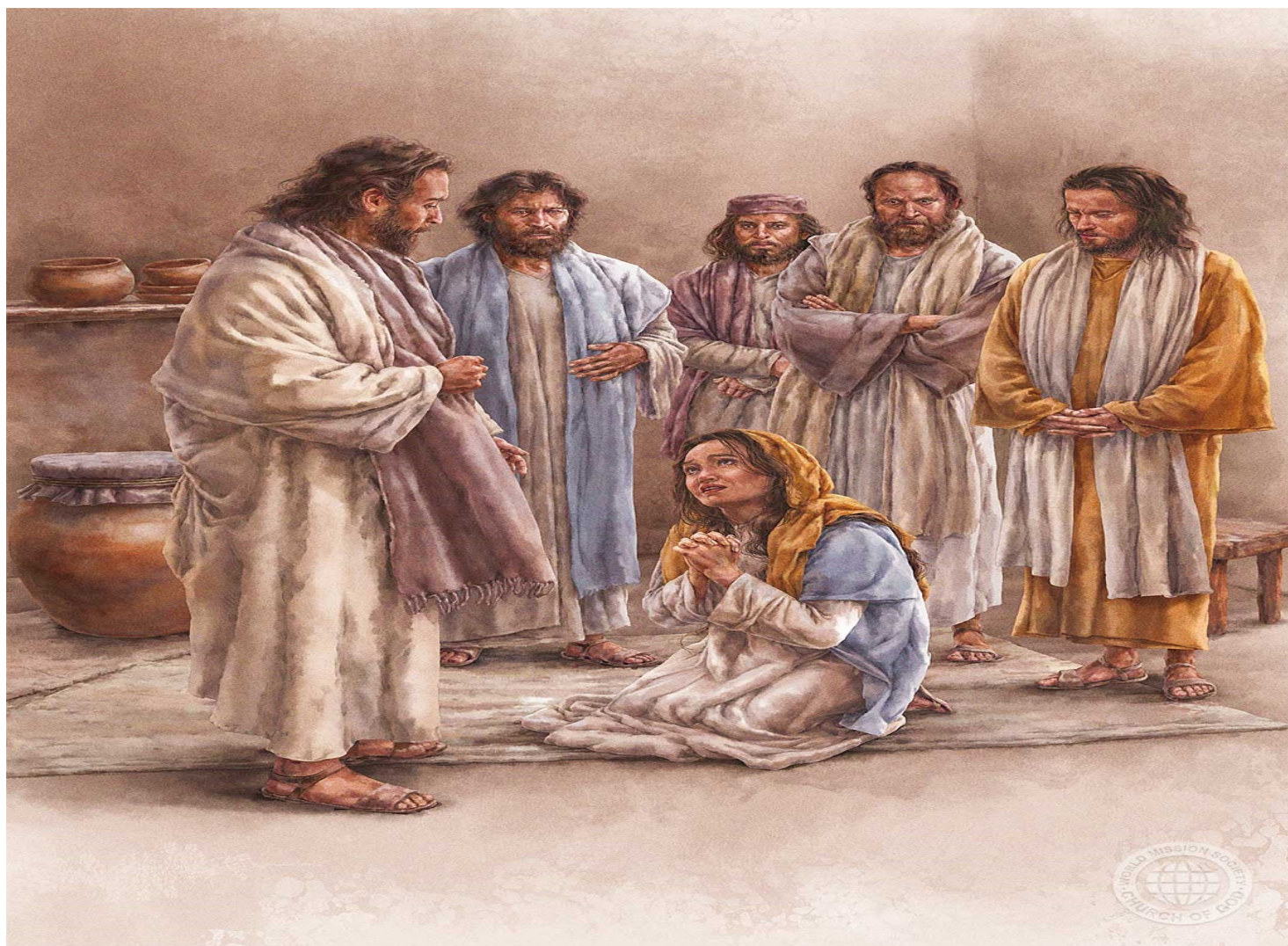
Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

The Men's Conference will take place on October 10, 2026 at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, Connecticut. The Connecticut Annual Men's Conference has been going since 2008. It was founded 18 years ago by a volunteer group and aims to renew faith, build brotherhood among Catholic men and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious brothers and marriage. The conference features adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, confessions, a reliquary procession of the Saints and a Vigil Mass.

You may register and purchase tickets directly through the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference website. Regular tickets are \$45 and \$30 for teenagers 13 to 19.

Mass and Candle Intentions

Each week we have a need for mass and candle intentions. You are not seeing that as we have been filling them in ourselves. There comes a time when we run out of thinking who to place in for intentions. Please call the office and help fill in these Mass and candle intentions for the rest of 2026. Our number is 860-623-4636 Monday through Thursday 9:00-3:00 PM. Thank you for your kind help.

Parish Sharing & Support

(August 9, 2026)

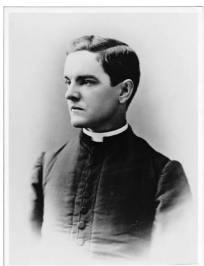


Weekly \$2294.00

Monthly \$80.00

On-Line Giving \$445.00

TOTAL \$2819.00



Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney 1852– 1890

After ordination to the priesthood Fr. McGivney was assigned to St. Mary Church on Hillhouse Ave in New Haven, Connecticut as the new Assistant Pastor. He performed his priestly duties well; visiting the sick, visiting those in the prison on death row and attending to the needs of the poor.

For Catholics in the United States times were tough. Fr. McGivney was used to these times as he grew up in poverty and discrimination against Catholics, especially the Irish. Nevertheless, his demeanor was calm and placid and because his deep abiding love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and our Blessed Lady, Mary, he was able to draw much spiritual strengths.

He befriended the German pastor at St. Boniface Church on State Street in New Haven. The walk was a stone's throw away from St. Mary... an easy walk for the day. His name was Fr Joseph Schaele (pronounced: shay-leh). The many long talks with Fr. Schaele about the poor, sudden death, widows and children led to the founding of the Knights of Columbus. Actually, Fr. Schaele placed many ideas in Fr McGivney's mind about these concerns. Incidentally, St. Boniface Church still stands, but is now a Baptist church. As the German community dwindled by the late 1980's early 1990's it became apparent to close the German parish and sell its properties. Sadly, we are all too familiar with this scenario in our own times.

On March 29, 1882, Fr. Michael McGivney, and several men founded the Knights of Columbus in the basement of St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The Knights of Columbus serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization. The Knights of Columbus, at the time, served especially widows and their children. They also served immigrants and their families. Today it is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization, with 2.2 million members worldwide. More than 17,000 councils are operating globally. The countries where they exist are: United States, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, Ukraine, Lithuania, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Panama, Bahamas Guatemala, Saipan, US Military Bases, various Universities, and the territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The most recent country accepting the Knights of Columbus is Poland.

In 1884 Father McGivney was assigned to St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, CT as its young pastor. He served St. Mary in New Haven from 1877 to 1884 a total of seven years. Thomaston is a lovely New England town, nestled in the Midwest part of Connecticut. Thomaston, CT was just established as a separate town in 1874, ten years before McGivney's arrival. He replaced the first pastor, Fr. Eugene Gaffney who founded the parish in 1873.

Incidentally, Fr. McGivney was not only pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, but was also made administrator of The Immaculate Conception Mission Church in Terryville, CT (Terryville happens to be my hometown). Immaculate Conception Mission was established in 1882 by Irish immigrants under Bishop Lawrence McMahon. From 1884 to 1890, Fr. McGivney served the Catholic mission in Terryville.

It is interesting to note that Fr. McGivney was an avid baseball player. He would gather a group of men and boys on Sunday afternoons and as is said: "Playball". The annals on Fr. Michael McGivney say that he was "pretty damn good" at the game.

More about Blessed Michael J. McGivney next week.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration is now open for our 2026-27 Faith Formation Program. Classes are available by age/grade:

Good News: Grade 1 & 2

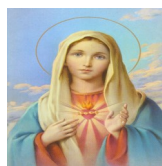
Preparation for Firth Reconciliation and First Eucharist: Grade 3

Venture: Grades 4 & 5

Visions: Grade 6 & 7

Preparation for Confirmation: Grades 8-12

The links to register can be found on the St. Marianne Cope website www.smceastwindsor.org (under Faith Formation). Please share this with anyone who may be interested. **CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY September 27th, 2026.** If you have any questions, please contact the CRE, Mary Hevner at maryhevner@cox.net



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.

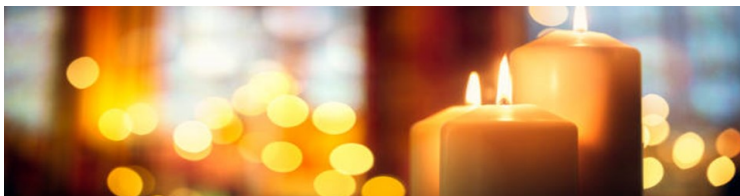


Mass Intentions

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:

In Thanksgiving, Fr. Josh Wilbur

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:

Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Ed Przygocki, MSA

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Special Intentions

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

Masses For The Week

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Marie DaSilva**

requested by Paula & Kay

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Patricia Gendreau**

requested by Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Paul Collazo, Evan Collazo, Jr. & Evangelio Collazo, Sr.**

requested by Carmen Collazo

Monday, August 17, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Camille & Reggie**

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 St. John Eudes

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Debbie Dziadul** (2nd Anniversary)

requested by Family

Thursday, August 20, 2026 St. Bernard of Clairvaux

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Sue & Lee Rondeau**

requested by Teixeira Family

Saturday, August 22, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Robert Maloney, Diane Dumouchel-Bassage & Matthew Daigle** (Birthday Remembrance)

requested by Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Armand, Charles & Anton**

requested by Daughter, Mother & Wife, Pauline

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

Birthday Blessing's for **Kevin Miqueli**

requested by Ernie & Kay

In Thanksgiving

For several weeks we have been praying for Fr. Josh Wilbur, priest of The Archdiocese of Hartford to get a liver transplant. We are grateful to announce the Fr. Wilbur received a new liver on August 10th. Everything is quite successful. Please keep praying for Fr. Josh. Fr. Josh is the Pastor at St. Thomas Church in Oxford, CT.