



St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

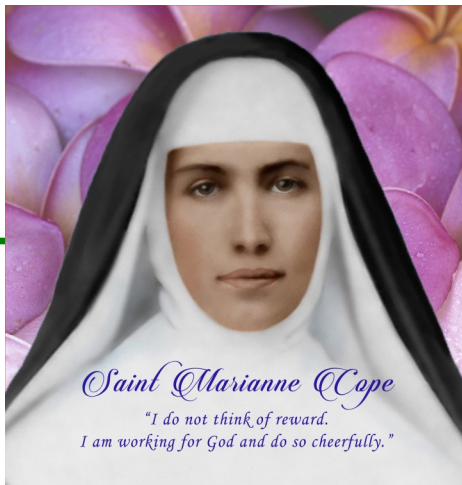
Mon., Tues. & Wed at 12:15 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



August 30, 2026

***"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."***



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

Twenty-Second 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



IMPORTANT

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, 2026 in observation of Labor Day. We will reopen with regular office hours on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 9:00AM

The Year of Saint Francis
1181-1226

In celebration of the year of St. Francis we have, in each church a beautiful banner commemorating this special year. Please stop by to take a closer look. The statue of St. Francis in St. Philip Church stood in St. Joseph Church, Suffield, CT. St. Joseph Church closed in 2022. The smaller statue of St. Francis (St. Catherine Church) stood in one of the gardens at St. Philip Church. They are in our presence at this time for our spiritual edification and our love and devotion to St. Francis.

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.

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 First 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

St. Francis of Assisi **1181-1226**

When I was growing up in my parish church there was a society of lay people known as the St. Francis Society. Years before my birth, they purchased two statues; one of St. Francis of Assisi and one of St. Anthony of Padua, a contemporary of Saint Francis. Those statues still stand in the church. Incidentally, St. Francis and St. Anthony knew each other, personally. St. Francis always referred to St. Anthony as “my little bishop”. St. Anthony was the very first Franciscan to ever teach in a university (The University of Padua, hence his name: St. Anthony of Padua). He taught sacred scripture, dazzling St. Francis with his knowledge. Therefore, the name “my little bishop” was a nickname inspired by St. Francis.

St. Francis Societies in parish churches of the day focused on directly helping the less fortunate in the parish and those who were ill. They cared for immigrants, the marginalized and maintained a beautiful sense of liturgical prayer in the parish church.

The parish church where I grew up was served by Franciscan Sisters. They were known as: “*The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis*”. Their habits were all black with a long veil and white wimple. They were so deeply, spiritually inspiring. As a matter of fact, they probably were my first spark to thinking that maybe I would like to become a priest. I remained very close to them as a boy, a teenager and a young man. They taught C.C.D. (faith formation), took good care of the linens, decorated the church for many occasions, but most of all, they prayed for everyone.

When I finally decided that I would like to pursue the possibility of being a priest, I went to the convent and told the Sisters of my possible calling. I said, I may like to be a Franciscan. They suggested I go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to a huge Franciscan Friary. In 1976 I went. The experience was gratifying, but I wasn’t ready for the commitment. Incidentally Franciscans and Dominicans do not live in a monastery. They call their home a *Friary* and themselves Franciscan Friars or Dominican Friars.

The Roman Catholic Church never throws the baby out with the bath water. We change through the years and old traditions and practices always get a new look. Tradition is very important to us. Years may pass, but we always honor and remember.

Pope Leo XIV has declared 2026-2027 (at least a small part of 2027) The Year of St Francis. It is to commemorate the passing of St. Francis 800 years ago. St. Francis of Assisi, who has crossed the ages and even the Reformation as one of the most favorite and popular saints in all Christianity. In our own time we have lived to witness a pope, for the first time in history, to take the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi. Noticed that Pope Francis never had a number after his name. He was simply known as “Pope Francis”. There would have to be another Cardinal to take the name Francis in order to make the recently deceased Francis; Pope Francis I. Then the new Pope Francis would become Pope Francis II. Until then, he remains simply: Pope Francis

More to come about St. Francis of Assisi.



Pasta Dinner in Honor of **St. Francis of Assisi**

Tickets are on sale for our “pasta dinner” on October 3, 2026. The dinner will be held in St. Philip Hall. *The menu includes: Homemade pasta sauce, homemade meatballs, italian sweet sausage, garlic bread, salad, coffee, tea, soda and dessert.* You may purchase your ticket(s) by calling Stefanie during office hours Monday—Thursday 9-3pm. The tickets are \$15.00 each. Please join us in celebration of St. Francis and parish camaraderie. The office number is 860-623-4636.

Happy Anniversary

We are celebrating the 140th anniversary of the building of St. Catherine Church on Sunday, November 1, 2026. We will begin with a Mass at Noon, followed by a reception at the Nutmeg at 2 pm. Further details are forthcoming.

At this time, the Committee would like your help with the event by taking some time to share your Memories as a Parishioner of St. Catherine Church. *We will create a slide show of these memories, including photographs and stories that you share with us.*

Jan Albetski will coordinate this project. The BEST way to share is to email directly to Jan at: jalbetski@cox.net.

Stories should be kept brief, 30 words or less is ideal.

For Photos, we would appreciate a digital copy emailed to Jan.

If necessary, we will accept hard copies and will provide details on how to submit these shortly.

France

From September 2-12 I will be visiting Paris, France. In my absence we welcome Fr. John Gwozdz and Archbishop Leonard P. Blair who will be covering most of my time away. On September 6th at 11:30am EST (5:30am EDT) I have the privilege of con-celebrating Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral in French. Please, I will be sure to remember all of you at Mass on that day. Please pray for a safe flight there and back. God’s blessings be yours. **There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday September 1st and September 8th. Adoration will resume September 15th.**

Save the Date

This year, 2026 marks the 140th Anniversary of the building of St. Catherine Church in Broad Brook, CT. It is fitting that we celebrate the building of St. Catherine Church 140 years ago. Our celebration will take place on Sunday, **November 1, 2026** with a 12 noon Mass at St. Catherine Church and a lovely dinner celebration afterwards at *The Nutmeg Restaurant* in East Windsor. More information to follow. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

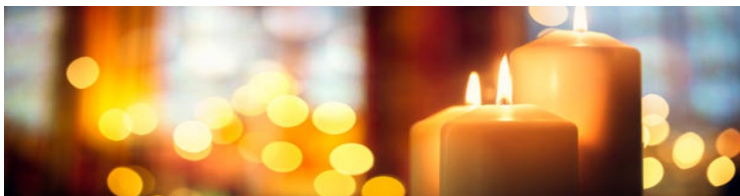


Mass Intentions

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 Blessings for Barbara & Mark Grady

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Repose of the soul s of Walter & Lucielle Kessler

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 John Cunniff

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 29, 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Patricia Plude**

requested by William & Diane Hartnett

Sunday, August 30, 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions

requested by Karen & Alan Germain

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Repose of the soul of **Kazimierz Gosciniak**

(father of Fr. Derek Gosciniak, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church New Britain)

Monday, August 31, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

NO ADORATION

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Martin Talley**

requested by Pat Talley

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

In Honor of **Mary, Mother of the Sorrowful Heart**

requested by Toni & Ron Therault

Thursday, September 3, 2026 St. Gregory the Great

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Archbishop Henry Mansell**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Saturday, September 5, 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

Special Intentions

requested by Karen & Alan Germain

Sunday, September 6, 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Bernadette Sadownick**

requested by Barbara Sherman

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Repose of the soul of **Robert Laterreur**

requested by Kay & Ernie

Parish Sharing & Support (8/23/26)



Weekly \$6659.00

Monthly \$750.00

Holy Day \$10.00

On-Line Giving \$435.00

Candles \$1685.00

TOTAL \$9539.00