



St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

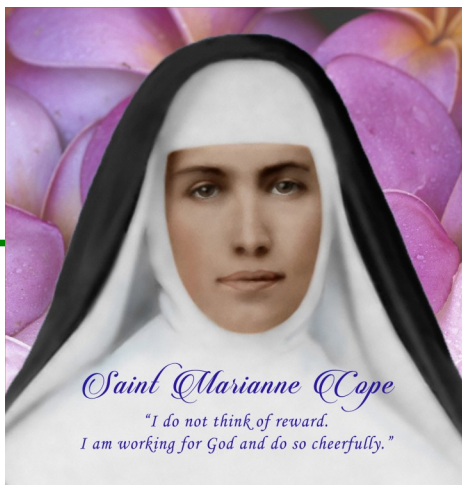
Mon., Tues. & Wed at 12:15 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



September 6, 2026

***"Come to me, all who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest."***



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-Third 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

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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

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.

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 CEST (5:30am EDT) I have the privilege of con-celebrating Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral in France. 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.**

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



Happy Labor Day 2026

This week Monday, the nation celebrates Labor Day, a creation of the labor movement to honor the social and economic achievements of American workers. For more than a hundred years Americans have taken this extra day of rest from their hard toil to give recognition to the work of our hands, which built and continues to build a strong nation.

Celebrated on the first Monday of September, Labor Day did not have an easy beginning. Faded into obscurity are the names of those pioneers of Labor Day, namely, Samuel Gompers, Peter J. McGuire and Matthew Maguire. Finally, in 1882, The New York City Central Labor Union gathered together for the first Labor Day on September 5th with a large parade and a picnic.

Throughout the 1880's many states adopted legislation for recognition of Labor Day. In 1887, Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York joined the effort. By the decade's conclusion they were joined by Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania. By 1894, 23 other states adopted the holiday in honor of workers. Incidentally, in those days the Democratic Party was not interested in supporting worker's unions or even Labor Day. President Grover Cleveland, a Democrat, sent out 12,000 troops to stem the tide of workers on strike. As a result he lost the presidential election of 1894. How differently we perceive our political parties today! One would never think of Democrats not supporting worker's rights or unions in our time.

In the Roman Catholic Church the first support of worker's rights came through Pope Leo XIII (1878 1903) encyclical entitled: *Rerum Novarum*, written in 1891 In it, the Holy Father suggested a fair and just wage, worker's rights to unionize, shorter working hours from 10 - 12 hours per day, to 8 hours per day. He suggests that the dangers of child-labor should be brought to an end. In 1991, Pope John Paul II (1978-2005) commemorated Pope Leo's encyclical by writing his own encyclical entitled, *Laborem Exercens* on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*. A very profound thinker, Pope John Paul expounds upon the successes and failures of working men and women since 1891, and guides us on to the future, assuring everyone of the Church's support of workers and their rights.

During the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI he encouraged those of us who labor to find time and even make time for REST. The Holy Father teaches us that life is not all work and the fear is that workaholics would become too stressed to give to the needs of their wives, husbands and children. After so many hours of work, one will have nothing to give to the pleasures of life, such as the enjoyment of the children, grandchildren or quality time with one's spouse. Do you know what.... hands down, The Pope is right!

What of Labor Day? More than a century after its beginning it is seen as the last long weekend of summer. It's a day to bid farewell to summer. Most of Labor Day's original pizzazz has now faded into obscurity. The Bible tells us that God created the universe in six days. What is a day to God? A thousand years? A millennium? Five minutes? On the seventh day, seeing all that he made with His hands, God rested from His labor. May we, as Christians honor the American worker this Labor Day, but never forget that although our hands, which continue to build a strong nation are guided by God, and no one else. We are His instruments which He uses to make labor ... HOLY.

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.



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.

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 DATES**

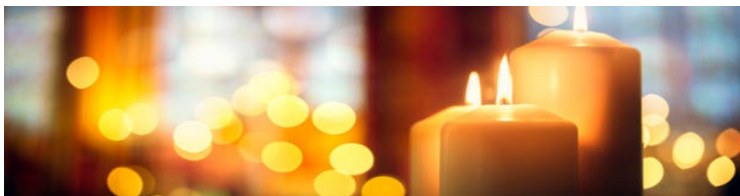


Mass Intentions

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 souls 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:

Anniversary Wishes for Barbara & Dick

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Repose of the soul of Bernadette Sadownick

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

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, September 7, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 Birthday of the Blessed Mother

NO ADORATION

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

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

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 St. Peter Claver

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Diane Tracy**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Thursday, September 10, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Pelletier**

requested by Family

Saturday, September 12, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Barbara Piecha**

requested by Her Children

Sunday, September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions

requested by Karen & Alan Germain

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

+ Repose of the soul of **Mary Anna Keough**

(Mother of Fr. Joseph Keough Pastor of Sacred Heart Church Suffield, CT)

Parish Sharing & Support (8/30/26)



Weekly \$1721.00

Monthly \$70.00

On-Line Giving \$435.00

Total \$2226.00