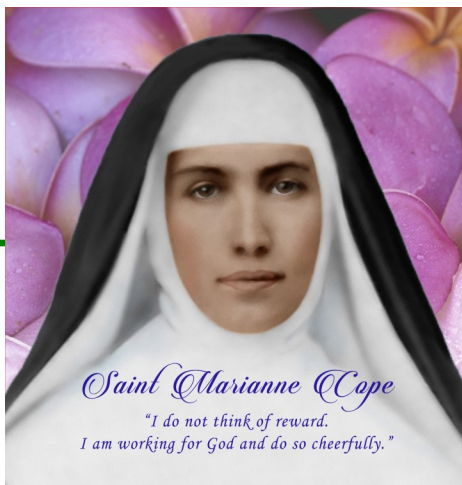




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



September 13, 2026

***"Be patient with me, and I
will pay you back in full."***



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

Twenty-Fourth 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

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.

Annual Outdoor Mass

St. Marianne Cope Parish will have our annual outdoor Mass on September 20, 2026 on the grounds of St. Philip Church. This is a special day for our Faith Formation students who will be receiving their books for the year 2026-2027. Also, we have a potluck lunch on that day and ask that you please bring finger sandwiches, chips, dessert, soda, water, or anything you wish to make for a light lunch.

Our special guest will be Fr. Anthony Frederico, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Fr. Frederico will be celebrating Mass for us and preaching as well. We give a warm welcome to Fr. Anthony Frederico. Please join us and bring a pot luck for all to enjoy.

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**

Before I talk about St. Francis' life, permit me to explain the images of St. Francis you see in both churches. In Saint Philip church, there is a 4 1/2 foot statue of St. Francis where Christ is on the cross, reaching down to embrace Francis from his cross. Of course the image is temporarily in the church for our spiritual edification. The image depicts St. Francis lovingly accepting the love of Jesus from the cross and also knowing that the radical spiritual life he chose will not be easy, but will be rewarding. At the bottom you see an open Bible with the Latin inscription: "*Totum pro Deo; Totum per Deum.*" In English, "All for God; All through God".

The little statue of St. Francis at St. Catherine Church is a garden statue. It depicts St. Francis holding a cross with some birds around him. The cross of Christ means so much to St. Francis as it was where Christ suffered and gave up his life for us to have eternal life with Him. The birds indicate his love for nature, all created by God.

Two Franciscan banners are in each church showing St. Francis in ecstasy in front of a cross. He is kneeling, with hands outstretched before a simple cross. You will notice that his hands and side are pierced as before his death he received the stigmata or the wounds of Christ. He was the very first one to receive the wounds of Christ (stigmata). Since then, over fifty others have received them. In our time St. Pio of Pietrelcina had them. We know him as "Padre Pio". He died in 1968. Continuing with the banner, below the stone altar you see a skull. This reminds us that St. Francis gave up everything in life to follow Christ. In the background, there is a Franciscan Friar. This could be Brother Elias, who took over the Franciscan Order after Francis' death. It could also be Thomas of Celano, who was a Franciscan in company with Francis. Thomas of Celano was St. Francis' first biographer and the first to write a biography of St. Clare of Assisi (1193-1258).

Francis of Assisi was born September 26, 1181 to Pietro di Bernadone and Pica de Bourlemont. Francis' mother was from France; and from a very wealthy French family. Francis' father was a wealthy cloth merchant always in France to sell his silks and satin. Francis had a brother named Angelo.

Francis was baptized Giovanni di Bernadone. Though his real name is John di Bernadone. Giovanni (pronounced: shio-vahni) As the "Gi" in Italian is soft, was given a nickname by his father after the baptism: "Francesco" to honor his many trips to France and how good the French people were to his merchant cloth business. This nickname Francesco stayed with Francis for the rest of his life. Angelo, his brother was the youngest of the two brothers

Growing up in an extremely wealthy family, Francis could have anything he wanted. Not only was his father a rich cloth merchant, but he owned vast amounts of land in Italy. He was a carefree, pampered youth. His father showered him with lots of money, fine silk and satin clothes and theater entertainment.

He was not a good student, but was popular and fun-loving who spent much of his time drinking with his friends, partying, and singing. He knew the French language and literature. He was a troubadour with a small band of musicians, who would sing and dance whenever called to do so. Most of the troubadour bands played French songs not Italian. He possessed an exuberant love of life. His youth and young life were not without moral lapses. His sense of worldliness made him an attraction to all young men and women of the town of Assisi.

More on Saint Francis next week.

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 Dates

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:

Repose of the soul of Ted O'Brien

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

God's Blessings for Ron & Kelly Theriault

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:

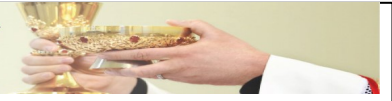
Repose of the soul of Richard Gula

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Health & Wellbeing for Mary Ann Cuniff

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

Masses For The Week



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)

Monday, September 14, 2026 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

Living and deceased member of the **Bevilacqua, DiPlacido, Perry and**

Chenard Families

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Kathy Delugu**

requested by Rita Crowley

Thursday, September 17, 2026 St. Robert Ballarmino

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Joseph Beaupre**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Saturday, September 19, 2026 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Ted O'Brien** (3rd Anniversary)

requested by Family

Sunday, September 20, 2026 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Sharon Rodrigue**

requested by Jeffrey & Chris Rodrigue

+ Repose of the soul of **Linda A. Zepecki** (19th Anniversary)

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

+ Repose of the soul of **Urszula Kos**

(mother of Fr. Sebastian Kos Sacred Heart Church New Britain, CT)

Parish Sharing & Support (9/6/26)



Weekly/Monthly- \$2508.00

On-Line Giving- \$570.00

TOTAL- \$3078.00

St. Marianne Cope Parish



POT LUCK PICNIC

September 20, 2026



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



10:30 AM



ST. PHILIP CHURCH

LOCATION OF PICNIC

As usual, we have our annual **OUTDOOR MASS**
on **September 20, 2026 at 10:30 AM.**

We are in need of **pot-luck dishes** to share on this special day of fellowship!

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

- Finger sandwiches
- Casseroles
- Salads
- Desserts
- Etc.

SIGN-UP SHEETS

You will find sign-up sheets in:



ST. PHILIP CHURCH

At the altar rail



ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

*Near the picture of
St. Marianne Cope*



Please print your **name**, **phone number/email**,
and **dish** you will be bringing.

⇒ *Thank you!* ⇒

FOR HELPING MAKE OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION
A WONDERFUL GATHERING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY!

