

Saint Marianne Cope Parish



St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



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



September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You too go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just."*



St. Philip the Apostle

153 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 p.m.



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*

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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 today 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 is Fr. Anthony Frederico, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Fr. Frederico will be celebrating the 10:30 Mass for us and preaching all Masses 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

We continue our brief study of St. Francis of Assisi. As a pleasant reminder, Pope Leo XIV has declared 2026 the year of St. Francis for we commemorate St. Francis' passing from this life 800 years ago. I'm sure, so far, you find him to be one of the church's fascinating figures. Certainly, the information about Him is quite inspirational.

We stated that St. Francis' early life was quite carefree and jovial. He hadn't a care in the world with many close friends in his father's supply of wealth.

In 1202 a war began between Assisi and Perugia. Francis willingly and enthusiastically joined the calvary to fight this war. He went to fight to bring great honor to Assisi.

Captured in battle, he spent a year in prison in the city of Perugia. In prison, he fell seriously ill. He was returned to his hometown of Assisi. In his long recovery, he was forced to evaluate his carefree, worldly life. This planted seeds for a spiritual transformation that can be likened to a spiritual earthquake. His conversion was gradual and intense! It led him to eventually abandon his way of life.

In a clear dream, God asked him if it was better to serve the master or the servant. He realized he was serving the wrong master. He returned to Assisi, abandoning all his military ambitions. He began spending hours in prayer and solitude.

St. Francis, as a youth, found leprosy (hansen's disease) deeply repulsive. In his conversations with the Lord, he met a leper and feeling a divine grace, he dismounted his horse and embraced the leper. In that moment, God helped him to conquer his pride and ego.

As I stated, his conversion was gradual, as is usually the case with God. He went to pray in a dilapidated church called: San Damiano (St. Damien). While in deep, meditative prayer, Francis heard a voice, coming from the crucifix saying: "Francis, go and repair my house, which as you can see is falling into ruin. He began to repair by selling his father's cloth to fund the churches repair.

Pietro di Bernardone, Francis Father was furious! His anger toward Francis was because he felt that good money should not be spent on the poor and refurbishing churches. He beat Francis and locked him in a room. His mother, Pica, finally freed him. His father went to the Bishop of Assisi, demanding legal restitution in a formal disinheritance.

In the public Square before the Bishop, townspeople and his family, he stripped off all his wealthy garments, until he was completely naked. He handed his father the clothes, declaring he would only recognize his Father in Heaven.

The Bishop was deeply moved and wrapped the naked Francis in the Bishop's cloak. Francis walked away toward the hills of Assisi, completely penniless, dedicating his life to absolute poverty and preaching Jesus' gospel.

More about St. Francis of Assisi Next Week



Pasta Dinner in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Tickets are on sale for our "pasta dinner" on October 3, 2026. For the next two weeks tickets may be purchased before Masses or after Masses at the church doors. 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 also 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

Parish Sharing & Support (9/13/26)



Weekly \$1440.00
Monthly \$100.00
On-Line Giving \$435.00
Total \$1975.00



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 Offerings

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:

Special Intentions for Jason

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Health & Wellbeing for Teresa Gula

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



Saturday, September 19, 2026 25th 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 25th 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) 25rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ **Repose of the soul of Urszula Kos**
(mother of Fr. Sebastian Kos Sacred Heart Church New Britain, CT)

Monday, September 21, 2026 St. Matthew
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
+ **Pro Pupulo**

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

11:00 to 12:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrement

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
Special Intentions requested by Paula Corkum

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
+ **Repose of the souls of Marion, John & Peter Maslow**
requested by Family

Thursday, September 24, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)
Souls in Purgatory requested by Parishioner

Saturday, September 26, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)
+ **Repose of the souls of Francis & Helen Kessler and Abigail Sauerhoefer**

requested by The Kessler Family

Sunday, September 27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)
+ **Repose of the soul of Donna Gendreau**
requested by Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ **Repose of the soul of Michael (Michal) Salach**
requested by Kay