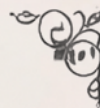




# Saint Marianne Cope Parish



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



## *St. Catherine of Siena*

6 Windorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

### *Weekday Masses*

Mon., Tue. & Wed. at 12:35 p.m.  
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

### *Weekend Masses*

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



## *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.

***September 27, 2026***

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*“Which of the two did the  
will of his father?”*



## 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

## **Recitation of The Rosary**

We have a beautiful new shrine to the Blessed Mother in our cemetery on Rye St. Please take a ride on a sunny day and go down to the back of the cemetery to take a look, stop and pray or just sit for a few moments. **On October 13, 2026, we will gather to pray the Rosary in the cemetery at the Shrine of Our Lady at 5:45pm. Please bring a lawn chair and a jacket. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in St. Catherine Church that evening.**

## **On a Personal Note**

On behalf of myself and the parish I would like to extend a warm "thank you" to Fr. George Brennan, Fr. John Gwozdz and Archbishop Leonard Blair for covering all the Masses while I was away in France. Most of all, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who were so kind to the Archbishop during his time with us. He is so very grateful to all.

A very sincere "thank you" to Fr. Anthony Frederico for joining us for all the Masses on the weekend of September 19-20, 2026. All will agree, he is a dynamic preacher and we are blessed to have him as the Archdiocesan Vocations Director. May God continue to bestow His generous blessings upon Fr. Anthony and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

A heartfelt "thank you" to Sister Barbara Mullen and Sr. Annie for their witness of their vocation to the Religious Life. They only spoke at the 8:30 AM Mass, but they were just as dynamic. God's blessings upon them as they continue to advocate the Religious Life. Religious Life would be a Sister, Brother, a Consecrated Virgin or a Hermit. God's blessings be theirs as they continue to live for Jesus Christ as apostles and evangelizers.

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

Next week we honor St. Francis with a delicious Pasta Dinner at St. Philip Hall after the 4PM Mass. Tickets are being sold before and after Masses this weekend September 26-27. Because we must have a count of people in for the chef of the Dinner on September 28th, the **LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS WILL BE SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE DINNER.**

St. Francis of Assisi actually died on October 3, 1226, but the church celebrates his Feast Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The life that St. Francis chose was a difficult life. Please understand that he came from tremendous wealth. Between his mother and father, the family wanted for nothing. Recall that his mother, Pica, (pronounced: pee-kah) was a wealthy French woman. Therefore, Francis was Italian and French AND wealthy.

Undoubtably, Francis had to go through an inner conversion. That conversion to Jesus Christ guided him to leave the world behind and to radically follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Conversion doesn't happen overnight. It is very gradual. St. Francis' conversion was that gradual conversion to Christ, stripping away any semblance of his former, wealthy life.

In the beginning he gathered to himself mostly townspeople from Assisi. He did not call himself the Franciscan Order. The title came way later. He referred to his small group of men as the "Brotherhood". Incidentally, Francis never became a priest. He remained a "Deacon" all through his religious life. On his part, it was an act of humility.

The first group of Franciscan Brothers were: Brother Bernard of Quintavalle, Brother Peter Catani, Brother Giles Egidio, Brother Philip, Brother Maricks, Brother (priest) Silvester, Brother Rufino, Brother Maseo, Brother Leo, Brother Juniper, Brother Illuminato and Brother Angelo.

**MORE ABOUT ST. FRANCIS NEXT WEEK**

## **September 27, 2026**

Today would have been the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660). Once again, because this is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and The Lord's Day, St. Vincent de Paul falls out of the Roman Calendar this year. As you may recall me saying, I was a Vincentian Brother, taking my first vows in May of 1983 at St. Stanislaus Church in New Haven, Connecticut. A few words are apropos about St. Vincent. I believe he was the youngest priest ever ordained at the age of 19. His life was spent helping and feeding the poor, widows and downtrodden. He walked the streets gathering up orphans which included infants and toddlers and children nobody wanted. He founded, with St. Louis de Marillac an Order of Sisters called the Daughters of Charity. He did the same Christian works of charity as St. Vincent. They also staffed hospitals and cared for the sick. Recently, in France, I visited the church of St. Vincent de Paul. Even though he died in 1660, his body is incorrupt. He is in a gilded glass sarcophagus. His body is visible to all who enter the church and wish to pray. To that end we say: *St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!!*

### **Happy Anniversary**

We are celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 (9/20/26)**



Weekly \$1888.00  
Monthly \$200.00  
On-Line Giving \$585.00  
**Total \$2673.00**



# 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 Joseph Rinaldi**

**The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:  
Repose of the soul of Ralph A. Brennan**

### **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 fo the souls of Ralph A. & Eleanor Brennan  
Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:**

**Repose of the souls of David & Regina Gaughan**

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



**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 Fr. Ron & Parishioners

+ Repose of the soul of **Lucy Heath** requested by Fr. Ron

**Monday, September 28, 2026** St. Wencelaus  
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)  
+ **Pro Pupulo**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2026** St. Michael, Gabiel & Raphael  
11:00 to 12:00pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)  
+ Repose of the soul of **Owen Contreras** (24th Birthday) requested by Stefanie & Calli

**Wednesday, September 30, 2026** St. Jerome  
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)  
+ Repose of the soul of **Paul Leveille** requested by Teixeira Family  
Health & God's Blessings for **Yannina Salach** requested by Daughter and Family

**Thursday, October 1, 2026** St. Theresa of Lisieux  
9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)  
+ Repose of the soul of **Teresa Ianora** requested by Kay

**Saturday, October 3, 2026** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)  
In Thanksgiving: **Barbara & Mark Grady** requested by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, October 4, 2026** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)  
Health & God's Blessings of **Lucy Barbara & Family** requested by Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ Repose of the soul of **Nancy Albetski** requested by Ernie & Kay