



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.

October 11, 2026

***Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

***"Many are invited,
but few are chosen"***



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@smceastwindor.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 Message

Sometime ago one of our parishioners lost a rosary, by accidentally leaving it in the pew. The Rosary was crystal glass with gold crucifix. The rosary is very sentimental for in 1955 her husband to be gave it to her. On the back of the crucifix, is an engraving that reads: **To LD from AW "55"**. If you took it or have it, would you kindly return it to our office at 6 Windsorville Rd, or call us at 860-623-4636. Thank you very much. We would like to get this sentimental item back into the hands of the owner.

Happy Anniversary

We are celebrating the 140th anniversary of the building of St. Catherine Church on Sunday, November 1, 2026. We will begin with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 11am, followed by Mass at 12pm and then followed by a reception at the Nutmeg at 2pm.

Tickets will be \$55 per person and can be purchased by calling Stefanie at the office (860) 623-4636, through our Online Giving Portal on our website or before and after Masses beginning on October 10, 2026 for the following three weekends. Final day to purchase tickets will be October 25, 2026.

Regular Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am & 10:30am. At 11:00am we will have Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a 12pm Mass at St. Catherine Church.

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.



Parish Sharing & Support

October 4, 2026

Weekly \$2956.00

Monthly \$660.00

On-Line Giving \$435.00

Total \$4051.00

Our Lady of the Rosary

We have now entered into the "*Month of the rosary*." The beautiful month of October reminds New Englanders of multicolored leaves, cool days and nights, blustery days of autumn and preparations for the winter. October 7th was *The Feast of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary*. This Feast commemorates the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when the Muslim Turks tried to invade Italy at Lepanto in order to secure Italy for the Muslim faith. With the help of King Jan Sobieski of Poland and the Polish Army, Lepanto was spared through the prayers of the Rosary on October 7, 1571. Pope Saint Pius V (1566-1572) instituted this beautiful feast of the rosary, which gave rise to October as the "Month of the Rosary."

The popes are always influential in the Church. We turn now to another pope known as "**The Rosary Pope**." Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) wrote ten encyclical letters on the rosary, and five apostolic letters on the same subject. These encyclicals and apostolic letters begin in 1883 and end in 1898. Although the Holy Father never mentions the source of his inspiration for these writings, church historians think it began with the twenty fifth anniversary of the apparition at Lourdes, occurring in 1883 and the pope's own personal devotion to the message of Our Lady at Lourdes.

Leo XIII's rosary encyclicals and apostolic letters are divided into two parts. The first part was written between 1883-1885 and these writings established the rosary as a public devotion. The second part was written between 1891- 1898 and these writings dwell upon the value of the rosary and it's role within the life of the church and society.

These writings of Pope Leo XIII encouraged the public recitation of the rosary and the Litany of Loreto in all churches and chapels, indicating that October should most especially be observed as the special *Month of the rosary*. Pope Leo XIII raised the observance of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary, to a "*Feast Day*". Recall that it is celebrated on October 7th. He added "**Queen of The Holy Rosary**" to the Litany of Loreto.

In the encyclicals and letters beginning in 1891 much reference is made to the perilous situations in which the church finds herself, such as anti-clerical governments, forces that threaten the existence of religion, Germany and Switzerland limiting church

freedoms and France and Belgium taking away the Religious Teaching Orders. At the time the Masons were openly hostile to the church. If we are really honest, situations have not changed much since the time of Pope Leo XIII. In fact they have become acutely worse.

Using the example of previous popes, Leo XIII proposed the rosary as a "weapon" to combat these ideologies. Like St. Dominic eight hundred years earlier, who used the rosary to ward off the Albigensian heresy, Pope Leo proposed the same avenue of prayer. The rosary would continue to be the balm for the wounds of society.

To Pope Leo XIII, the rosary was to be broadly defined to recall the mysteries of salvation in succession. The rosary is the subject of meditation intermingled with the Ave Marias. These mysteries of salvation compiled the life of Jesus and Mary. Thus the rosary becomes for us a "*school of faith*" and a "*school of charity*". Meditation on these mysteries of the rosary are to lead to conversion of heart and change of conduct.

Contemplating the mysteries of the rosary is a loving act of thanksgiving through the heart of Mary which is filled with love and hope plus the desire to benefit from the things Christ has promised us. Attentiveness to these mysteries or "precious memorials" of Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother leads the heart to be on fire with gratitude. Therefore, the rosary is an expression of faith in God, future life, forgiveness of sins and the profound mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation and the Divine Maternity of Mary.

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.



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 Al Wyrstek

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

+ Repose of the souls of Patrick & Ida Cyr

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 Banasiak

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

+ Repose of the soul Ida Cyr

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



Saturday, October 10, 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Joseph Rinaldi**

requested by The Family

Sunday, October 11, 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intention requested by Deacon Alan & Karen

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Repose of the soul of **Al Wyrstek**

requested by Wife & Daughters

Monday, October 12, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

11:00 to 12:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

Living & deceased members of **DiPlacido, Perry, Bevilacqua & Chenard Families**

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 St. Callistus I, Pope

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Judy Urrichio**

requested by Rita Crowley

Thursday, October 15, 2026 St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

In thanksgiving: **Fr. Zepecki & for Vocations to the Priesthood**

requested by Paula McCloskey & Parishioners

Saturday, October 17, 2026 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

In Thanksgiving: **Kathy & Brian Driscoll**

requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday, October 18, 2026 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions requested by Deacon Alan & Karen

+ Repose of the soul of **Elaine Martocchio**

(1 year Anniversary)

requested by Her Children

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Repose of the souls of **Leon & Janina Kucner**

requested by Family