



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 18, 2026

***Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

***"Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs
to God."***

Congratulations

***Our Confirmandi will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral today at 2:30pm. We
congratulate them, their parents and their teachers.***

Thomas (Francis) Bloznalis

Benjamin (Francis) Ferrick

Giana (Veronica) Guzie

Ryan (Luigi) Hallet

Parish Office

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki, Pastor

Alan Germain, Deacon

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thursday 9am-3pm

St. Catherine Cemetery: by appointment

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Administrative Assistant & Cemetery Family

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150 South Main Street

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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

Mass Change Monday October 19th

Due to a Deanery meeting on Monday, October 19th 2026, Mass will be celebrated at 9am instead of 12:15pm.

Monday October 19th, Mass at 9am. NO MASS AT 12:15pm.

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 11, 2026

Weekly \$1626.00

Monthly \$295.00

On-Line Giving \$435.00

Total \$2356.00

Our Lady of the Rosary

Last week we began a Rosary series using the many writings on the Rosary by Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903). As a matter of fact we stated that he is known as "*The Rosary Pope*", because of his many encyclicals on The Rosary. Also, we are in the "*month of the Rosary*," traditionally celebrated by Roman Catholics in October. These days, very few parishes have a "Rosary Society".

Pope Leo XIII firmly believed that the recitation of The Rosary could influence society as a whole. He wrote that meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary could remedy the errors attacking society. For instance, the "*Joyful Mysteries*" which focus on the hidden life of Christ and the Holy Family, stand contrary to disdain for poverty and simplicity of life. The "*Sorrowful Mysteries*" demonstrating Christ embracing His Cross, stands in opposition to fleeing from all hardship and suffering in life. Then, there are the "*Glorious Mysteries*", which include the glory of Christ's life such as the resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. These are but a prelude to eternal life with Jesus in heaven. Recall that the "*Luminous Mysteries*" were recently added in 2002. They focus on the ministry and mission of Jesus.

This devotion which Pope Leo XIII had to our Lady's Rosary caused devotion to the Rosary to rise. Confraternities were founded and encouraged to recite the Rosary in public. Processions with the Rosary began to take place, and Pope Leo insisted on a prayer called, *The Living Rosary*. This was a movement begun earlier in the 19th century by Pauline Jaricot. Jaricot's Living Rosary consisted of groups of fifteen individuals, pledging to say one decade of the Rosary a day. Today the *Living Rosary* is made up of 53 individuals who recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary with each person representing a Hail Mary bead. *Pauline Jaricot* was a donor to St. John Vianney's vestments, altar cloths, etc. and an advocate of devotion to St. Philomena.

Yet, the Rosary is not so much a prayer directed to Mary as it is directed to Jesus. In it, we experience all facets of Jesus' life. First and foremost, the Rosary is an instrument expanding Christ's Kingdom. It certainly is a prayer which stimulates the lagging faithfulness of our society, even today. By praying the Rosary, we demonstrate not only our confidence in Mary, but also in her intercessions for the Church. It has always been Catholic belief that the Virgin Mary is a powerful intercessor before God. Pope Leo XIII in his many Rosary messages, became the first pope to speak of the "*Universal Motherhood*" of Mary. She is the mother of all people, she is "our" mother.

If Leo XIII is the "Rosary Pope", then he drew his deep inspiration from the "town of the Rosary", which is Lourdes, France. Papal historians do not know what exactly inspired Pope Leo XIII to write ten encyclicals about the Rosary. However, the historians do know that he had a profound interest in the town of Lourdes, the events that occurred there in 1858 and the eventual acceptance of the message that, along with the recitation of the Rosary, centered on penance and forgiveness. The Lady of Lourdes herself is portrayed holding a Rosary. Bernadette, the visionary, always prayed the Rosary before the apparition took place.

It is no hidden fact that Pope Leo's interest in Lourdes was demonstrated at the beginning of his pontificate in 1878. The first thing he did after being elected pope, was to write a letter to the Bishop of Tarbes (the Diocese in which the town of Lourdes is situated) encouraging him emphatically to begin building a great church to accommodate the many pilgrims visiting Lourdes. He also encouraged all healings to be recorded.

1883, marked the 25th anniversary of the Lourdes apparitions. A jubilee year was declared by Pope Leo XIII in Lourdes and in Rome to mark the occasion. 1883 was also the year that the first of the Rosary encyclicals appeared.

In 1901, through the efforts of the Bishop of Tarbes a replica of the Grotto of Lourdes was built in the Vatican Gardens. It still stands in the Garden and has been used many times over by Pope Leo's successors.

The Rosary compliments and extends the liturgy. In our own day we would call this devotion, para-liturgical, because of the focus and events of Christ's life in the Rosary such as the incarnation, the redemption, the promise of eternal life and the role which Mary plays in the mystery of her Son. When praying the Rosary, we must actively enter into the *mysteries*, as the Rosary is a constant reminder of the Church at prayer. The Rosary is sometimes called, "*The Psalter of Mary*" and is a remembrance of the Church's deepest nature; the community of continued prayer.

Thank You

Once again a special thanks to all who worked in the kitchen, set up and cleaned up from our recent Paster Dinner. God's blessings be yours.

A heartfelt thank you to *Carolyn Miller* who plants the flowers around the church each year and cares for them throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall.

A sincere thank you to *Eric Starvish* for mowing and trimming the lawn at St. Philip Church all though the Spring, Summer and Fall.

God's blessings to everyone



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 Wyrostek

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 Patrick J. Cyr

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

+ Repose of the soul of Beverly Bartosiak

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



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 World Mission Day

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Intention 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

Monday, October 19, 2026 SS. John de Brebeuf & Issac Jogues

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 St. Paul of the Cross

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

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Althea Herman**

requested by Joyce & Roger

+ Repose of the soul of **Manuel Salinas**

(Birthday Remembrance) requested by Mom & Dad

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Thomas & Beatrice Breor**

requested by Maureen Lyman

Thursday, October 22, 2026 St. John Paul II

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Gary Eisenman**

requested by Karen & Deacon Alan

Saturday, October 24, 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

Special Intentions requested by Karen & Deacon Alan

Sunday, October 25, 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions for **Avery Spencer**

requested by Grandparents

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

+ Repose of the soul of **Fr. Edward Przygocki, M.S.A.**