



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 25, 2026

*Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

*“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul
and with all your mind”*



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

Anniversary Celebration

Final day to purchase tickets

is October 25, 2026.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

All Saints Day falls on November 1st this year. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year it is a Sunday, and is celebrated on Sunday. **Masses are as usual. Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM.**

All Souls' Day is on November 2nd. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, a Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 PM; as usual. **A second Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM at St. Catherine Church. At this Mass there will be a candle lighting ceremony for all those who have passed away from November 2, 2025 to November 2, 2026.**

Also on November 1st we celebrate the 140th Anniversary of St. Catherine of Sienna Church building. The events on that day are as follows:

11 AM-11:45AM Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

The Solemn Rosary will be recited.

12 Noon Anniversary Mass

2 PM Dinner at The Nutmeg, East Windsor

Parish Sharing & Support

October 18, 2026



Weekly \$2030.00

Monthly \$115.00

World Mission 448.00

On-Line Giving \$535.00

Total \$3128.00

Our Lady of the Rosary

Today, we come to the end of our series on the Rosary. It would perhaps do us well to examine just where did the "rosary" have its origin. Some say it originated in Ireland with the Irish Monks who prayed 150 psalms during the course of a day. They made beads for themselves on a string to be able to keep count of the psalms. In time, these 150 psalms turned into the "Salutation". This is based on the Scriptures and is a combination of two greetings to Mary; one from the Angel Gabriel and one from Mary's cousin, Elizabeth. The "Salutation" is as follows:

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Know that the name, "Jesus" was added later and so was the last section of the "Hail Mary", as we know it today. In time these were added by the Church especially the last part, which asks for Mary's intercession. This is one explanation or legend.

The second is that St. Dominic (1170-1221) received the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary and used it to combat the Albigensian Heresy and won with the recitation of the Rosary. Later, in the 1300's, the Dominican, Alain de La Roche further developed and popularized the Rosary, adding the *Mysteries* from the life of Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother.

Yet another great triumph of the Rosary was the Battle of Lepanto, Italy in which the Muslim Turks tried to secure Italy for the Muslim faith. It was the prayers of the Rosary which defeated the Turks on October 7, 1571. Thus we have the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th proclaimed by Pope St. Pius V (1566-1572), the Dominican Pope.

Counting prayers on beads is very, very ancient. This form of prayer is used by Muslims as well as the people of India, for example. Once again, the Dominican Alain de La Roche was an outstanding preacher on what he termed "*The Psalter of Our Lady*". Roman Catholics have prayed the Hail Mary on beads for centuries. Presently, the Rosary has a revival, especially with Saint John Paul II adding the Luminous Mysteries in 2002.

There remains no doubt that the Rosary's focus is on the events and the life of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is, as we say, *Christological*. By celebrating the "*mysteries*" of the Son of God, we become worthy of the eternal life He promises. Pope St. Paul VI (1963-1978) in his exhortation on Marian devotion (1974) states: "*The evangelical (gospel) nature of the rosary, has a clearly Christological orientation, as every Marian prayer must have.*"

Mary is transparent through Jesus, Her Son. By reciting the Hail Mary we join Almighty God, who first honored her by asking her to become the Mother of His Son. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we join in the rhythm of the Our Father and Hail Mary's and we are carried along with the steps of God on the path of man. With these steps and on this path we share with God our sufferings, and rejoice with God about the joys of new life, exemplified so richly and elegantly by Mary.

Together, as Catholics we give thanks for the gift of the Rosary and we ask that grace will once again continue to produce the fruit of conversion in us. We see and behold the image of the heart of a little girl; Mary. The Rosary is a condensed form of prayer and Christian life.

Mary truly is the Glorious Queen of the world and her Rosary, with its *mysteries* are the rhythm of her motherly heart. It has been a particular joy for us to peer into the heart of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903); "*The Rosary Pope*", and to examine his great love for Our Lady of Lourdes and the recitation of The Rosary. It is fitting to conclude with the writings of the Dominicans who safeguard The Rosary:

"Mary became the handmaid of the Lord; devoting herself to the life and work of her Son. She co-operates in the mystery of redemption. Because of this she stands before us as Mother and as a model of the Church."

2026 Mass and Candle Intentions

For 2026, we still have a need for Mass and Candle intentions. The 2026 Mass dates still available are only weekend dates. In addition, we still have multiple weeks available for the Sanctuary candle in St. Catherine Church, and the candles honoring St. Joseph and The Blessed Mother. Please call the office and help fill in these Mass and candle intentions for the rest of 2026. Our number is 860-623-4636 Monday- Thursday 9:00 -3:00pm. Thank you for your kind help. The 2027 Mass Book cannot be opened until 2026 Masses are filled.

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.*



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:

God's Healing for Patricia & Jim Pedersen

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

+ Repose of the souls of Patrick J. & 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:

Special Intentions for Jason

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

+ Repose of the soul of Ida Cyr

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



Saturday, October 24, 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

Special Intentions requested by Karen & Deacon Alan

Health and God's Blessing for **Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin**

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.**

Monday, October 26, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

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

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Mona Hadley**

requested by Rita Crowley

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 SS. Simon and Jude

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Ralph & Ellie Anderson**

requested by Family

Thursday, October 29, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Br. Vincent Vivian, OFM Conv.**

requested by Rita Crowley

Saturday, October 31, 2026 Vigil of All Saints Day

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Wayne Baker**

Sunday, November 1, 2026 All Saints Day

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Joseph Anthony Klundt, Jr.**

requested by His Parents

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Florence N. Lockwood**

requested by Bunny Lockwood

11:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 PM (St. Catherine Church)

140th Anniversary Mass of our Church Building