



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 4, 2026

***Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

***"The kingdom of God will
be taken away from you
and given to people that
will produce its fruit."***



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.

Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all of those who brought a "pot luck" dish or dessert to our "pot luck" luncheon after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2026. There was so much food that after some of you took it home, we had much more left over. I took the rest to the Legionaries of Christ on Tuesday, September 22nd. They extend a sincere "thank you" for your kind generosity. God's blessings to all those who worked in the kitchen, set up and cleanup. God bless our Faith Formation students and teachers.

On the same note, a very sincere "thank you" to all of you supporting our Pasta Dinner in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to all who helped set up the hall, prepared the food and served. We thank our Faith Formation students who dressed up as St. Francis and St. Clare and those who read a little bit about the life of both. A big thank you to Ken Marshall from Wallingford, CT. who made the pasta sauce and meatballs. Thank you everyone for your kind support.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy testing, friendship, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright has served the greater Hartford area since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! Our office is in East Hartford. Parking is available. Tasks vary: talking with mothers in crisis, researching available programs, putting together bags of baby clothes, and clerical work. We especially need Spanish speaking volunteers. Training is provided. Please call (860) 290-8800 to volunteer. Visit our website at www.birthrightofhartford.org. Thank you.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS gently worn MATERNITY CLOTHING in any size and BABY CLOTHING from newborn to size 2T. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy testing, friendship, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served the greater Hartford area since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! Please call (860) 290-8800 to arrange for drop off. Visit our website at www.birthrightofhartford.org. Thank you.

Parish Sharing & Support

September 27, 2026

Weekly \$1778.00

Monthly \$20.00

Catholic Schools \$140.00

On-Line Giving \$435.00

Total \$2373.00



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

Thus far we examined the life of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) in some detail. A pilgrimage is being planned to St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor in the near future. St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor has been designated as a church of pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year of St. Francis 2026-2027, by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne. To visit a pilgrimage church means all sins are forgiven with prayer and forgiveness of sins, commonly called an indulgence.

Today we exam the beginnings of the Franciscan order. The Franciscans were founded by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1209. Francis and his band of Brothers travel to Rome where Pope Innocent III (Cardinal Lotario de'Conti) verbally approved the Order in their simple rule of life.

The Franciscans were called, in Latin: *Ordo Fratrum Minorum* (Order of Friars Minor) or O.F.M. Members were poor and did not possess personal property, lived by working or begging and refused to accept any money.

The Order grew rapidly throughout Europe, numbering almost 5,000 Brothers in less than a decade. With St. Clare, St. Francis inspired a second Order known as the "*Poor Clares*" in 1212. A convent of nuns that lived the Franciscan way of life. Some of the Poor Clares were disclaced, meaning that they never wear shoes. A third Order was established for lay people. It was simply called: *The Third Order of St. Francis*. This was established for lay people and the Diocesan clergy. The Third Order still exists. As a matter of fact, Archbishop Daniel Cronin is a Third Order Franciscan.

Pope Honorius III (1216-1227) gave final approval to the Franciscan Order in 1223, shortly before the death of St. Francis in 1226. As usual, when we deal with humanity there are ups and downs.

Even before Francis' death there were disagreements concerning the strict vow of poverty. Three groups of Franciscans emerged: The *Zealots* (strict interpretation of the rule), the *Laxists* (those who supported relaxed rules) and the *Moderators* (those who sought a workable legal framework for the order). These disputes lasted for a little over 200 years.

Eventually the splits in the order remained so that today we have *Franciscan Observants*, *Franciscan Conventuals* and the *Franciscan Capuchins*. Today, the Franciscans are the largest Religious Order in the Roman Catholic Church. They do charitable works of Mercy, Education in colleges and universities and Social Ministries.

Toward the very end of his life, St. Francis received the stigmata or wounds of Christ, he became blind and passed at the age of 45. His Order was quite instrumental in bringing back whole sections of Europe from the Protestant Reformation in the 1500's.

Francis brought the *Stations of the Cross* into the churches, the *Manger* as a decoration for Christmas and the *Angelus Prayer* three times daily with the ringing of the church bells. They were known as mendicants meaning that they were poor begging for the poor. His last words were: "Welcome, my Sister Death." He spent his final moments singing to God his Canticle of Creations. We know this hymn as: "All Creatures of Our God and King". To that end we say:

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

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.

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 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.

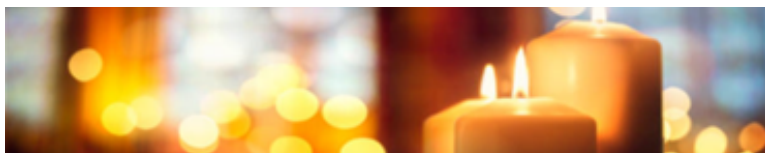


Mass Intentions

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:

Health & God's Blessings for Lucy Barbara & Family

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

+ Repose of the soul of Mary Krach

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



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) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Repose of the soul of **Nancy Albetski**

requested by Ernie & Kay

Monday, October 5, 2026 St. Faustina Kowalska

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 St. Bruno

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

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the souls of **Doris, Norman & Conrad**

requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Our Lady of the Rosary

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the soul of **Joseph M. Welsh**

requested by Seglio & Welsh Family

Thursday, October 8, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Lou Gilbert**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

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

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

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

requested by Family

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

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

Special Intentions

requested by Deacon Alan & Karen

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

+ Repose of the soul of **Al Wyrostek** (34th Anniversary)

requested by Wife & Daughters