Saint Marianne Cope Parish



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





St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tue. & Wed. at 12:15 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

November 15, 2026

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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.



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*
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Paula McCloskey & Kay Teixeira
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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



Parish Sharing & Support
November 8, 2026

Weekly TBA
Monthly TBA
On-Line Giving TBA
Total TBA

2026 Candle Intentions

For 2026, we still have a need for Candle intentions. We still have multiple weeks available for the Sanctuary candle in St. Catherine Church, and the candle honoring St. Joseph . Please call the office and help fill in these candle intentions for the rest of 2026. Our number is 860-623-4636 Monday- Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Thank you for your kind help. We cannot open the 2027 Mass book until the 2026 Mass book is filled.

On a Personal Note

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped put together our 140th Anniversary Mass and Dinner at the Nutmeg Restaurant. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Stefanie for planning the anniversary booklets and including lovely pictures of St. Catherine of Siena, the Church, etc.
Thanks to Jan Albetski for the slide show and those who contributed to the slide show. Hoping those who attended enjoyed the Solemn Rosary and the Mass. May God bless all of you! In Latin: *"Ad Multos Annos"*. Meaning: "Toward many years."

Thank you
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A Prayer by St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), the second woman ever to be declared a Doctor of the Church, authored many learned books on prayer and spirituality. Feast: Apr. 29.

O tender Father,
you gave me more, much more
than I ever thought to ask for.

I realize that our human desires
can never really match
what you long to give us.

Thanks,
and again thanks, O Father,
for having granted my petitions, and
that which I never realized I needed
or petitioned. Amen.

Thoughts From The Pastor

The recent Feast Day of The Dedication of The Basilica of St. John, The Lateran in Rome, Italy, observed on November 9th, has prompted us to examine the roll of "church status" within the Roman Catholic Church. Immediately, we can name the various church buildings and they are as follows; Major Basilica, Minor Basilica, Cathedral, Church and Chapel.

It would be appropriate to begin with St. John, The Lateran since it is a major basilica. Incidentally there are only four major basilicas in the world and they are in Rome. One would be *St. John, The Lateran, St. Peter's, St. Mary Major and St. Paul, Outside The Walls*. All other basilicas are called "minor". Some come to mind such as the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., The Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, The Basilica of The Sacred Heart of Jesus in Newark, New Jersey and our own, Basilica of The Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, Ct. This is the only church to carry the title of basilica in the Hartford Archdiocese.

St. John, The Lateran is the "*Pope's Church*", not, as many would assume, St. Peter's Basilica. The Pope is also The Archbishop of Rome. In historical church circles, St. John The Lateran is also known as "*the mother of all churches*". It is usually in this church that the pope celebrates the Holy Thursday evening Mass. We can understand that a "*basilica*" seemingly has some great importance, historical or otherwise connected to it. Basilicas can also be Cathedral Churches, which leads us into the next explanation.

The magnificent cathedrals of Europe were erected 800 to 900 years ago. In most instances they took well over 100 years to build. They were usually built to house a relic, such as Veronica's Veil, used to wipe the face of Jesus, or the relic of the True Cross of Jesus. These magnificent churches were built to surround the relic. One of the most beautiful is Chartres Cathedral in Chartres, France. It claims the original recipe for stained glass windows, after Chartres that recipe was lost. During World War II all the stained glass was removed from Chartres and stored underground to protect them from the Nazi bombs. The steeples of Chartres Cathedral have been an inspiration for parish churches and cathedrals for centuries. They are both very different, but very much copied as the years unfolded.

Churches, and there are literally thousands of them, are where most of the faithful gather for Sunday or weekday Masses. They are known as "parish churches". However as implied, the basilica and cathedral are also parish churches. The Church, in Roman Catholic tradition is where the sacraments are mainly administered. Baptism, Communion, Confirmation etc., all take place in the church. Permission needs to be granted, usually by the Bishop, for a sacrament to take place outside the church. However, mostly the anointing of the sick takes place outside the church, in hospitals, convalescent homes or private homes etc., because of the nature of the ill person's status, which prevents them from coming to church to receive the sacrament. Some churches have historical or prominent status, such as St. Philip Neri Church in Baltimore, Maryland in which the very first 40 Hours Devotion was held in the United States. This of course was so appropriate, since St. Philip Neri introduced the very first 40 Hours in Rome.

Chapels are attached to convents, some rectories, monasteries, schools, colleges, universities etc., etc. A chapel usually does not have a baptismal font, indicating that the sacraments do not take place there without obtaining permission from the Bishop to perform the sacrament in the designated chapel. We tend to think chapels are very small places of worship, however, some chapels are large, such as St. Michael's College chapel in Colchester, Vermont, which seats close to 900 people, or Mount St. Mary's College Chapel in Emmitsburg, Maryland which seats slightly over 800 people.

Nevertheless, all these churches have one thing in common, and that is they are, as we were taught when we were little "*the house of God*". So it doesn't make a difference if our parish church is a basilica, cathedral or the parish church we belong to and support. God resides there, but the fun of it all is to know the difference. I don't know about you, but small, close-knit parish churches get my vote all the time. These remain the greatest basilicas and cathedrals!

Office Hours

Looking ahead, The office will be closed Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th in celebration of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen with regular hours Monday, November 30th 9AM.



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 Penny Rinaldi

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

Health & God's Blessings for Roselynn & Family

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:

Peace in Ukraine

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

The Richard Ptachcinski Family

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14, 2026
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*+ Repose of the Soul of **Penny Rinaldi*** *requested by Family*

Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Health & God's Blessings for **Pope Leo XIV***
requested by Parishioners

*+Repose of the soul of **William Green***
(14th Anniversary) *requested by Colleen Green*

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*God's Healing for **Patricia & Jim Pedersen***
requested by Wyrostek Family

Monday, November 16, 2026 St. Margaret of Scotland
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*+ **Pro Populo***

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*+ Repose of the souls of **Anne Myers*** *requested by Maureen*

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Dedication of Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul / St. Rose Duchesne
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*+ Repose of the souls of **Roger & Marie Pelizari***
requested by Family

*Health & God's Blessings for **Aneta & Daughters***
requested by Her Parents

Thursday, November 19, 2026
9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)
*In Thanksgiving: **St. Joseph*** *requested by Parishioners*

*+ Repose of the soul of **Dominic DeGeorge***
requested by Barbara Sherman

Saturday, November 21, 2026
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
*+ Repose of the Souls of **Patrick & Ida Cyr***
requested by Evelyn & Mike

Sunday, November 22, 2026
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of The Universe
*+ Repose of the soul of **Lionel LeBlanc***
requested by His Wife

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of The Universe
*+ Repose of the soul of **Mark Drost***
requested by Paul Drost