Saint Marianne Cope Parish



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





St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville 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 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father."

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*

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Parish Website: smceastwindsor.org
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Administrative Assistant & Cemetery Family Service Advisor: *Stefanie Karam*
Director of Music: *Wendy Quinn*
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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 & 15, 2026



Weekly $3,482.00
Monthly $410.00
Special $378.00
On-Line Giving $1,020.00
Total $5,290.00

On a Personal Note

We take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy, healthy Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Please drive safely and may God bless all of you on this beautiful day of thanking the Lord for all His graces.

Sincerely,
Fr. Ron and Deacon Alan

Office Hours

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



Solemnity of Christ the King
November 22, 2026

My glorious King of the Universe, You are perfect in all of Your ways. Your divine Law must reign in my heart and become the purpose of my life. As we honor Your kingship this day, I rededicate myself to You and submit more fully to Your sovereign control of my life. Please do with me what You will, and use me to help build Your Kingdom on earth. Jesus, I trust in You.

Thoughts From The Pastor

This coming Thursday marks the last Thursday of the month of November. In our American tradition, we celebrate one of our most profound American holidays. **Thanksgiving Day** has become so entrenched in the American mind, that perhaps we may take the day and its true meaning for granted. Sorry to say that the day may be more acquainted with football and parades, although a parade is something dear to the American heart; it may also be acquainted with the children having one more day off from school, all of which might obscure the real meaning of Thanksgiving Day. Then, of course, we are redeemed, we suppose, by gathering around the table for dinner with family and friends. For many, but not for all, it may be the only time during the year that the family takes a meal together and even prays together before consuming the Thanksgiving meal.

The fact remains, as history records, that a group of pilgrims set off from England in the seventeenth century to find for themselves "religious freedom." They boarded a ship named *The Mayflower* and set sail directly for Holland. There, they stayed for a short time not finding the religious freedom they were so desperately seeking.

Just what was this "religious freedom" they sought? They were not content with the Church of England, reformed almost one hundred years earlier under King Henry VIII. They thought the church to be, as they said, "too Romanish". In other words, it still had the trappings of Roman Catholicism and they sought to "purify" the Church of it.

We should, by now, understand the reasons why they were first called "Pilgrims". They were on a religious pilgrimage to free the Church of England of the trappings of Catholicism. Trappings such as priesthood, bishops, statues, incense, the celebration of Mass, because the Church of England does celebrate Mass, with beautiful ornate vestments. We should now understand why they are called "Puritans", because they sought, not only to purify the Church, but to purify their lives before Almighty God.

Thus they set sail for the New World and landed in what is now known as Provincetown, MA. Not content there, they sailed further down and landed in present day Plymouth, MA. History tells us they landed on what would become known as "Plymouth Rock". Many Americans have the uncanny notion that the rock is gigantic! When in reality it is quite small with an elaborate baldachino over it and a wrought iron fence around it. It remains quite humorous to see the disappointment on visitor's faces.

About a year after their landing and settlement in what they called "Plimouth Plantation", the Pilgrims gathered with the Indians to "give thanks" to God for their journey although many lost their life, especially by way of austere New England winters. The present day ancestors of those early Puritan people are the Congregationalists. Almost every New England town has one or two Congregational Churches. Congregationalism can be found pretty much on the Eastern seaboard of the United States, even reaching as far down as North and South Carolina.

It is a known fact that President Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865), by proclamation, designated the last Thursday of November as a Day of National Thanksgiving in 1864. Since then Americans have taken pride in this special day of thanksgiving.

What also has become quite symbolic with Thanksgiving Day are the *Four Freedoms*, stated in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's (1932-1945) State of the Union Address to Congress on January 6, 1941. The first two Freedoms are Constitutional, and the last two go beyond the Constitution. They are as follows: *The Freedom of Speech and Expression; The Freedom of Religion; The Freedom from Want; and The Freedom from Fear.*

Norman Rockwell, the famous American painter from Stockbridge, MA painted the Four Freedoms that graced the front page of *The Saturday Evening Post* each week in February and March of 1943. These paintings, through the United States Department of the Treasury, toured the United States raising over $130,000,000 in war bond sales.

From all of Rockwell's paintings of The Four Freedoms, one is very prominent on Thanksgiving Day and that is "*The Freedom from Want*". In it is depicted a family around the table and a mother bringing in a fresh-baked turkey, with all the trimmings. How traditionally familiar it is to us as Americans!

As we head into economic hard times we have much to give God thanks for in our American life. The fact that we are free. The fact that we may still have a job and that as times become tougher we have the love of our families, friends and our faith to support us and carry us through. We are a long way from the original meaning of why the Pilgrims came here, but we have never been a long way from gathering as families before a dinner table to give thanks to God; **after, on that day, we have praised him in Church**. May we never forget that the real thanksgiving is to thank God for everything that we are, everything that we have and everything that we do in *His* Name.

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 Blessings for Kathy & Brian Driscoll
The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
+ Repose of the soul of Michael Bottaro

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 Lionel LeBlanc
Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:
The Paul Jorgensen Family
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Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 21, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of The Universe
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)
*+ 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

Monday, November 23, 2026
St. Clement I ~ St. Columban ~ Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*+ **Pro Populo***

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
St. Catherine of Alexandria
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*Birthday Blessings for **April Pelizari***
requested by Mom

Thursday, November 26, 2026
9:00 AM *Thanksgiving Day Mass*
(St. Catherine Church)

Saturday, November 28, 2026 First Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)
*+ Repose of the Soul of **Darrell Stearns***
requested by His Daughter

Sunday, November 29, 2026 First Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)
*+ Repose of the souls of **Elizabeth, Sanford, Nancy & Jane Sherman***
requested by Barbara Sherman

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)
*+ Repose of the soul of **Lawrence Tauro II***
requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family