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 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

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*
Vocations Committee: *Paula McCloskey*
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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

A Trip to LaSalette Shrine
In Attleboro, MA

Join the St. Jeanne Jugan Women's Guild for a festive trip to the shrine as we celebrate the season together! Our day includes 4:00PM Mass, a tour of worldwide Nativity sets, and the breathtaking illumination of over one million Christmas lights.

Date: Friday, December 11th
Departure & Return: Bus leaves Holy Family Church parking lot at 1:30PM and returns around 11:00 PM.
Cost: $45 (includes motor coach transportation, driver tip, and shrine donation).
Dinner: On your own at the shrine cafeteria (plenty of delicious options under $20).

St. Jeanne Jugan Women's Guild

Registration: Please call Vicki Mitchell at (860) 402-2796 for details and payment options. Checks should be made payable to St. Jeanne Jugan Parish; Memo: WG LaSalette Trip

Enjoy festive seasonal music and hymns as you welcome the newborn Savior with our seminarians!

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026
Doors open: 3:00 pm
Concert: 3:30 pm
Refreshments and Santa: 4:30 – 6:00 pm
At the seminary: 475 Oak Avenue, Cheshire

RSVP: Anne at *annec@legionofchrist.org* or (203) 494-1338

For those who can't be with us, the concert will be livestreamed on
youtube.com/lccheshire
and **facebook.com/lccheshire**



Parish Sharing & Support

November 22, 2026



Weekly $1,665.00
Monthly $445.00
Special $ 100.00
On-Line Giving $435.00
Total $2,645.00

2027 Mass Book

The 2027 Mass Book is now open. To schedule Masses, please call the office at 860-623-4636. We do not schedule Masses online! Please call or come into the office during office hours.

Thoughts From the Pastor

With today's Mass we enter the Season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas and the Birth of a Savior. Advent, although not as intense as the Season of Lent, is also a time of reflection, prayers and fast. It is also a time when we step back, spiritually, and reflect upon the "coming" of Our Lord Jesus, for that is what the word "advent" means; "coming".

The symbols of Advent are not many, actually. We have only recently become accustomed to the Advent Wreath with its four candles, three purple and one pink. The three purple colored candles denote the virtues of Love, Peace and Hope, while the pink colored candle denotes, Joy. Also, the meaning of the four candles supposedly tells us that the Jews waited 4000 years for the coming of the Messiah. Then, of course, we are all too familiar with Advent Hymns that call us to focus on two themes: preparing for Christ's coming into the world and John, the Baptist, the pre-cursor of Our Lord who insists that we **repent** and make straight the Way of the Lord.

In the Advent Season, we hear very much from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah. Most especially from what is called "The Emmanuel Accounts", found in chapters 9, 10 and 11 of the Book of Isaiah, a major prophet of the Old Testament. These Emmanuel Accounts gave us an overview of the characteristics and personality of the Messiah. It would be fair to note that Isaiah lived 800 years *before* Jesus was born. It would also be fair to remind all of us what Jesus told us: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Matthew 5:17-19)

Now that we've read all these wonderful things about Advent, may we now reflect on the interior question, how does this apply to me as a Catholic Christian? How and when will I take time to reflect on my relationship with God in preparation for the "coming" of the Messiah? Am I a true Christian who recognizes the dangers of greed and consumerism that marks the precious weeks before Christmas in a mundane, belittling fashion of the greatness of the Birth of the Son of God?

Truly, paganism has invaded us! The tremendous insult of witnessing Christmas decorations two weeks before Thanksgiving indicates that Advent and preparation of our spiritual side is blatantly ignored. When that happens, so is the entire meaning of Christmas and the great role of the Son of God, the Birth of a Savior, ignored, dismissed and muffled. It is done without regard and avant-garde!

That is why as Catholic Christians we must be counter cultural and maintain our firmness of belief and purpose against a world that insists on drowning out Christ and the true message of the Gospel. We must insist on taking time out during **Advent** to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ to our hearts. How do we do that? Perhaps we may wish to have a home Advent Wreath. At a certain time of the day we may gather the family around it, before supper, to pray the Advent prayers for that week and light the candle.

Perhaps we may want to read from the Emmanuel Accounts of the Book of Isaiah, as they are rich with images of the Messiah. Christian! Prepare to receive the greatest gift! Do not let the world dictate to you what you should do as a Christian! Remember, that we are in the world but we are not of the world. The bottom line: How true is your Christian life and how much will you prepare, spiritually for His Coming?

The Lamb Who Was Slain

Refresh my tired heart with a new vision of your glory, O Lamb of God. Make me share in your divinity, you who share in my humanity. Teach me how to be mild with self and others, how to bear lightly my daily burden. Teach me to yield peacefully to the mystery of your will. Grant me the wisdom to be firm without rigidity, forthright with- out harshness, forceful without ferocity. Fill me with the gentleness of the child, the meekness of the lamb. Pull me back when I become too involved in this age. Inscribe me in your book. Let me share in your suffering and your glo- ry. Let me adore you forever as the Lamb slain for me and all people, alone worthy to receive glory, honor and praise.

~Words of Grace~

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:

Help for the suffering

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, November 30, 2026 St. Andrew, Apostle
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
+ Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*Living & Deceased members of the **Di Placido, Perry, Bevilacqua & Chenard Families***
requested by Joyce & Roger

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)
*In honor of **Mary, Mother of The Sorrowful Heart***
requested by Toni & Ron Theriault

Thursday, December 3, 2026 St. Francis Xavier
9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)
*Birthday Remembrance for **Sharon Garry***
requested by Donna Harrison

Saturday, December 5, 2026 Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)
*+ Repose of the Soul of **Maryanne Tedesco***
(Birthday remembrance) *requested by Evelyn & Mike*

Sunday, December 6, 2026 Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)
Special Intentions
requested by The Stanley Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)
*+ Repose of the soul of **Lionel LeBlanc***
requested by E. Davis

*+ Repose of the soul of **Jannina Salach***
requested by The Staff