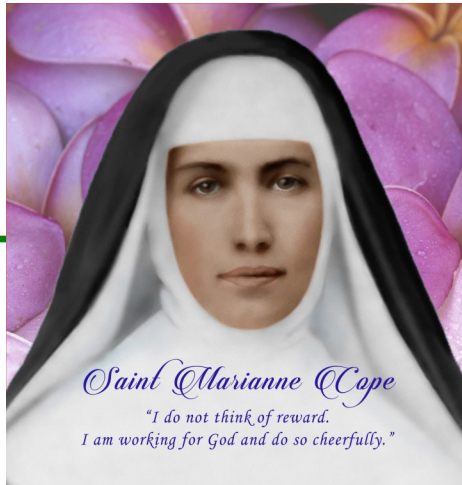




## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



June 28, 2026

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance."*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### Weekday Masses

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

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

### St. Philip the Apostle

150 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 PM



**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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

ST. LUKE CHURCH, ELLINGTON, CT

St. Luke in Ellington is having a Vacation Bible School for children in 4th through 6th grades. This year is called **Rainforest Falls—Exploring the Nature of God** which will be held August 3-7, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. For registration or information, please contact **Kim Bocchino** at 860-875-4951, *stlukeere@gmail.com* or sign up at *https://stlukeere.faithenroll.com*. There is a \$25.00 cost per child.

**REMINDER — REMINDER**

*Just a reminder: Sunday is the Lord’s Day. Mass on Sunday reflects the Lord Jesus, the Gospel and His mission. The saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary should not have a Mass on Sunday honoring them; or if someone received a favor through prayer. Those Masses should take place during the week; preferably on a day that is not a particular saints day. For instance; St. Anthony’s Feast Day is June 13th, we do not add a Mass in honor of Saint Therese on the Feast Day of St. Anthony. What do we do? Have a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary or a saint, for a favor received on a day that does not honor a particular saint. Those days without saints are called; “Ferial Days” (pronounced fair-ee-al).*

*I hope this is helpful for you.*

**Important**

**The office will be closed on Thursday, July 2, 2026 in observation of Independence Day. We will reopen with regular business hours on Monday, July 6, 2026.**

**Parish Sharing & Support**

(June 21, 2026)



Weekly \$1901.00

On-Line Giving \$520.00

TOTAL \$2421.00



### America's 250th Birthday

This is America's biggest civil holiday, **the Fourth of July**. Many times I have visited Independence Hall in Philadelphia and stood looking into the room where the leading men of the day drew up history's most famous Constitution. I say history's most famous Constitution because no other Constitution in known history has lasted as long as the United States Constitution. It worked during a Civil War (1861-1865) and withstood the impeachment proceedings of two presidents and the resignation of one president. That room in Independence Hall, I call: "*The womb of The United States of America.*"

On the balcony in back of Independence Hall, the Declaration of Independence was read on July 2, 1776. Written by Thomas Jefferson, who later became our 3rd president (1803-1809), it eloquently spells out the freedom of all to a country and King in England who were suffocating colonial rights. Incidentally, Thomas Jefferson is the founder of the Democratic Party. It was known in his time as the *Democratic-Republican Party*. It is the oldest, consecutive political party in the world.

In those days, it was very bold to stand up to the world's superpower. England had a mighty army and navy and owned many territories around the known world. They owned all of Canada and the Colonies now called the United States of America.

As we celebrate Independence Day, it is fitting that we take a close look at one of America's deeply moving patriotic songs: "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*". Below are the tear-jerking lyrics to America's most beautiful, patriotic song. Please read these words with deep meditation. Think, as you read, of the soldiers of the Civil War (1861-1865).

### The Battle Hymn of The Republic

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the  
Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the  
grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the  
fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His  
truth is marching on.*

### **Chorus:**

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred  
circling camps, They have builded Him an altar in  
the evening dews and damps; I can read His  
righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:  
His day is marching on.*

### **Chorus:**

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never  
call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgment-seat; Oh, be swift, my soul, to  
answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is  
marching on.*

### **Chorus:**

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across  
the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures  
you and me. As He died to make men holy. let us  
live to make men free. While God is marching on.*

This deeply moving patriotic hymn was written in 1861 at the very beginning of the Civil War. It came from the heart and pen of a woman by the name of **Julia Ward Howe**. At the time, Mrs. Howe was a leader in women's rights (something unheard of in that time) and a passionate foe of slavery. She came from a very wealthy New York family, and was married to Dr. Samuel G. Howe, a well known Boston philanthropist/humanitarian. Both of them were ardent crusaders for progressive, political and moral issues of the day. (1860's)

*Now, may I please remind the reader of the  
greatest "mortal sin" in the study of history; that  
is placing the 21 century progressive, political  
issues of our day into their day. It cannot be  
done!! The issues of their day are far different, to  
say the least. I left out the word "moral", because  
in their day and up to the 1980's there was a  
certain "moral compass". That moral compass is  
gone, as you read and I write.*

How did the lyrics of this magnificent hymn  
came about? One must please know that the tune  
was already present. After the hanging of the negro  
abolitionist, **John Brown** in 1859, the Union  
soldiers sang about that hanging with these words:  
"John Brown's body lies a-mold'ring in the grave,"  
to the tune of **The Battle of The Republic**.

*More on The Battle Hymn next week.*



## 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 Offering

*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:*

**Fr. James Cronin**

*The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:*

**Fr. Vincent Brown**

#### **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:*

**My 3 Carpenters**

*Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:*

**God's Healing of Ann Marie Gaudet**

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

## Masses For The Week



### Saturday, June 27, 2026

**11:00 AM Wedding Mass (St. Catherine Church)**

**4:00 PM** (St. Philip Church)

+ **Repose of the Soul of Kathy Moore-Ferreira**  
(Sixth Month Anniversary) *requested by the Family*

### Sunday, June 28, 2026

**8:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

+ **Repose of the Soul of Alvaro Rodrigues**  
*requested by Marion Lavoie & Family*

**10:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

+ **Repose of the Soul of Paul Durkin**

*requested by the Family*

### Monday June 29, 2026

**12:15 PM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Pro Pupulo**

### Tuesday, June 30, 2026

**12:15 PM** (St. Catherine Church)

**Health & Special Intentions of Mary, Michele & Joseph**

*requested by Mom & Dad*

### Wednesday, July 1, 2026

**12:15 PM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ **Repose of the Soul of Nona Reichle**

*requested by Larry & Maureen Lyman*

### Thursday, July 2, 2026

**9:00 AM** (St. Catherine Church)

**250 years of Independence**

**God's Blessings for Our Children**

*requested by Terry Richard & Bill Man*

### Saturday, July 4, 2026

**4:00 PM** (St. Philip Church)

**Health & God's Blessings for Geri Schnobrich**

### Sunday, July 5, 2026

**8:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

**Healing & God's Blessings for Valerie & James Manning**

*requested by Annie V.*

**10:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

+ **Repose of the Soul of Tom Sweeney** (Birthday Remembrance)

*requested by his wife Gail*