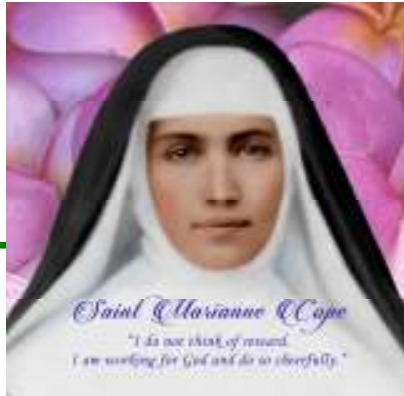


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues & Wed at 12:10 p.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip the Apostle

150 South Main Street
East Windsor, CT 06088

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m

Parish Office Phone - (860) 623-4636 (ext. 101)

Parish Fax - (860) 292-8550

Parish Website - smceastwindsor.org

Parish Office email - office@smceastwindsor.org

Administrative Assistant - Kimberly Green

Director of Music - Wendy Quinn

Faith Formation Office - (860) 623-4636 (ext. 106)

St. Philip Rectory - (860)370-5116

150 South Main Street
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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 of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. Catherine Church
Followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet



NEW PARISHIONERS – Welcome! There are registration forms on the bulletin boards in the church foyers at St. Philip Church during the weekend masses. Just fill one out and drop it in the Giving Box or Basket or return it to the parish office. You may also register by calling the parish office during weekday business hours.

YOUNG FAMILIES – At St. Philip Church, the quiet room is available for families with young children attending Mass and at St. Catherine Church the foyer is available if your child needs a break.

PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - The first pew is available for parishioners that have any type of physical limitations, and you may also receive communion while staying in your seat if you'd like. At St. Philip, those in the quiet room may proceed in front of the first pew for communion as well.

Emergency Phone

ST. Philip Rectory now has an emergency landline. Since our Office is only operating Monday through Thursday, there may be an emergency such as an anointing of the sick during the period that we are closed. Please bear in mind that Father Ron is not available on Fridays. If you need a priest on that day you must call a neighboring parish, especially for an anointing that is a critical matter. If it is a critical matter please do not leave a message on Friday and wait for a call back, as it is not going to happen! You must call a neighboring parish. Our land line number is as follows: 860-370-5116. Please note that this is an emergency land line not an extended office. We are not taking Masses, funerals, weddings or baptismal arrangements at this number. For these arrangements, please be referred to the office number which is 860-623-4636.



Welcome

Today, we have the honor of welcoming our coadjutor Archbishop, Christopher Coyne who will celebrate the 10:30am Mass. Please consider being present to welcome him to St. Marianne Cope Parish. If it is your custom of attending Mass at 4pm or 8:30am, please consider joining us either for Mass or the reception after Mass in St. Philip Hall. Archbishop Coyne would like to greet all parishioners. You will enjoy his friendly manner. Present for Mass today will be our C.C.D or faith formation students. St. Marianne Cope Parish wishes Archbishop Coyne many successful years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Welcome, Archbishop!

2024 Lector Books

Last weekend, the 2024 Lector Books were available to all Lectors. If you haven't received yours, please come to the sacristy after Mass. Each book has your name on it. May we have a graced 2024 preparing ourselves for the Scripture readings throughout the year. Thank you for offering to "proclaim" the Scripture at Mass.

Advent Spirituality and Edification

Advent is a short season of preparation and special spirituality. For your spiritual edification, there are several items for you. This week's bulletin has an Advent insert. Please read through it at home, at your leisure, as it provides a history of Advent and some meditations. Once again, we have the Little Blue Book of daily meditations for Advent and Christmas. The Little Blue Book contains meditations for each day from the late Bishop Unterer of Saginaw, Michigan. It has become a favorite of not only this parish, but also of many parishes across the U.S.A. Please take as many Advent Holy Cards as you wish. They have a beautiful prayer on the back for your personal use. Lastly, we have a wallet-size card of all important liturgical dates in 2024. This year, please take time to enter the season of preparation for Christ's coming called: ADVENT. God's blessings to you!

First Sunday of Advent

Social Action Outreach

Enfield Loaves & Fishes

Tues, December 5th, 9:00am-noon

(Sandwiches to the basement kitchen at St. Catherine)



FOODSHARE Truck

Friday, Dec. 8 & 22

1:00-1:30pm

(St. Catherine Church Parking Lot)

Five Corner Food Pantry

Bring donations to either church on weekends at St. Philip Church or weekdays at St. Catherine Church



Koledy Polish Christmas Carols

On Wednesday morning December 6, 2023 a Concert of Polish Christmas Carols will be performed at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT. Four familiar musicians, June Ingram, Eddie Forman, Ed Ziemiński and Jim Turek will perform an hour-long program. The concert will begin at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy this beautiful Polish tradition.

The concert is **free!**



Advent

Are there some items about the Faith we profess that utterly amaze you at times? A professor in the seminary once made this statement: "It was enough of a sacrifice for the Son of God to enter into time!" This causes us to think that with God there is no time, just an ever-present moment. There is no past or future with God, only the ever present now! The aforementioned statement also causes us to think that the sacrifices of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death would not be necessary if the only sacrifice of the Son of God were to be only "entering into time".

In His humility, the Son of God chose to be a "suffering servant" in order to allow us to share eternal life.

Advent calls our attention to focus on Christ's first coming, but also on His return at the end of time. We are told to be alert! We are also told: "We do not know when the time will come!"

These writings are not to cause any paranoia but make us yearn for the coming of The Lord, much like a bride and groom yearn for the wedding day. May we be aware of the many times Jesus "comes" to us each day. Our Lord always wants to come to us! The word ADVENT means "coming".

We end with the words and wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013) "*In a certain sense the Lord always wants to come. He knocks at the door of our hearts; are you willing to give me your flesh (body), your time, your life? This is the voice of the Lord, who always wants to enter our epoch (time); He wants to enter human life through us. He seeks a "living dwelling place in our lives".* (Parentheses are my own)

This Advent may we be on the lookout for Christ's coming each day in our life. May we be ready to honor the Lord now, and in the coming year!

December 3, 2023

Candle Offering

St. Joseph / Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Marianne Cope Parish
St. Catherine of Siena Church

This weeks intentions are for:

St. Joseph Statue for :
Birthday intentions for Sr. Gina

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue for :
Repose of the soul of Anna Schu

Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your remembrance request for either St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary or both. The candle will be a \$5.00 donation. Sanctuary candle intentions for St. Catherine Church or St. Philip Church are also accepted. The donation for the sanctuary candle is \$10.00 this candle burns two weeks.

The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

*The light at St. Philip Church burns for:
For the living and deceased members of the Swierczynski family, Vallera family, Laraia family*

*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
The souls in purgatory*

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 23 & 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 4 p.m.- Vigil- St. Philip

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:30 a.m. - St. Philip

10:30 a.m. - St. Philip

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - St. Philip Church

December 25 - Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:30 a.m. - St. Catherine Church

10:30 a.m. - St. Philip Church

December 30 & 31 - Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30 - 4:00 p.m.- Vigil Mass - St. Philip

Sunday, Dec. 31- 8:30 a.m.- St. Catherine

10:30 a.m.- St. Philip

January 1, 2024 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1 - 10:00 a.m.- St. Catherine

January 6 & 7 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, Jan.6 - 4:00 p.m. St. Philip

Sunday, Jan 7 - 8:30 a.m St. Catherine

10:30 a.m St. Philip

CONFESSION SCHEDULE - St. Philip

December 19, 20, 21 -7 p.m - 8 p.m.

December 23 - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.



Saturday, Dec 2

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Maurice Boains, 25th Anniversary**
requested by his wife and family

Sunday, Dec 3

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **William Green, Sr**
requested by Colleen Green

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Norma MacDonald**
requested by the family

Monday, Dec 4 Saint John Damacene, Priest & Dr of the Church

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Daniel Folley**
requested by Francis Pajot

Tuesday, Dec 5

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Robert Turbie**
requested by Francis Pajot

Wednesday, Dec 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Jaime Smith**
requested by Francis Pajot

Thursday, Dec 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr of the Church

9:00AM +Repose of the soul of **Joseph and Katherine Maslow**
requested by Maslow & Teixeira family

Friday, Dec 8. St. Catherine THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Anne Myers**
requested by Maureen Lyman

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Patrick Toole**
requested by Kim Green

Saturday, Dec 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtloatzin

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ted Phillips,**
(3rd Anniversary) requested by his wife, Pat

Sunday, Dec 10

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Pelletier**
requested by Dcn Alan & Karen

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Loretta Burnham**
requested by the family

Parish Sharing & Support (Nov. 26, 2023)

Weekly - \$1699 Monthly - \$65 Online - \$2265

(Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure with our parish.)