

## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



### St. Catherine of Siena

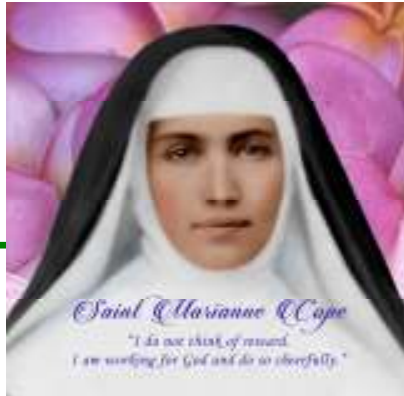
6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### 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), Fax (860) 292-8550

**Parish Website** - [smceastwindsor.org](http://smceastwindsor.org)

**Parish Office email** - [office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto:office@smceastwindsor.org)

**Administrative Assistant** - Kimberly Green

**Director of Music** - Wendy Quinn

**Vocations Committee** – Paula McCloskey, Kay Teixeira

**Pro-Life** - Marie Pelletier

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

**St. Philip Rectory** - (860)370-5116

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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

We extend our sincerest congratulations to **Ed and Maryann Smith** as recipients of the 2024 St Joseph Medal from the Archdiocese of Hartford for their service to our Parish. The ceremony of the bestowal of the Medal will take place on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, CT. It is very important to note that this is a ceremony and prayer service. **It is not the celebration of Mass.** All are invited to attend this lovely prayer service of the highest honor of the Archdiocese of Hartford.



**The Pieta**

Below, please find a list of people who so generously volunteered to take the Traveling Pieta into their homes for one week during Lent. Thank you for inviting our Lord and our Blessed Lady to grace your residence for a week.

- Feb 14 - 17 Charleen Turcotte
- Feb 19 - 24 Martha Gomez
- Feb 26 - Mar 2 Terry Richard
- March 4-9 Clarissa Ceglio
- March 11-16 Karen Germain
- March 18-23 Josephine Nolin
- HOLY WEEK March 25-30 Lorraine Wyrostek

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Confessions** every Monday in Lent from 6pm – 7pm. As usual, Confessions every Saturday from 3 – 3:45pm.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesdays between 11am – 12pm (Unless otherwise indicated)  
**Daily Mass**, as usual: Monday – Wednesday 12:10pm, Thursdays at 9am. St Catherine Church  
**Stations of the Cross** (two times a week) during Lent:  
**Wednesdays 2:30pm** (Fr Ron) St Catherine Church  
**Fridays 6:30pm** (Deacon Alan) St Philip Church  
 \*\*Stations of the Cross on both Wednesdays and Fridays will be with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CT March for Life March 20, 2024**  
**12:00 pm CT State Capitol Area**

The rally will begin at 12:00 p.m at the Capitol and the MARCH will begin at 1:00 p.m at Bushnell Park. More information will be provided in next week’s Parish bulletin regarding local transportation options, etc.



Figure 1: The Shroud of Turin (© Arcidiocesi di Torino).

Just a note of “thanks” to Kay Teixeira and Karen Germain for preparing our two churches for the Lenten Season. Lent is such a deep, spiritual time within the liturgical calendar. It is very, very different from any other time of the year. Hopefully our churches and liturgies reflect the seriousness and joy of the season of repentance.

**Lectionary Readers Needed**

Four more readers (thank you Ron and Antoinette Theriault, Karen Germain for volunteering so far) are needed for the March 29, Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm to read 7 short Gospels. Please call or email Kim Green at the Parish Office if you would like to be included.



Foodshare will be in the St Catherine Church parking lot on Friday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m.

**The Shroud of Turin – Presentation by Deacon Alan Germain**

We will be offering a special presentation on the **Shroud of Turin** at St Philip’s Church this Lent. Have you ever heard of the Shroud of Turin? Do you know what the Shroud of Turin is? Would you like to learn more about this image and what we know about it and why many believe it to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ?

Come join us for one or more of the presentations, we will be exhibiting a life size copy of the Shroud Negative image.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00 PM**, a Summary presentation on the Shroud of Turin, What the Shroud is, a brief history and some of the scientific discoveries over the past 60 years.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**, “Man of the Shroud” - Details of the physical aspects of the shroud and scriptural references.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**, “Real or Fake? You make the call!” - Scientific Evidence that has been found over the past 6- years. FREE, no registration required

## **Important Information!**

### **MUST READ**

Due to February's priests Deanery Meeting on Feb 26, 2024 (Monday), Mass will be celebrated at 9:00a.m instead of 12:10 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2024 NO MASS AT 12:10 P.M! Mass will be at 9:00a.m! A Deanery consists of several towns in close proximity that meets once a month (pastors and vicars) to go over and keep updated on various deliberations of the Archdiocese and to inform the Archbishop of any concerns in particular to the Deanery. Each Deanery has a Dean. Our Dean is Fr. Matthew Gworek, who is Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Farmington and Mary, Star of The Sea in Unionville.

### **Lenten Thoughts**

There are so many "extras" we can do during Lent. Hopefully, you are deepening your spiritual journey by doing something extra. I have decided to read a spiritual book entitled: *The Life of St. Francis of Assisi* by Father Cuthbert, O.S.F.C. It was first printed in 1912. The last printing was in 1960. I have the 1960 version. It runs on for 464 pages. What an in depth study of St. Francis of Assisi, who lived from 1181-1226. He still influences the world today!!

His very first biographer was *Thomas of Celano*. Thomas of Celano knew St. Francis, personally. What I found quite interesting was Thomas' description of Francis of Assisi. Personally, I share this description with all of you in a paraphrased form.

Thomas of Celano describes St. Francis in his youth about twenty years old as a man full of zest, short of stature, very slender, with an almost olive complexion. His facial features were delicate, with a straight well-shaped nose. He had tapered fingers or today we would call such fingers: "piano fingers". His lips were thin, but pierced. He had deep set, dark eyes. He had a very clear voice which sounded somewhat musical, but strong.

Because he came from tremendous wealth, (his father was a medieval cloth merchant) he dressed sumptuously. He had a sharp wit and timeless energy. He moved and walked quite briskly. His nature was serious but he was prone to a gentle melancholy. He spent his father's money lavishly, never letting money burn a hole in his pocket. Francis was ambitious and very popular among the people and the youth.

Francis was born in France and was baptized "Giovanni" Bernadone. His real name is Giovanni or in English, John. His father always called him "Francesco" because he was born in France. The name stuck to him all of his life. He was a troubadour, which means he played an instrument and loved to sing and dance.

Because of Thomas of Celano, a friend of St. Francis, we have a real glimpse of someone who lived 800 years ago and one of the most popular Saints in the Church. Hopefully, you enjoyed this.



### **Blessed Candles**

*We ordered 100 little boxes of private prayer candles for February 2nd. Each box contained two candles. Traditionally, Feb 2nd is known as Candlemas Day. From your generous donations, we realized \$456.00 which was placed in our operating account. Thank you very much for your kind charity.*



*Please join us on March 17, 2024 to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph after the 10:30a.m Mass. It's just coffee and... no need to bring anything but yourselves. More info to follow.*

### **Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors**

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins. (413) 552-7231 or email Mary [DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).

### **Birthright needs Volunteers!**

**Call 1-800-550-4900**

**Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical and clothing work. Training is provided.**

February 25, 2024



**MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR**

Our Calendar has dates available on March 5, 7, 10 and 13, 2024 for your Mass Intentions. How to request your Intentions: Call the office at (860) 623-4636 or email

office@smceastwindsor.org your Mass Intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

NOTE: Kindly submit your suggested offering shortly after making your reservation. This can be done via Online Giving, 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.



**Candle Offering**

*St. Joseph / Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Catherine of Siena Church*

**St. Joseph Statue:**

**James and Irene Dooley**  
requested by Lorraine & Pat

**Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:**  
**Tessa and Torrie Green**  
requested by Kim Green

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 is a \$5.00 donation.

Sanctuary candle intentions for St. Catherine Church or St. Philip Church are available for a \$10.00 donation. These candles burn for 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:*  
**Parishioners of St Marianne Cope Parish**  
*The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:*  
**Peace in Ukraine & Israel /Gaza**



Saturday, Feb 24

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Maria & Manuel Teixeira**  
requested by Teixeira family

Sunday, Feb 25

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Jack, David & Michael Michaud**  
requested by Fr Ron  
10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Theresa Albetski,**  
**10th Anniversary**  
requested by family

Monday, Feb 26

12:10PM Special Intention  
requested by Teixeira family

Tuesday, Feb 27 *Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot*

12:10PM Special Intention for **Thomas Eisenman**  
requested by Deacon Alan & Karen Germain

Wednesday, Feb 28

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **John and Mary Breen**  
requested by Pat Talley

Thursday, Feb 29

9:00AM Health & God's blessings for **Fr David Modejski**  
Requested by Fr Ron

Saturday, March 2

4:00PM +Repose of the soul of **Patricia Dutkiewicz**  
requested by Fr Ron

Sunday, March 3

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Timothy J. Sullivan, Jr.,**  
**46th Anniversary**  
requested by family  
10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Robert Segba**  
requested by family



**Parish Sharing and Support**  
**(February 18, 2024)**

**Weekly \$1931      Monthly \$60**  
**Online \$775**