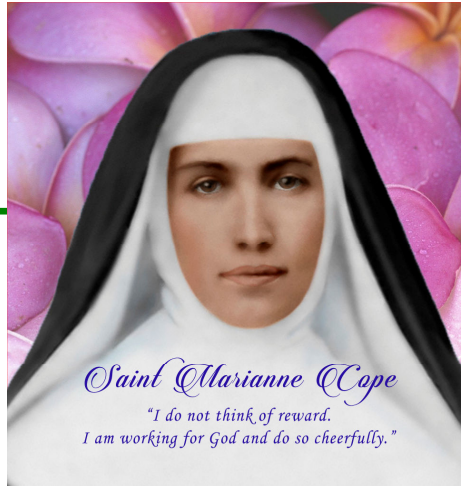




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 Fax (860) 292-8550

Parish Website: smceastwindsor.org

Parish Office email: office@smceastwindsor.org

Administrative Assistant: *Ruth Hertel*

Director of Music: *Wendy Quinn*

Vocations Committee: *Paula McCloskey, Kay Teixeira*

Pro –Life: *Marie Pelletier*

Faith Formation Office: (860) 623-4636

St. Philip Rectory: Phone (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

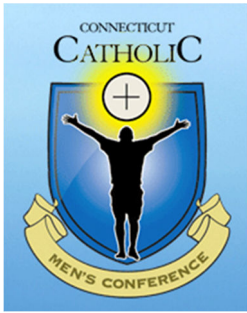
Please call the parish office or registration forms are available on the church bulletin boards.

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



Coming Soon!!

THE Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

on Saturday

September 21, 2024

at Northwest Catholic High School in
West Hartford, CT.

The theme of this year's Conference is

The Four Last Things:

Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.

Mark the date gentlemen. More information to follow! This is the 17th Annual Catholic Conference for men.



*Please
pray for the
repose of the soul
of
Halina Ryniejski*

St. Marianne Cope Parish Seminarian Gift Card Collection

The Vocation Committee will be collecting gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75 & \$100 for the Hartford Seminarists as a thank you for the wonderful services they provide and the blessing that they are to our community. The collection is ongoing. Please place your donation in the collection basket marked "SEMINARIANS".



www.foodshare.org

FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m.**

On a Personal Note

I extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to all who attended our two evenings celebrating Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. To our parishioners, our guest parishioners from Windsor, South Windsor and Enfield a sincere thank you for joining us on these two evenings; demonstrating your love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Most especially, we thank our three seminarian candidates for the Archdiocese of Hartford: Grzegorz, Dan and Jake. Hopefully, your love and reverence for the Eucharist inspires them to continue answering the call of Jesus to serve His people. Please, continue to pray for them.

Thank you to our organists and soloists for enhancing the Sacred Liturgy with song and voice. Remember: "To sing is to pray twice." Also, thank you to Mr. Aaron Joseph for taking snapshots of our Mass and Procession for the Catholic Transcript.

My dear people, May Our Eucharistic Lord bestow many graces upon you and your family. May Blessed Carlo Acutis ever lead and direct us to Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Roman Catholic Church's Eucharist Revival does not end...it's just beginning. Jesus has graciously invited us to a dinner. Please accept His invitation by attending Mass each week. God's blessings and graces to all.

*Sincerely,
Fr. Ron*

The Feast of The Assumption of Mary August 15th

The Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, occurs this year on Thursday, August 15th. In May we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, forty days after Easter, Jesus “ascends” back to the Father on His own. Mary, on the other hand, having no godly authority or power of her own, is “assumed” into Heaven. Witness the most beautiful painting by Bartolome Esteban-Murillo (1617-1682) of Mary being assumed into Heaven by little cherubs!

As Catholics we believe that after the death of the Virgin Mary, she was not allowed to decay in the grave. She was delivered from original sin in order to give birth to the sinless one.... Jesus Christ, her son. Without any controversy in the Church on this matter for centuries, Pope Pius XII in 1950, together with the consent of all the bishops the world over, as well as with the consent of the faithful people of God, declared and defined that Mary indeed was assumed into Heaven. It is “de fide” or from the faith of the people in whom the Holy Spirit guides and resides that Mary is truly assumed into Heaven.

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is the Fourth Mystery in the series of Mysteries of the Rosary called the Glorious Mysteries. **Masses on the Feast of The Assumption, Thursday, August 15th will take place at St. Catherine Church. The Mass schedule is as follows: 9am and 12:10 pm.** I am eliminating the evening Mass as very few people attend. Holy Days of Obligation are mandatory upon Catholics to celebrate Mass together.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Some time ago, I began a series of articles on the seven sacraments. I have already written about the Anointing of The Sick, Matrimony, Confirmation and Baptism. Now, I would like to focus on Holy Orders or ordination to the priesthood/diaconate.

It is a long tradition in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and some other Eastern Rite Churches, that only men are ordained for ministry among the faithful.

This is a calling from God, which is very mysterious indeed! Something stirs in the heart, mind and soul of the one being called to public ministry which must be augmented by deep prayer, discernment and spiritual direction.

That spiritual direction is best on the part of a priest, so that the one who is discerning may wish to be reconciled (confession) to God and the priest is readily available to impart absolution in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Concerning the women, I invite you to read the writings and autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux (1873 – 1897) who so beautifully felt called to priesthood. Her deep faith is incomparable! Her understanding of her mission in the church is exquisite! Her love for priests is yet inexhaustible! Of course, she was a Carmelite: the most profound spirituality in the Church!

Every priest comes from the pews. Every deacon comes from the pews. We are one of you!! I worshipped in the pews for 37 years of my life. That’s longer than I’ve been in Holy Orders. Then, it is good to return to the pews as priest or deacon from whence we came. Return to the pews to pray; to listen to sermons(homilies); to pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the people, etc., etc.

When one feels the Lord stirring the heart to be called to lead the people in prayer, one seeks, not only spiritual guidance, but also to enter a “seminary”. The word “seminary” comes from the Latin word: “seminus” which means “seed.” Thus, Jesus plants the seed in the heart; we enter the seminary so that the seed may grow. It takes 8 years to become a priest. It takes 8 years to become a medical doctor, too.

The studies are very intense with a lot of reading, writing, researching, while still discerning one’s vocation. Priests are not stupid! They are well educated to be able to handle most of the ups and downs of their parishioners and society. To accompany the academics, there is intense spirituality, study of the Bible; its history; its linguistic nuances, etc. Seminarians generally study Latin, Greek and Hebrew (for understanding the scriptures). They may elect to study Spanish, French, or Italian and sometimes German. With all this, seminarians go on “apostolates” or ministries among the sick and dying. They teach C.C.D. (Faith Formation) for various churches in the area. On top of all this, the seminarian takes psychological courses to understand himself and the various personality types he will serve.

[More on the Sacrament of Holy Orders](#)
[next week](#)

August 4, 2024



Mass Intentions

How to request your Intentions:

You are welcome to call the office at (860) 623-4636, email us at office@smceastwindsor.org and of course you always welcome to stop by the Parish Office to request Mass Intentions. (during regular office hours) Please provide your phone number & 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** and include the Mass date.



Candle Offering

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

**St. Philip the Apostle Church
St. Catherine of Siena Church**

*St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary or both.
The candle is a \$5.00 donation*

St. Joseph Statue:

Repose of the soul of Halina Ryniejski

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:

For Health and God's blessings for the Iarusso & Hertel Families

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:
For Health and God's blessings for Jo-Ann Caron

The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:
For Health and God's blessings for Elzear Rodrigue

Masses For The Week



Saturday, August 3

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Mary Nedjoika**
requested by Husband, Robert

Sunday, August 4

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

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Francis Loos & Patricia Loos**
requested by William Loos

Monday, August 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Theresa Kochanek**
requested by her Sister, Irene

Tuesday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Carol Rodrigue**
(5th Anniversary) requested by Husband, Benoit

Wednesday, August 7 St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs: St. Cajetan, Priest

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Denise Strba**
requested by Teixeira Family

Thursday, August 8 St. Dominic, Priest

9:00 AM **For Health and God's blessings for Rita & Bob Foreman** (Mother & Son)
requested by Fr. Ron

Saturday, August 10

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Jack Zagaja**
(1st Anniversary) requested by Roz Zagaja

Sunday, August 11

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Carol Rodrigue**
requested by Husband, Benoit

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Mrs. Carmen Pinette**
requested by Josephine & Bill Nolan



Parish Sharing and Support (July 28, 2024)

**Weekly \$1,722.00 Monthly \$0.00
Online \$**

Thank you for your generosity and support!