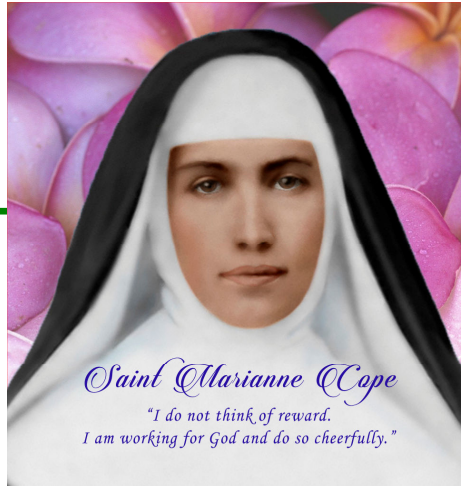




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

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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

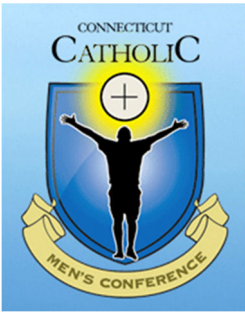
Please call the parish office or registration forms are available on the church bulletin boards.

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
Robert Deragon
Elzear Rodrigue*

***** Changes, Changes, Changes*****

For the next two weeks there will be **no** adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, (August 27th and Sept. 3rd) Also: the Thursday Mass on August 29th and Sept. 5th will be celebrated at 12:10pm NOT 9am.



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m.**

Labor Day

While Labor Day is known as the "end of summer," the season of summer actually comes to an end on September 20th. Americans have traditionally wrapped up our summer excursion by Labor Day. The children have returned to school and many of our routine duties have begun. Of course, September is beautiful with warm days and cool nights.

This patriotic day is filled with relaxation, friends and family and/or an outdoor barbecue. Labor Day celebrates the common everyday worker.

In the 19th century (1800's) Labor Day was established to honor labor unions and workers across our great country. Please recall that labor unions did not become official until 1935. In the 1800's and early 1900's labor unions experienced some great "wins." One such win is the 40-hour work week, company benefits, paid leave, sick leave and vacation time. Labor Day honors the common American worker who helped change the work force.

This special day of tribute to the American worker can be traced back to two Irishman: Peter J. and Matthew McGuire. The first unofficial Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City. By June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act, officially recognizing Labor Day on the first Monday of September for the whole country.

On September 2, 2024, Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. (no Mass at 12:10 p.m.) at St. Catherine Church in Broad Brook. Please be advised that on that day there will not be a 12:10 p.m. Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

Office Closing

*In observance of Labor Day, the Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024. Regular business will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. At this time, the Staff, Deacon Alan and I wish all of you a very happy, safe holiday:
God's blessings be yours.*

The Sacrament of Penance Cont'd.

Last week we had a historical overview of the Sacrament of Penance, more commonly called Reconciliation. This title is so much appropriate since we are being reconciled to God in order to be in a “state of Grace” that is without venial or mortal sin.

Most Catholics refer to this Sacrament as “Confession” and indeed it is what we are doing...confessing our sins to be reconciled to God. However, the word “reconcile” places us in a positive light with Our Lord, because we seek to be unified with God who constantly runs after us to bring us into or back into the fold.

In this Sacrament the Faithful obtain Mercy from God for having offended Him. The problem is that the Church, for many years has not continued to teach its people about sin; the definition of sin; the fact that we do sin and the fact that Jesus spoke of sin ceaselessly , for it is why He came to earth in order to forgive our sins and to live with Him and be happy with Him forever.

The definition of sin is very simple...a turning away from God. Reconciliation and Penance turn us back to God and lead us into His good graces. Nevertheless, there are those who firmly believe that they don't sin. Well, according to the Letter of St. James (New Testament) if one doesn't sin, then one calls God a liar!! Is this where we want to be in our relationship with God?? That God is a liar?

Because we haven't taught sin for decades now, many Catholics feel as though they don't need to confess their sins or be reconciled to God by going to a priest. After all, the priest is also a sinner they argue. True, but the priest also has to go to a priest to be absolved of his sins.

In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus gives authority to the Apostles to forgive sins in His Name (Jn. 20).

There are two kinds of sorrow, both are appropriate for Reconciliation. One is Imperfect Sorrow. In this sorrow we seek reconciliation with God because we fear going to purgatory or hell. The other is called Perfect Sorrow.

This sorrow prompts us to seek reconciliation simply because we are sorry, we have offended God Himself. As stated above, both sorrows are acceptable. Most of the faithful, before they go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation experience one or the other of these sorrows.

It would be well for us to name the sins. One is venial and the other is Mortal. Most people have venial sins on their souls: impatience, swearing etc., etc. The mortal sin is worse because it completely separates us from God. One needs several things to commit a mortal sin: 1. One must know it is sinful; 2. One must meditate on committing the sin and 3. One must commit the sin.

While I stated the Church only asks us to be Reconciled to the Lord once -a-year. Mortal sins must be confessed and absolved as soon as possible! There is nothing stopping anyone from going to Confession as many times as they wish.

As a priest, I fear there is one mind set, which prevails in our society today ... that is...people believe they don't sin, and some Catholics believe they don't need to go to a priest. Read St. John's Gospel Chapter 20.

Irish Philosophy

*There are only two things to worry about;
Either you are well or you are sick.
If you are well,
Then there is nothing to worry about.
If you are sick,
There are two things to worry about;
Either you will get well or you will die.
If you get well,
There is nothing to worry about.
If you die,
There are two things to worry about;
Either you will go to Heaven or Hell.
If you go to Heaven,
There is nothing to worry about.
If you go to Hell,
You'll be so damn busy
shaking hands with your friends,
you won't have time to worry!*

September 1, 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 are 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 Fr. Mario Pepe*

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:

+ *Repose of the Soul of Fr. Marion Krupnik*

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 the repose of the soul of Patrick Weber*

The light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

+ *For the repose of the soul of Patrick Weber*

Masses For The Week



Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Walter Miarecki**
requested by Christine Miarecki

Sunday, September 1

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

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Wallace & Hellen Dumeer**

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Carmen Pinette**
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Rev. John d'Anjou**
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Wednesday, September 4

12:10 PM **Health & God's Blessings for Stephanie Skiffen**
requested by Kayli & Ruth Hertel

Thursday, September 5

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Gloria and John Franco**
requested by Francis Pajot

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

8:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Francis Krupski**
requested by Family

10:30AM +Repose of the soul of **Salvatore Disanti**
requested by Lagana Family



Parish Sharing and Support (August 25, 2024)

Weekly \$2,478.00 Monthly \$225.00
Online \$842.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!