



Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



St. Catherine of Siena

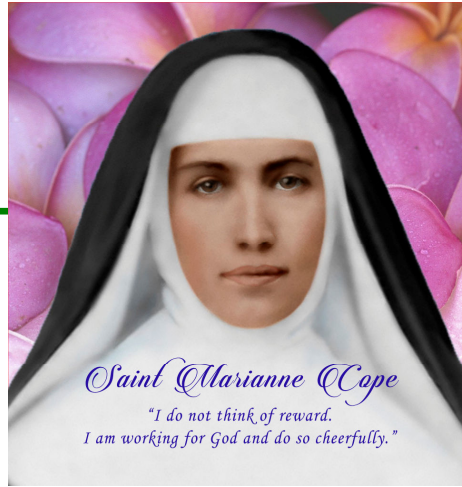
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

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.



December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

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.

Watching (for) the News

When I was a boy, I recall television programs would occasionally be interrupted by the words, "We interrupt this program for a Special News Bulletin." The moment between those words and the actual bulletin felt like an eternity. What followed was always serious. Now, much as when we hear car alarms sound, we do not think much of "Breaking News" announcements. They have become ubiquitous. When everything becomes a crisis or cause of alarm, we become anesthetized. If everything is "Breaking News," nothing is.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells us, *Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life. Giving ourselves over to foolishness and a debased way of life makes us sluggish in responding to the coming of Christ. Similarly, turning everything in life into a "Special News Bulletin" makes us less prepared to receive Christ when he comes. Giving into every demand for our attention makes us increasingly less attentive to the One who truly deserves our full attention.*

If we do not learn to look for him now, his arrival could indeed cause us to be dismayed, perplexed, and frightened. Advent affords us a grace-filled opportunity to rediscover the joy of watching and waiting for him. Attentive silence and prayer in Advent prepares us to joyfully receive the Good News.

Father David Barnes

Heavenly Father, this Advent please give me the grace to be free from enslavement to every distraction, and the grace to look with expectation for the coming of your Son.

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: Ruth Hertel

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



SANDWICHES FOR Enfield
LOAVES & FISHES

First Tuesday of each month.
Individually wrapped sandwiches should be placed in the St. Catherine Church Hall **refrigerator**.
9:00am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, December 3rd

Thank you for your support & generosity!



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, December 6,** at **1:00 p.m.**



Baptism



*St. Marianne Cope Parish
joyfully welcomes into the
Catholic Christian Community,
Ella Jeanne Griffin, who was baptized
today.*

*We congratulate his parents
& Godparents.*

May God bless you and your child.

Ella Jeanne Griffin

the child of

Meghan Harrington & Jonathan Griffin

Godparents:

Madeline Harrington & Christopher Jonanis

The Feast of St. Nicholas

December 6th is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. Many families have "Christmas Traditions" that are particular to the private family. When I was growing up it was a tradition to decorate the house on December 6th for Christmas. Of course, this is the Feast of St. Nicholas or St. Nicholas Day. Below, please enjoy learning about the real St. Nicholas from which we get our 19th century: Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas is honored in both Western and Eastern churches. Most especially, he is honored in the Eastern Churches and in particular the Russian and Greek Orthodox Churches. He was the Bishop of Myra (now Lycia) in Turkey. In the Eastern Rite Churches, he is called: "The wonder worker."

The liturgy of the Eastern (Byzantine) Church praises St. Nicholas as a model Bishop of Myra, Turkey. The notion of gift-giving concerning St. Nicholas as legend would have it, came from the fact that there were three young ladies in his Diocese that needed a dowry in order to marry. Being poor, they didn't have a dowry. Hearing of their plight he arranged for a dowry to be given to them. The dowry came as an anonymous, secret gift. In those days, a dowry was a gift of a small parcel of land given by the girl and her father before the marriage.

From this, grew the notion of gift-giving by example of the Three Kings; and in the German speaking world *Sinter Klaus*. Klaus is the German for Nicholas, from which the English-speaking world derives the name: **Santa Claus**.

The truth of the matter is that St. Nicholas was in attendance at The Council of Nicea in the year 325, which gave us the Nicene Creed recited at Mass every Sunday and Solemnities throughout the year.

In the Middle Ages four hundred churches were named in honor of St. Nicholas. At one time, after the Middle Ages approximately 2000 churches throughout the world bore his name.

Here is an old prayer in honor of St. Nicholas from the Eastern Church:

"O Father and Pontiff Nicholas, the holiness of your life was set before your flock as a rule of faith, an example of meekness and a teaching of temperance; wherefore you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to Christ God that he may save our souls."



**St. Junipero
Serra Parish**
Christmas Choir Concert
Friday, December 20th
7:00 PM

We cordially invite you to attend this **FREE** Christmas Concert featuring our choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra and organ.

St. Margaret Mary Church
80 Hayes Road, South Windsor, CT

Monetary donations graciously accepted at the door.

Reception following the concert



Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Usually, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception falls on December 8th. Since in 2024 December 8th is a Sunday, the Feast is celebrated on December 9, 2024, **Masses on that day will be as follows: 9am and 12:10pm. The Masses will be celebrated at St. Catherine Church.** It is important to note that since this Feast Day falls on a Monday, Archbishop Coyne has removed the title: Holy Day of Obligation. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation!! However, Archbishop and the priests of the Archdiocese wish to offer the Masses as so many people love, Our Blessed Lady. The Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of The United States of America.

Koledy Polish Christmas Carols

*On Wednesday morning, **December 4**, a concert of the most popular Polish Christmas Carols will be given at **Sacred Heart Church** 446 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT. 06078. The concert will begin at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy this beautiful Polish tradition. The concert is free.*

St. Marianne Cope Parish Seminarist Gift Card Collection

The Vocation Committee will be collecting **GIFTCARDS** 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**".

WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHECKS



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 for St. Catherine Church or St. Philip Church are available for a \$10.00 donation. These candles burn for two weeks.

The Sanctuary light at St. Philip Church burns for:

Healing & God's Blessings for Jim Pedersen

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

The mercy of God to prevail in the world

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 burns for:

The souls in Purgatory

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

Peace in Ukraine

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Sherman Family**

Sanford, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jane requested by Family

Sunday, December 1

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

requested by Colleen Green

10:30 AM **Healing & God's Blessings for Jim Pedersen**

requested by Wyrostek

Monday, December 2

12:10 PM Blessings to **Rob & Linda Harrison**

(40th Wedding Anniversary) requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

Tuesday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

12:10 PM Health & God's Blessings for **Sue Miqueli**

requested by Teixeira Family

Wednesday, December 4: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Manuel, Maria, Linda Teixeira**

requested by Family

Thursday, December 5

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Ellie Mallin**

requested by Mary Lou Wyse

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Frances Hartnett**

requested by Family

Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM Health & God's Blessings for **Sister Gina**

requested by Parishioners

10:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Anne Meyers**

requested by Maureen Lyman



Parish Sharing and Support (November 24, 2024)

Weekly \$ 2,011.00 Monthly \$340.00

Online \$1,455.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!