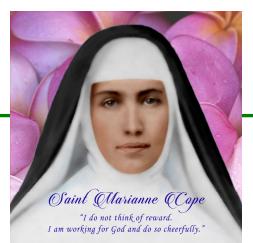


St. Catherine of Siena 6 Windsorville Road Broad Brook, CT 06016

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.

Saint Marianne Cope Parish Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor Alan Germain - Deacon



November 17, 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

The Grace of Transformation

Jesus gives his Body and his Blood through the bread and wine, to leave us the memorial of his sacrifice of infinite love. And with this "Viaticum" filled with grace, the disciples had everything necessary for their journey through history, to extend to all the Kingdom of God....

"The body of Christ is the bond which unites you to him: eat it, or you will have no part in him. The blood is the price he paid for your redemption: drink it, lest you despair of your sinfulness."...

The Eucharist enables us to abide in him, for it is the bond which unites us to him, it is the fulfillment of the Covenant, the living sign of the love of Christ who humbled and lowered himself in order that we remain united. Participating in the Eucharist and being nourished of him, we are included in a journey which admits no division. Christ present in our midst, in the sign of the bread and wine, demands that the power of love overcome every laceration, and at the same time that it also become communion with the poorest, support for the weak, fraternal attention to those who have difficulty in bearing the weight of daily life.... Jesus poured out his Blood as the price and the laver, so that we might be purified of all sin: not to lose hope, let us look to Him, drink of his font....Then we will feel the grace of transformation: we will always be poor sinners, but the Blood of Christ will free us from our sins and restore our dignity.

~ Pope Francis

Parish Office

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

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thursday 9am-3pm St. Catherine Cemetery: <u>by appointment</u>

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.

<u>Christian Stewardship</u>

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

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, November 28th this year. Along with the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving is probably the second most celebrated American holiday. Beginning with our first President George Washington. The holiday was not on the fourth Thursday of November until our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln was in office.

It is an important day for all Americans to give thanks to God for all of our blessings as a nation, for all of our personal blessings and for our families, neighbors and friends.

A Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. in St. Catherine Church. I encourage all of you to attend Mass on that day to thank Almighty God for our blessings as a country and for our personal blessings. What better way to begin our Thanksgiving Day than by worshipping God.

The Office will keep regular hours on Monday, November 25th (9-3); Tuesday, November 26th (9-3) and on Wednesday, November 27th (9-12) a half day. The Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will reopen on Monday, December 2, 2024. Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with abundant blessings from Almighty God.



SANDWICHES FOR Enfield LOAVES & FISHES

First Tuesday of each month. Individually wrapped sandwiches should be brought to St. Catherine Church hall <u>9:00am 12:00 pm Tuesday, December 3rd</u> <u>Thank you for your support & generosity!</u>



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on Friday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m.

St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr

For many years of my life I have entered Catholic Churches only to find a beautiful painting near the ceiling of St. Cecelia. Usually, she is seated at an organ playing away at what one could assume to be Church hymns. For centuries she has been the patron of Church Choirs.

Born in Rome she is said to have died there in the year 230 or 250. Legend has it that she was married, against her will, to a certain Valerian, who became a Christian, because of Cecelia's strong faith. In the marriage, she remained a virgin. It is said that she was instrumental in converting her husband's brother, Tiburtius to Christianity, also. Valerian and Tiburtius were captured and martyred. She was arrested after burying them and sentenced to suffocation. Then, she was sentenced to beheading. She lived for three days mortally wounded and passed peacefully away.

Known as the patroness of music and musicians, it is highly likely she never played an instrument. However, no doubt, because of her Christian Faith, she heard the sounds of music and singing to God in the heart. We listen to St. Augustine: "words cannot express the things that are sung (to God) by the heart."

Again, St. Augustine: "the martyrs were bound, imprisoned, scourged, rocked, burnt, butchered; and they multiplied." She is sainted not because she a virgin, but because she consecrated her life to God. In our time Simon and Garfunkel recorded the ever -popular song: Cecelia in 1970. In 1926, <u>Does your</u> <u>mother know you're out</u>, <u>Cecelia</u> was recorded. Some years later it was sung by Perry Como and the breathy Carol Channing.

In Omaha, Nebraska the name of the Archdiocesan Cathedral is St. Cecelia. It is the only Cathedral named after St. Cecelia in the Western hemisphere holding 900 people. I have been to pray in this Cathedral twice. It is the 10th largest Cathedral in the United States.

Of course, November 22 will always be remembered as the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, TX.

St. Cecelia, pray for us, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.



During the month of November, we have, again, the Book of Remembrance. In this book, you are kindly asked to record your loved ones who have passed on to their eternal reward. The Book of Remembrance is strictly for recording those who have died, not those who are ill. Mass will be offered for them each day of the week during the month of November. The Pascal Candle will be lit for each Mass, indicating that Jesus is the Light of the World and the glory of the dead. Please feel free to sign up your friends and relatives in the Book of Remembrance.



St. Marianne Cope Parish Seminarian Gift Card Collection

The Vocation Committee will be collecting **GIFTCARDS** in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75 & \$100 for the Hartford Seminarians 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



How to request your Intentions:

To request Mass Intentions, please call the office at (860) 623-4636. WE WILL NO LONGER BE AC-CEPTING 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 <u>shortly</u> 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 <u>include the Mass date, and your phone number.</u>



Candle Offering

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

Sanctuary candle intentions for St. Catherine Church or St. Philip Church are available for a <u>\$10.00 donation</u>. These candles burn for <u>two</u> weeks.

The Sanctuary light at St. Philip Church burns for:

Repose of the soul of Sr. Agnelle Swierczynski & Continued Health & God's Blessings for Robert Starvinsky, Jr.

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

For my niece, health & God's Blessings, from your Aunt

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 <u>one</u> week.

<u>St. Joseph Statue burns for:</u>

Prayers for health & God's Blessing for Giuseppe & family Blessed Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

Blessed Mother pray for us Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.



<u>Saturday, November 16</u> 4:00 PM Health & God's Blessings for Kathleen Tauro requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

Sunday, November 17

8:30 AM +Repose of the soul of Sr. Agnelle Swierczynski & Continued Health & God's Blessings for Robert Starvinsky, Jr. requested by Elain Stevens (niece & Mom)

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

 Monday, November 18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter
& Paul, Apostles: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of Penelope Finch requested by Francis Pajot

Tuesday, November 19

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of Domick DeGeorge (5th Anniversary) requested by Family

Wednesday, November 20

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of Jean Devine

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requested by Gerri
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Thursday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary9:00 AM God's Blessings for Carmenrosa Chilicki (25th
Anniversary as a Lay Carmelite) requested by Friends

<u>Saturday, November 23</u> 4:00 PM Health & God's Blessings for Tim Pochron requested by Teixeira Family

Sunday, November 24 8:30 AM +Repose of the soul of Susan Davis O'Keefe requested by Mom & Dad

10:30 AM Healing & God's Blessings for Jim Pedersen requested by Wyrostek



<u>Parish Sharing and Support</u> (November 10, 2024) Weekly \$3,195.00 Monthly \$555.00 Online \$1,070.00 Thank you for your generosity and support!