



Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



St. Catherine of Siena

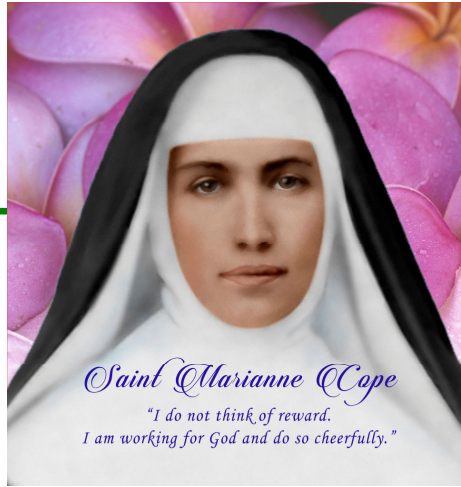
6 Windsorville Road
Broad Brook, CT 06016

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 22, 2024
4th 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.

He Emptied Himself

“Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.” (Philippians 2: 6-7)

Why must we give ourselves fully to God? Because God has given himself to us. If God, who owes nothing to us, is ready to impart to us no less than that, shall we answer with just a fraction of ourselves?

Christ being rich emptied himself. This is where contradiction lies. If I want to be poor like Christ- who became poor even though he was rich- I must do the same. Nowadays people want to be poor and live with the poor, but they want to be free to dispose of things as they wish. To have this freedom is to be rich. They want both and they cannot have both. This is another kind of contradiction. Our poverty is our freedom. This is our poverty- the giving up of our freedom to dispose of things, to choose, to possess. The moment I use and dispose of things as mine, that moment I cease to be poor.

We must strive to acquire the true spirit of poverty which manifests itself in a love for the practice of the virtue of poverty in imitation of Christ- in imitation of him who chose it as the compassion of his life on earth when he came to live among us. Christ did not have to lead a life poverty. Thus, he taught us how important it is for our sanctification.

-St. Mother Teresa

Total Surrender

Jesus, help me empty myself in service to those who are in need.

Parish Office

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki, Pastor
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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



Saint Marianne Cope Parish
**2024 Annual ADVENT/
 CHRISTMAS Giving Project**

The Network is North Central Connecticut's leader in preventing family violence by providing services to victims of Domestic Abuse and promoting healthy relationships through education with an expressed commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Please donate a gift card to aid victims served by The Network. A suggested list is provided for your assistance:

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- Aldi's
- Big-Y
- Geissler's
- Shop Rite
- Stop & Shop
- Target, Walmart, etc.
- Mobil, Shell or Valero Gas
- McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts
- Uber, etc.

*Place your gift card inside a Christmas card with your own greeting. **(Do not include your last name.)** There will be a basket in the front of each church throughout the season to collect your cards.*

**Thank you for working to spread
 the Love of Jesus in our area.**



FOODSHARE will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, January 3, 2025** at **1:00 p.m.**

Christmas 2024

Dear Parishioner(s),

As I write this, I'm thinking of an old Christmas Carol sung by Bing Crosby: "Christmas is-a-comin and the egg is in the nog." Then I think, how tasty eggnog is.....especially with a bit of rum in it, to get us in that Christmas feeling. Here again is another Christmas Carol by Bing Crosby: "I've got that Christmas Feeling."

May we take a trip back in mind and heart when our moms and grandmas were preparing us for Christmas. Dwell, for a moment, on all the Christmas decorations coming down from the attic to decorate the home. The times we put up the Christmas Tree. The playing of Christmas Carols on the record player or victrola!! Our minds wander back to beautiful smells wafting throughout the house, especially coming from the kitchen.

Now, think that these are all gifts from God. These gifts that made Christmas perfect, culminating in the family attending mid-night Mass or Mass on Christmas Day.

In Rome, Pope Francis will open a Jubilee Year of grace and mercy for 2025 on December 24th. Also, we continue our Eucharistic Revival. How very thankful we should be for the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the graces and mercy the Christ - Child imparts to us.

If you haven't been to Mass in a long time, I cordially invite to join us for Christmas Masses at St. Philip or St. Catherine of Siena Churches. Please help us fill the Churches with you, so that our voices will fill the Churches with the greatest treasures of the Christian Faith.....our beloved Christmas Carols. May that "old Christmas Feeling" return us to Christ, not only on Christmas but forever. Christmas Mass and Confession schedules.

Confession schedule: (all confessions are heard at St. Philip Church)

December 21st 2:30-3:45 pm.

December 23rd 7-8 pm.

December 24th 10-11 am.

Mass schedule:

December 24, 2024 4:00 pm.: St. Philip Church

December 25, 2024 8:30 am.: St. Catherine of Siena Church

December 25, 2024 10:30 am.: St. Philip Church

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Ron and Deacon Alan

"Thank You"

The teachers and students of our C.C.D., Faith Formation Program extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who supported their recent Spaghetti Supper on November 23, 2024, in St. Philip Hall. We extend thanks to all the students who helped set up and breakdown, for those who prepared the food, who shopped for the food and those who brought or baked desserts. Thank you for your support. Faith Formation realized close to \$300.00 from your generosity and that will be used to benefit their projects. Again, Thank you.

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Of course, a heartfelt "thank you" to all those who supported our recent pilgrimage to the La Sallette Shrine in Attleboro, Ma, for the Festival of Christmas Lights. It was perfect, as Dec.13th is the Feast Day of St. Lucy, patroness of the eyes. Certainly, our eyes had a Christmas feast with all those lights!! Everyone will agree that the food was delicious at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Ma. The Concert by Father Pat was inspiring. We thank the behind -the- scenes people who helped put it all together, namely: Terry Richard, Kay Teixeira and Ruth Hertel. We thank those who supported the seminarians and the seminarians who led us in prayer. God's blessings to all.

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas Eve 9:00 AM ~ Noon

Christmas Day Closed

December 26th Closed

New Year's Eve 9:00 AM ~ Noon

New Year's Day ~ Closed

January 2, 2025 ~

Regular hours resume

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 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 Repose of the soul of Fr. Keefe & Fr. Neumann

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:

Health & God's Blessings for Mark Hally

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

The Souls in Purgatory

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Stanley Katroski and Joseph & Penny Rinaldi**
requested by family

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Elzear Rodrigue**
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

10:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **John Bajumpa**

requested by David & Christine Bajumpa

Monday, December 23: St. John of Kanty, Priest

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Julia (Ginger) Roccapiore**
requested by Sr. Marie Roccapiore

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass for Parishioners of St. Marianne Cope Parish
(St. Philip Church)

Wednesday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass for Parishioners of St. Marianne Cope Parish
(St. Catherine Church)

10:30 AM Mass for Parishioners of St. Marianne Cope Parish
(St. Philip Church)

Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen, the first Martyr

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Genevieve Sucholet**
requested by Fr. Ron

Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Lillian Rodrigues**
requested by family

Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Mark Drost**
requested by Paul Drost

10:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Maslow & Teixeira Family**



Parish Sharing and Support (December 15, 2024)

Weekly \$2,645.00 Monthly \$130.00
Online \$1,175.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!