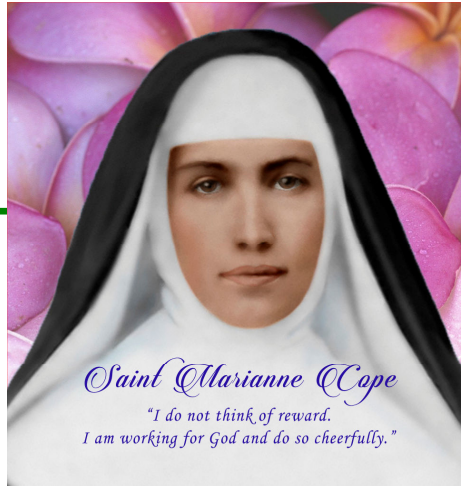




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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.

December 29, 2024

Sunday of The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family

The Church Speaks

What does Mary mean to today's family? Mother of the Holy Family at Nazareth, Mary is mother and queen of every Christian family. When Mary conceived and gave birth to Jesus, human motherhood reached its greatest achievement. From the time of the Annunciation, she was the living chalice of the Son of God made man. In the tradition of her people she recognized that God gives life and watches over its growth. "Just as you do not know the way of the wind or the mysteries of a woman with child, no more do you know the work of God Who is behind it all" (Eccl 11, 5).

God called Mary and Joseph to sublimate the consummation of their married love in exclusive dedication to the Holy Child, conceived not by a human father but by the Holy Spirit. When Mary said to Gabriel, "How can this be since I do not know man?" (Lk 1, 34), the angel told her of the virginal conception. Joseph received the same message in a dream. Christian tradition from early times has seen Saint Joseph as protector of the Christian Child and of his wife's consecrated virginity throughout their married life.

Mary and Joseph are Queen and King of the home. As a women of faith, she inspires all mothers to transmit the Christian faith to their children. In the setting of family love, children should learn free and loving obedience, inspired by Mary's obedience to God.

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



**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.**



SANDWICHES FOR ENFIELD

First Tuesday of each month.
Individually wrapped sandwiches should be placed in the St. Catherine Church Hall **refrigerator**.
9:00am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Thank you for your support & generosity!



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

Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family

How reverently you and Joseph admired the beautiful example of Jesus! His practice of obedience gave to the hidden life of Nazareth its sweetness, peace, and majesty. Though He was the Son of God, He was subject to His creatures for thirty years. We cannot measure your growth in holiness. Grace poured constantly from Christ, its source, into your soul, and you were the channel through which it was imparted to his foster father. While your hands were busy, Jesus absorbed your thoughts and affections and thrilled your hearts with the purest love for Him. Divine love united you all in a holy and happy family.

Mary, the imitation of your Divine Son was the great occupation of your life. It thrilled you with the purest joy to have so perfect a Model ever before you; to talk freely and often with Him; to be so close an observer of His conduct. You filled your mind unceasingly with thoughts of His virtues. You pondered over all His words and recorded them in your heart. You were absorbed in acquiring His spirit. You spent yourself and were spent in learning the practical knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in so doing, you became the holiest creature that ever walked this earth.

If I am to be a child worthy of so wonderful a Mother, I must burn with the same desire to imitate Him. Help me to study my Divine Model with earnestness and perseverance, as you did and thus gain the knowledge that will be for me eternal life.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We are in the Christmas Season until the Baptism of the Lord Jesus, January 12th Deacon Alan and I would like to extend to all of you a Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year 2025. May God's Blessings be yours in abundance.

Fr. Ron and Deacon Alan

OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

<p>Open House at St. Bernard School</p> <p>Sunday, February 2nd 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</p>  <p>Open House at Little Angels</p> <p>Sunday, February 2nd 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Enroll now for the 2025-2026 school year!</p>	<p>Little Angels Catholic Pre-School</p>  <p>Early Childhood Campus 424 Hazard Avenue Enfield, CT 06082 (860) 745-6135</p> <p>sbsenfield.org/little-angels-catholic-pre-school</p> <p>Where little angels take flight...</p>	 <p>St. Bernard Catholic School</p> <p>K-8 Campus 232 Pearl Street Enfield, CT 06082 (860) 745-5275</p> <p>sbsenfield.org</p> <p>Where faith and knowledge meet...</p>
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Our school has a tradition of excellence with a vision of tomorrow.

Before and After School Programs Offered at Both Locations

Approved By The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Holiday Adjustments

Office Hours

December 30th ~ 9:00-3:00PM
New Year's Eve 9:00 AM ~ Noon
New Year's Day ~ Closed
Mass @ 10:00AM
St. Catherine Church
January 2, 2025
Regular hours resume

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 Seminarrians 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: In

Memory of Francis & Helen Kessler

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:

The Repose of the soul of Helen & Wallace Dumeer

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

The Repose of the soul of Mae Grigley

Masses For The Week



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

requested by family

Monday, December 30:

12:10 PM Daughters of Mary Immaculate

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve

12:10 PM For healing of George & Mary and Bob & Ellinor

requested by Roger & Joyce

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM +Repose of the soul of Msgr. Liptak

(St. Catherine Church) *requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family*

Thursday, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. Of the Church

9:00 AM 50th Wedding Anniversary for Margaret & Peter Bray

requested by Kay

Saturday, January 4:

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of Dennis Slowick

requested by Mitchell Slowick

Sunday, January 5: Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Special Intentions for Gary & Marie Pelletier

requested by Eva & Mike Sherriff and Terry & Bill Mann

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

requested by the Wyrstek family



Parish Sharing and Support (December 22, 2024)

Weekly TBA Monthly TBA
Online \$925.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!