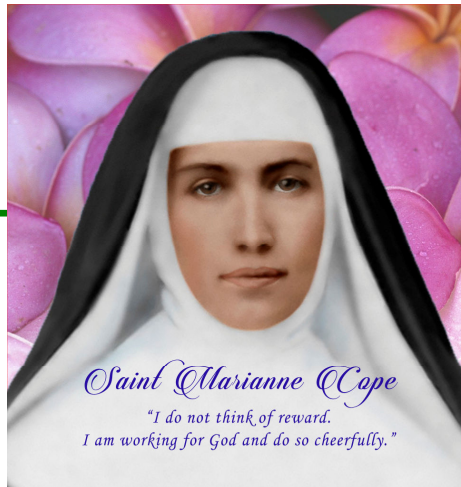




## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 8, 2024**  
2nd 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.

### The Voice of the Prophets

I sometimes wonder about the prophets. Why would God speak through human mouths instead of speaking for himself? The burning bush, the baptism of Jesus, the Transfiguration, and Saint Paul's conversion were all unmediated divine messages resonating in the natural world. It's a proven option. Yet God speaks through the prophets, time and time again.

In today's Gospel, we have a kind of double prophecy--the New Testament prophet, John the Baptist, proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, thus fulfilling Isaiah's Old Testament prophecy: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord." John is that anticipated voice.

But even John's voice is a borrowed one. He shares the word of God [that] came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. We could speculate about why God gives his word to one person to share with another. But perhaps our focus should be to heed the "prophets" in our midst, trusting God's design.

God spoke then, but he also speaks now--through homilies, the teaching of the Church, and, I believe, sometimes the mouths of our children, our parents, our family, and friends. Not everyone is a prophet, of course. But we know that God chooses to speak to us through the voices of others. This Advent season, may we be sure to listen.

*Gina Loehr*

*Heavenly Father, your word is a source of strength,  
guidance, and joy. May I hear your voice  
speaking to me today, even from the most  
unexpected places.*

## 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](http://smceastwindsor.org)

**Parish Office email:**

[office@smceastwindsor.org](mailto: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

## We Remember In Prayer

Jesus instructs us to pray for all, including those who serve us in government. That Means, we do not discriminate our prayer for one or the other. A few weeks ago, our late 87<sup>th</sup> Governor, M. Jodi Rell passed away. I simply forgot to add her to our prayer intercessions the last week of November. Now, I pleasantly remind you and me to commend her to the Lord, Jesus in our private prayers. She took over our State in a very turbulent time and tacitly lead us out of that mess. A strong and steady woman, she worked well with both sides of the aisle, which was her success. She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church. Her funeral was held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, on December 3, 2024. She attended Mass frequently with her son, Michael and with special permission from the Archbishop will be buried from St. Joseph Cathedral. Connecticut has the distinction of having two female Governors. The last one was Ellen T. Grasso who passed in 1981. Her funeral was held at Joseph Cathedral in Hartford on February 9, 1981.

*Governor M. Jodi Rell, Rest In Peace.*



### SANDWICHES FOR ENFIELD

First Tuesday of each month.  
Individually wrapped sandwiches should be place in the  
St. Catherine Church Hall refrigerator.

**9:00am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, January 3, 2025**

**Thank you for your support & generosity!**



**FOODSHARE** will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, December 20, at 1:00 p.m.**



## Some Concerns

Very recently, I wrote an appeal letter to all of you asking to help the parish because our revenue take-in is down. I wish to thank all those who have contributed so quickly and generously. This is something I did not expect. Such a quick response is very appreciated.

Some parishioners had concerns over the quality of paper I used. Another concern is that it was not personally signed. Also, there was no return address on the envelope. Some parishioners did not receive the appeal / request letter. Worst of all, I guess, is that some parishioner's names were printed on the labels which stated (under the family name) "or current resident".

I sincerely apologize for such carelessness on my part and in the future, I will see that these things will not happen again.

Our Administrative Assistant (Secretary) Ruth works very diligently with the volunteer help of Kay and Marie. As you know, they only do what is asked of them. Personally, I am most grateful to have them volunteering for us; or should I say we are grateful to have them!

I've preached often about Christian love and forgiveness. From His Cross Jesus said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". In this instance, I knew not that I would offend some.

Please grant us (in the office) me the Christian Grace to make a mistake, and to correct it (as I am now doing) and like St. Paul, in all his writings, encourages us to look forward and not look back.

I ask your prayers to strengthen me to be a better pastor for you and to you. You are always in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Ron



**St. Junípero  
Serra Parish**  
*Christmas Choir Concert*

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
**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 8<sup>th</sup>. Since in 2024 December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 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**  
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The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:  
**The Mercy of God to prevail in the world**  
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**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 and God's blessing for Lisa Kiley**

Blessed Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

**Prayers of thanksgiving**  
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Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.

# Masses For The Week



## 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

## Monday, December 9: Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM +Repose of the soul of **Genevieve Sucholet**

requested by Fr. Ron

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ellie Mallin**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

## Tuesday, December 10: Our Lady of Loreto

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ed, Mina & Robert**

requested by Family

## Wednesday, December 11: St. Damasus I, Pope

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ellie Mallin**

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

## Thursday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for many blessings from **St. Lucy**

requested by Kay & Ruth

## Saturday, December 14

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Ted Phillips**

requested by Pat Phillips

## Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM +Repose of the soul of **Patricia Gogulski &**

**Dale & Joanne Condon** requested by Jean Stoecker

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

requested by Wryostek Family



## Parish Sharing and Support (December 1, 2024)

Weekly \$2,954.00    Monthly \$750.00

Online \$3,704.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!