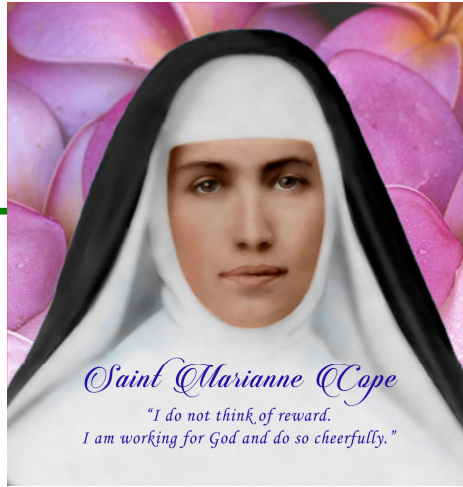




## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



### St. Catherine of Siena

6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

#### 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 10:30 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.

January 5, 2025

Sunday of

The Epiphany of Our Lord

## The Epiphany of the Lord

*Theme: Jesus' Royal Messiahship of both Jews and Gentiles.*

*Often people travel and pay to attend a dinner party where a famous politician makes an appearance. Today we celebrate the appearance of the Lord Jesus on the human scene. For the Greeks, the word "Epiphany" was used to describe the appearance or manifestation of a god among human beings. The Greek Fathers used it for the Incarnation of the Son of God.*

*As the feast is celebrated now in the Western Church, it brings out a prominent aspect of the Christmas Mystery, namely, the manifestation (epiphany) of the universal dominion of the newborn King, as dramatized in the Lord Jesus' manifestation to the Magi (wise men from the East).*

*Again, the symbolism of light is lavishly used. "This day Christ appeared to the world as a light shining in the darkness. May you follow him in faith and be a light to others" (Solemn Blessing).*



**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 place in the St. Catherine Church Hall refrigerator.  
 9:00am - 12:00 pm Tuesday,  
 January 7, 2025*

**Thank you for your support &**



**FOODSHARE** will be in the St. Catherine parking lot on **Friday, January 17, 2025** at **1:00 p.m.**

## *Mary's Life Up to Birth of Jesus*

### *Love of Neighbor*

My child, if you love the Lord, you will also love your neighbor for whose sake He came down from heaven, became a man, and offered His own life on the Cross.

Do not be satisfied with sentiments; let your love take concrete form. Many who are afflicted need the comfort of your words; many who are unhappy need the help of your generous gifts.

God has allowed many people to be unhappy in this world so that they might achieve holiness through their suffering and you through your charity.

Be ready to give all the help you can. Delay always means the loss of some of love's merit.

Let your love be generous and extend as far as possible.

To limit the service you offer your neighbor is to evade rather than carry out the duties of love.

When you yourself cannot help your neighbor, then try to bring others to help him, or at least invoke the Lord's providential care over him.

See in your neighbor not a mere man but God Himself. Then, no matter who asks your help, you will refuse him nothing, because you do not want to refuse it to the Lord.

If you do good to men because they deserve it and are good men, you will do it but rarely.

My child, prefer those works of love which are costly and be charitable at the expense of your self-love.

God Himself teaches us by His example to do good to all men, even to the most ungrateful.

"Give," says Jesus, "and it shall be given to you" (Lk 6, 38). Give every temporal good, and God will give you eternal goods in their place.

Give your neighbor your good advice, so that he may emerge from his uncertainty.

Then your God will inspire you and help you out of your own perplexities.

Give the afflicted a consoling word, Then the God of all consolation (2 Cor 1, 3) will sustain you in your own afflictions by His powerful grace.

## Some Confusion & Misunderstanding

I apologize for the inconvenience last week concerning the 8:30 am Mass (Dec. 29, 2024). We have returned the 8:30 am Mass to St. Catherine Church. Two merged churches should have one weekend Mass in each church.

We came to one church due to the Covid Pandemic in 2020. It's now time to return a weekend Mass there.

Again, apologies for the inconvenience and misunderstanding.

Fr. Ron

## 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</p> <p>424 Hazard Avenue Enfield, CT 06082 (860) 745-6135</p> <p><a href="http://sbsenfield.org/little-angels-catholic-pre-school">sbsenfield.org/little-angels-catholic-pre-school</a></p> <p>Where little angels take flight...</p>	 <p>St. Bernard Catholic School</p> <p>K-8 Campus</p> <p>232 Pearl Street Enfield, CT 06082 (860) 745-5275</p> <p><a href="http://sbsenfield.org">sbsenfield.org</a></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)

## 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 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**



January 5, 2025



# 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**

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The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

**Health & God's blessings for Arietta**

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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:

**Fr. Stephen F. Ptaszynski**

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

**Fr. Bradley W. Pierce, M.S.A.**

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

# Masses For The Week



## 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 & Terry & Bill Mann*

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

*requested by the Wyrostek family*

## Monday, January 6: St. Andre Bessette, Religious

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Joan Williams Savio**

*requested by Josephine & Bill*

## Tuesday, January 7: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Conrad, Doris & Norman**

*requested by Roger & Joyce*

## Wednesday, January 8:

12:10 PM +Repose of the soul of **Judy T.**

*requested by Gerri*

## Thursday, January 9:

9:00 AM Health and God's Blessings for **Lisa Kiley**

*requested by Parishioners*

## Saturday, January 11:

4:00 PM +Repose of the soul of **Elzear Rodrigue**

*requested by Craig Parker*

## Sunday, January 12: Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Special Intentions for **Caitlyn**

*requested by Teixeira & Maslow Family*

10:30 AM Special Intentions for **Gary & Marie Pelletier**

*requested by Ernie & Kay Teixeira*

## Parish Sharing and Support

(December 29, 2024)

Weekly \$1,601.00

Monthly \$60.00

Online \$2,185.00

**Christmas \$3,085.00**



*Thank you for your generosity and support!*