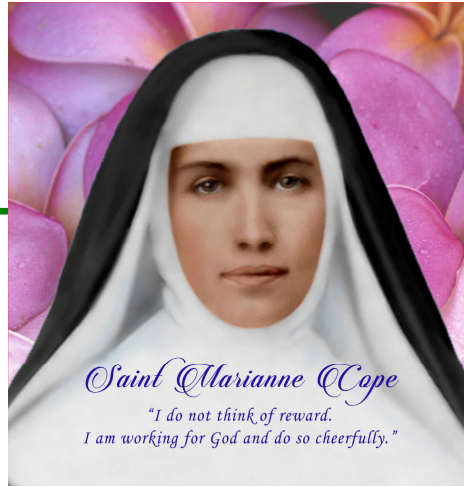




## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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 12:15 p.m.  
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.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 PM

**February 2, 2025**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*As Simeon holds the Christ-Child, he prays: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**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

**On A Personal Note**

*Of course, a most sincere thank you to our hospitality committee, under the leadership of Terry Richard, for organizing our St. Marianne Cope social held after the 10:30 am Mass last Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. As you know, her Feast Day is January 23<sup>rd</sup> each year. I extend a thank you to all who attended, and many did.*

*Thank you to all who brought food, prepared food and delicious desserts. With such short notice, it is amazing how very successful the event was! Please, I extend my priestly blessings to you. May God, in His Goodness bless you abundantly. Even though it falls in Lent, our next social will be in honor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick in the middle of March. Please be on the lookout for more information on that upcoming event.*

*Sincerely,*

*Fr. Ron*

**SANDWICHES FOR ENFIELD**

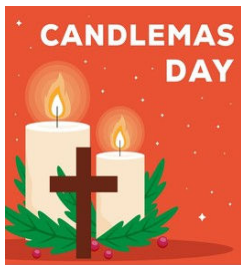


*First Tuesday of each month. Individually wrapped sandwiches should be placed in the St. Catherine Church Hall refrigerator.*

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
9:00am - 12:00 pm*

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





## Candlemas Day

Traditionally, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is known as:

Candlemas Day. The name should strike a familiar tone. Candlemas

Day reflects the fact that candles are blessed at Mass for private use in the home when gathering for prayer. Thus, the name: "Candlemas." Another very important religious day is: Christmas, or "Mass for Christ." Yet another, which has fallen by the wayside, is celebrated on September 29<sup>th</sup> and used to be known as: Michaelmas Day as it was the Feast of St. Michael only, and the harvest would soon be gathered.

Michaelmas Day may have fallen out with the rearrangement of the liturgical Calendar after the close of Vatican 11 (1962-1965); That was when the Church placed St. Gabriel and St. Raphael also on September 29<sup>th</sup>, calling it the Feast Day of the Archangels. Prior to Vatican 11, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael had their own Feast Day with their own date, respectively.

Today, we celebrate The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord. Or in its more ancient name, Candlemas Day. I will bless the candles today with a very simple blessing. Please take one box per family in order to give everyone a chance to have blessed candles in their home. If you have candles from previous years, you may want to consider not taking a box, so as to give someone else blessed candles for their home. You don't have to, but the option of making a donation is available. There is a little basket provided for you. **God bless you!!**

## Blessing of the Throats

February 3rd is the traditional time in the Roman Catholic Church to "Bless Throats." Today, throats will be blessed after Mass. Please form two lines to have your throat blessed by either the Deacon or the Priest. There will be a common blessing and each individual is asked to come forward to be blessed and touched by the special St. Blaise Candles.

In the very early Church, St. Blaise was a Bishop who allegedly removed a fish bone lodged in the throat of a young boy by crossing two blessed candles and blessing the boy's throat. "We pray that through intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, we may be delivered from every ailment of the throat and every other disease." Please don't think of this as some kind of magic! It is not! Ailments of the throat could also be gossip, swearing, malicious speech, wishing uncharitable or unchristian things on others, venomous and vitriolic hate that comes out of the mouth, etc., etc.

This week, I will be blessing the throats each day after the 12:15 Mass, for those who could not be here today. While one may receive this blessing more than once; please be careful not to abuse this beautiful custom, by turning it into magic.

Trusting in God and His Mercy helps us to heal and be protected, along with the prayers of St. Blaise.

## Thank You

St. Marianne Cope Parish extends a heartfelt thank you to **Leete-Stevens Funeral Home** for sponsoring our **2025 Religious Calendar**. We have several of them left in both Churches. Please feel free to take as many as you like for yourselves or to give them away to your friends and loved ones. Again, a sincere thanks to: **Leete-Stevens Funeral Home of Enfield, Ct.**



# 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:

**Rest of the Soul of Angelina & Anthony Rinaldi**  
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The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

**Rest of the Soul of Joseph T. Wysocki**  
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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:

**Rest of the Soul of Joseph A. & Frances Wysocki**

Virgin Mary Statue burns for:

**Rest of the Soul of Joseph T. Wysocki**  
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Please call the office at 860-623-4636 with your requests.

# Masses For The Week



## Saturday, February 1:

4:00 PM Special Intentions for the Christopher Luciano  
requested by Deacon Alan & Karen Germain

## Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)  
+Repose of the soul of Alfred Samuelman  
requested by Family

10:30 AM For Vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated & Religious Life  
requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

## Monday, February 3: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

12:15 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

## Tuesday, February 4:

12:15 PM Special Intentions for Ramsdel Family  
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

## Wednesday, February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

12:15 PM +Repose of the soul of Helen Gendreau  
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

## Thursday, February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM +Special Intentions for the Darlene DeFiguerido  
requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

## Saturday, February 8:

4:00 PM Special Intentions for the Christopher Luciano  
requested by Deacon Alan & Karen Germain

## Sunday, February 9:

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)  
+Repose of the soul of Joseph Welsh  
requested by Marie & Gary Pelletier

10:30 AM +Repose of the soul of Joan Germain  
requested by Terry & Bill



## Parish Sharing & Support

(January 26, 2025)  
Weekly \$1,749.00  
Monthly \$600.00  
Online \$980.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!