



## Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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



### St. Catherine of Siena

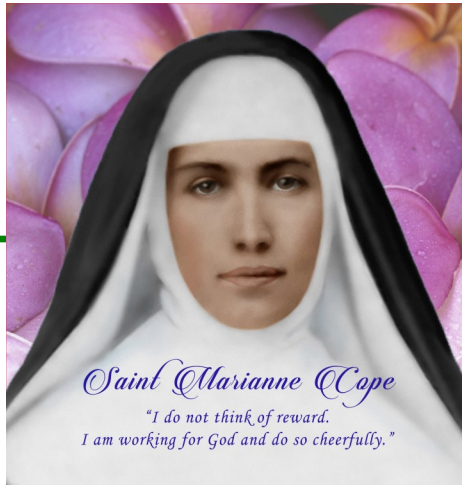
6 Windsorville Road  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

#### Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues. & Wed at 12:15 p.m.  
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



*Saint Marianne Cope*

*"I do not think of reward.  
I am working for God and do so cheerfully."*

**May 17, 2026**

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*"I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice."*

### 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



**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:** *Stefanie Karam*

**Director of Music:** *Wendy Quinn*

**Vocations Committee:**

*Paula McCloskey & Kay Teixeira*

**Pro –Life:** *Marie Pelletier*

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*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

**Thank you**

We extend our most sincere thanks to *Riley O'Brien* for crowning the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Holy Communion on May 3rd at St. Philip Church; our thanks to *Margarita (Mimi) Perez* for crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue at St. Catherine Church on May 3rd; and thanks to *Donna Garry* for crowning the Statue of Mary in the cemetery on May 12th. May God's blessing be yours.

**Important Important Important**

**Monday, May 18th Mass will be celebrated at 9AM instead of at 12:15PM. The priests have a Deanery Meeting that day.**

**ALSO: due to a funeral on Tuesday, May 19th there will not be Exposition on the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 19th.**

**For The Gentlemen**

Through the kindness of Holy Family Retreat Center (The Passionist Fathers) in West Hartford, CT. I received a gift certificate for a gentleman from our parish who would like to make a weekend retreat (with other gentlemen) on the weekend of **June 5-7, 2026. That would include Friday evening to Sunday noon.** It's a gift certificate for \$375.00..... all expenses paid! Please, if you are interested, contact the office during business hours at 860-623-463 or see Fr Ron after Mass. *Gentlemen retreats are wonderful and take us out of our daily routine into a short, spiritual time with Our Lord in prayer and meditation. Please consider this opportunity and take advantage of the generosity of the Passionist Fathers. First come; First serve!!*

**Memorial Day Event in the St. Catherine Cemetery**

***There will be a mass in the cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in honor of Memorial Day. If there is inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church of Saint Catherine. Please bring a lawn chair(s) for your comfort.***



## Holy Mary

As we are aware, the Litany of Loretto bestows many titles upon our Blessed Mother. One of them is “Holy Mary, Mother of God”. Since May traditionally celebrates “Mary”, below, please find an article on this title of Mary from the book: Holy Mary by, *Very Rev. C. J. O’Connell*.

Sanctity can be summed up as follows: *to cultivate a constant friendship and a sincere love for God; to seek the companionship of Jesus; to turn our mind and heart from worldly concerns; to avoid evil and to do good.*

Holiness of life is gained by faithfully doing one’s duty and practicing virtue. Saint Paul tells us what we must do to live such a life when he says: “Denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world: (Titus 2:12).

To sanctify the body, one must practice purity. The practice of humility and charity will sanctify the soul, as illustrated by the following Scripture quotes:

*“I beseech you, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God” (Rom. 12:1).*

*Jesus Christ sanctified His church, “that He might present in to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27).*

*“For to me, to live” says Saint Paul, “is Christ” (Phil. 1:21).*

*“And I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me” (Phil. 1:21)*

Our life must be, as far as possible, a counterpart of the life of our Savior. We must not be ashamed of Him; we must die for love of Him; die to all things earthly. In a word, we must seek to be another Christ.

The measure of a holy life lies in the conformity of our will and of our works to the eternal law, which is in the spirit God. He who regulates his ways, in accordance with that law, is just, holy, perfect.

God alone is sanctity. In His essence, He is eternal charity. Whoever seeks a union with God, and converses with Him, lives a life pleasing Him. Our sanctity increases the closer we get to God and the more our devotion to Him grows.

The humble Virgin of Nazareth, Mary, being the nearest and most intimately united to God, is, of all His creatures, the most holy. No closer union with God never existed, nor could a more perfect union exist than that which resulted from her role as the Mother of God.

Notwithstanding Mary’s close relationship with God as His mother, it would have done little to increase her sanctity if she had not carried Jesus Christ in her heart, even more that in her chaste womb.

All her life, Mary ignored the things of this world, abhorred sin, and lived only for Jesus.

All her days were passed in the practice of virtue. With greater reason Saint Paul could exclaim: “And I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

She was holy in the use of her five senses; she was godly in all of her thoughts, desires, words, and in all the powers of her soul; she was saintly in all her movements, all her actions; in a word, she was holy in both body and soul.

Jesus dwelt in Mary’s immaculate womb for nine months, was nourished at her breasts in infancy, and spent thirty of the thirty-three years of His life under her roof.

She knew not evil; no shadow of sin ever clouded her life, no stain of any kind ever darkened her soul.

She not only lived, but died for the love of God, for it was her desire to be with Him that caused her soul to wing its flight to the sweet embrace of her divine Son, Jesus.

Like Him, she was tried. Nevertheless, her sorrows drew her closer to God, to Whom she had recourse for help and consolation. In the spirit of her divine Son, Who exclaimed, “Not what I will, but what Thou wilt” (Mark 14:36), she humbly submitted to God’s holy will in these words; “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Thy word” (Luke 1:38).

She was humble, like the meek and humble Jesus, and the Lord “hath regarded the humility of his handmaid” (Luke 1:48). Her devotion for Jesus was like that of Saint Peter; her charity, like that of Saint John, her obedience, like that of Abraham; her patience, like that of Issac; her submission, like that of Jacob; her purity exceeded that of all the angels and saints; her constancy was like that of Joshua; her goodness, like that of Samuel; her tenderness, like that of David; and her abstinence, like that of David.

Responding faithfully to every requirement of the perfect life, she is indeed that *Holy Mary* of whom it is said in the Holy Scriptures; “*Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women*” (Luke 1:28).



### An old Catholic saying:

*Ad Jesum, per Mariam  
To Jesus, through Mary*

### Parish Sharing & Support

(May 10, 2026)



Weekly \$1539.00  
Monthly \$415.00  
On-Line Giving \$475.00

Total \$2429.00

May 17, 2026



# 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:*

*God's Healing for Patricia & Jim Pedersen*

*The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:*

*Francis Banasiak*

### **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 candle burns for:*

*Rest of the Soul of John Cunniff*

*Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:*

*Health and Well Being for Mary Ann Cunniff*

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

## Masses For The Week



### **Saturday, May 16, 2026 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**4:00 PM** (St. Philip Church)

God's Healing for **Patricia & Jim Pedersen**

requested by Wyrostek Family

Health & God's Blessings for **Fr Josh Wilbur** (Archdiocese of Hartford)

requested by Fr Ron & Parishioners

### **Sunday, May 17, 2026 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8:30 AM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Gerri Jackovonis**

requested by Maslow & Teixeira Family

**10:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Theodore Bulgajewski** (12th Anniversary)

requested by Wife & Family

### **Monday May 18, 2026**

**9:00 AM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

### **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**12:15 PM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Florence Lyman**

requested by Maureen & Larry Lyman

+ Rest of the Soul of **Reverend Joseph J. Clark**

(Diocese of Arlington, New Jersey)

**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TODAY**

### **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**12:15 PM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ Rest of the Souls of **John & Mary Sullivan** requested by Family

+ Rest of the Soul of **Reverend Thomas A. Cappelloni**

(Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania)

### **Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**9:00 AM** (St. Catherine Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Beatrice Breor** requested by Maureen & Larry

+ Rest of the Soul of **Reverend Kenneth Parker**

(Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina)

### **Saturday, May 23, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**4:00 PM** (St. Philip Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Norman Cloutier** (7th Anniversary)

requested by Family

+ Rest of the Soul of **Joseph M. Zepecki** (17th Anniversary)

requested by Fr Ron

### **Sunday, May 24, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**8:30 AM** (St. Catherine Church)

Birthday Memorial for **Dominic DeGeorge**

requested by Barbara Sherman

**10:30 AM** (St. Philip Church)

+ Rest of the Soul of **Theodore Bulgajewski** (12th Anniversary)

requested by Wife & Family

+ Rest of the Soul of **Joseph J. Zepecki, Jr.** (20th Anniversary)

requested by Fr Ron