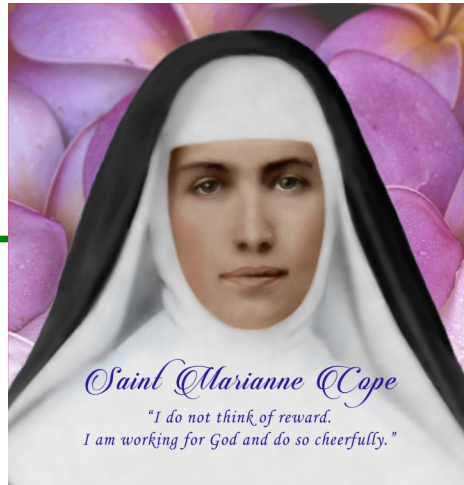




Saint Marianne Cope Parish

Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki - Pastor
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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

May 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Brothers and Sisters, Rejoice."



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

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Director of Music: *Wendy Quinn*

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St. Philip Rectory: Phone (860) 370-5116

150 South Main Street
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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.

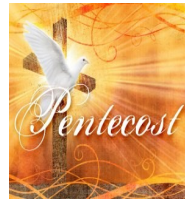
Adoration

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at
 St. Catherine Church

Memorial Day Mass

There will be a Memorial Day Mass at St. Catherine Church at 9am on Monday May 25th, 2026.

There will be NO Mass in the cemetery



Today the Church celebrates **Pentecost Sunday**. It is the day which officially closes the Easter Season. The word Pentecost means "fifty." Thus fifty days after Easter in a long and rejoicing celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, we, as Christians, close our celebration with the descent of the Holy Spirit. This **Holy Spirit**, which Jesus had always promised is the third person of the Blessed Trinity. Now His mission is complete. The **Father** is the source, existing before time. The **Son** has been sent to do the Will of the Father and the **Holy Spirit** comes to strengthen and guide the Church through the centuries.

Pentecost Sunday is also known as the **Birthday of the Church**. It is the time, as Scripture records, when the Apostles and the Blessed Mother gathered in the Cenacle to pray for nine days that the Holy Spirit would descend upon them. Could this be the origin of the Catholic tradition of a **novena**, when we pray for nine days asking the intercession of a particular saint to gain a certain favor? The Holy Scriptures relate that "tongues as of fire" came to rest on all of them, thus imparting the Holy Spirit. For this reason the priest wears red vestments as a reminder that not only are "tongues as of fire" descending upon us, but our hearts are also on fire as a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are now filled with the Holy Spirit to go out and spread the Good News.

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!!*



Thoughts from the Pastor

This weekend is known in America as **Memorial Day** weekend. Some view it as the official opening of the summer which comes to a close all too soon on Labor Day in September. For the American, contemporary Memorial Day is a time to have picnics, surrounding ourselves with friends and relatives and talk about upcoming summer activities and vacations.

However, this is not the real meaning of Memorial Day. Many today will remember this day being called "*Decoration Day*". It was a day for visiting cemeteries and decorating heroes graves with flowers. Especially, it was a day to remember all those who served our country, whether they made the supreme sacrifice or not; they were remembered on *Decoration Day* or *Memorial Day*.

The very first Memorial was observed on May 30, 1868. Americans placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers who fought in the Civil War (1861- 1865). That year, 1868, General James Garfield, gave the first Memorial Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery before a crowd of 5000 people. Later, those present proceeded to "*decorate*" the graves of all soldiers which amounted to 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Incidentally, General James Garfield was elected America's 20th President, only serving six months until an assassin's bullet took his life.

May 30th was chosen for *Decoration Day*, because flowers would be in bloom throughout the entire country. In fact we can still hear people discussing their flower or vegetable gardens not being planted until after Memorial Day, so that these may be protected from frost and cold.

Closely associated with Memorial Day is the **red poppy**. In times past we have seen many-a-red poppy in the lapels of countless men and women. This custom began in 1915 and was inspired by a poem entitled: In Flanders Field, which in part, is as follows:

*"We cherish too, the poppy red,
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies,
That blood of heroes never dies."*

Miss Moina Michael was the first person to wear a poppy on Memorial Day and the first to sell poppies to commemorate and honor those who died serving the country. The proceeds of these poppy sales benefitted all servicemen in need.

Since the late 1950's, the 3rd United States Infantry placed an American Flag on the graves of every soldier who fought in any American war, the Thursday or Saturday before Memorial Day. It has become custom for each city and town to decorate soldier's graves in cemeteries across America. In the year 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Resolution in which Americans are asked to observe a moment of silence voluntarily as a way to honor, with respect, those who have served the country with dignity. The following are some Memorial Day tidbits:

1. On Memorial Day the flag should fly at half staff til noon; then raised to the top of the staff.
2. Red poppies are the official Memorial Day flowers.
3. "Taps" are always to be played at any Memorial Day ceremonies.
4. New York was the first state to officially recognize Memorial Day.
5. The South refused to honor the dead on Memorial Day until the close of World War I in 1918.
6. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a Federal Holiday.

We began this column with General James Garfield giving the first Memorial Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery. We end with one of Garfield's quotes: "***For love of country, they accepted death.***" Need we say more?!?

Office Closing

In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 for regular business hours.

Parish Sharing & Support

(May 17, 2026)



Weekly \$1636.00
 Monthly \$180.00
 Holy Day \$264.00
 On-Line Giving \$595.00
 Total \$2675.00

May 24, 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:

Repose of the Soul of James Bradley

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:

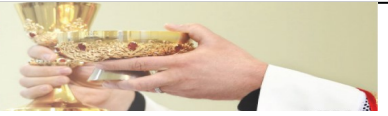
Health & Well Being for Teresa Gula

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Repose of the Soul of Richard Gula

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, May 23, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

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

requested by Family

+ Repose 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)

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

requested by Wife & Family

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

requested by Fr Ron

Monday May 25, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Souls of **Ed, Mina, Bob, & Mia**

requested by Joyce & Roger

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend Richard W. Puetz**

(Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana)

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Loretta Lyman**

requested by Maureen & Larry

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend Robert E. Mossey**

(Diocese of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Mary Rose DeFeo** (Birthday Remembrance)

requested by Josephine Hurley

+ Repose of the Soul of **Reverend Joseph D. Short**

(Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota)

Saturday, May 30, 2026 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Allen Albetski**

Sunday, May 31, 2026 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of **Carl Pagano** (8th Anniversary)

requested by Annie & Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

Health & God's Blessings for **Fr Josh Wilbur**

requested by Fr Ron & Parishioners