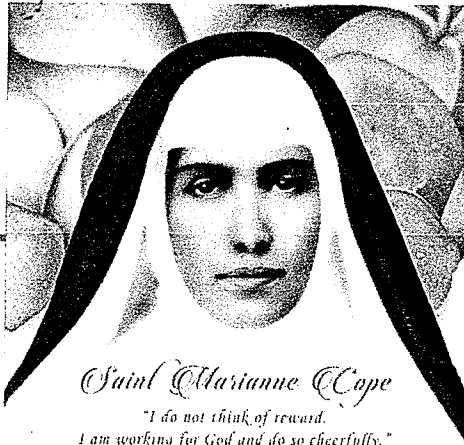


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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

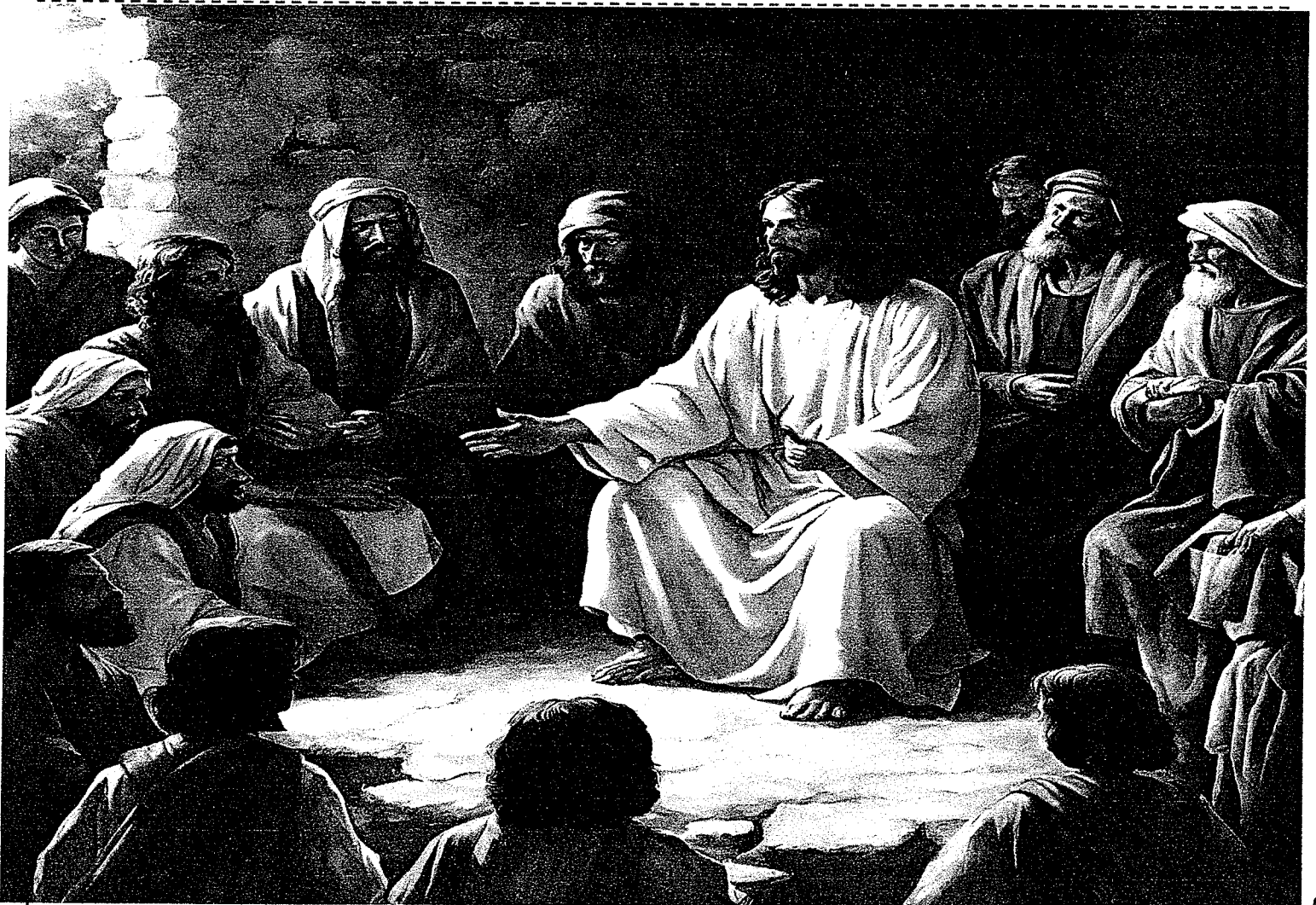
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

June 21, 2026

*"So, do not be afraid; you are
worth more than many
sparrows."*



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:
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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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ST. LUKE CHURCH, ELLINGTON, CT

St. Luke in Ellington is having a Vacation Bible School for children in 4th through 6th grades. This year is called **Rainforest Falls—Exploring the Nature of God** which will be held August 3-7, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. For registration or information, please contact Kim Bocchino at 860-875-4951, stlukeere@gmail.com or sign up at <https://stlukeere.faithenroll.com>. There is a \$25.00 cost per child.

REMINDER — REMINDER

Just a reminder: Sunday is the Lord's Day. Mass on Sunday reflects the Lord Jesus, the Gospel and His mission. The saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary should not have a Mass on Sunday honoring them; or if someone received a favor through prayer. Those Masses should take place during the week; preferably on a day that is not a particular saints day. For instance; St. Anthony's Feast Day is June 13th, we do not add a Mass in honor of Saint Therese on the Feast Day of St. Anthony. What do we do? Have a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary or a saint, for a favor received on a day that does not honor a particular saint. Those days without saints are called; "Ferial Days" (pronounced fair-ee-al).

I hope this is helpful for you.

Wedding Banns
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Mark Polek and Ann Vssseur

June 27,2026

Parish Sharing & Support

(June 14, 2026)

Weekly \$1,505
 On-Line Giving \$635

TOTAL \$2,140



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Way before the popular, modern devotion of the Divine Mercy, was the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Begun in the seventeenth century with a cloistered nun in France by the name of Margaret Mary Alacoque at the Covent of Paray-le-Monial of the Visitation Sisters, founded by St. Francis de Sales. With Church approval this devotion spread throughout the Catholic world rapidly and like wildfire. Many of us have known numbers of churches named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More than several are to be found in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Familiar image of the Sacred Heart is imprinted on every Catholic mind if we are sixty years and older. Surely we recall the confident stance of the statue with its hands outstretched in blessing and the heart of Jesus on the front of His chest. Of course, most remember the softer image of one of Jesus' hands pointing to His heart and the other hand raised slightly in blessing. Many if not all Catholic homes had a holy picture or statue of the Sacred Heart.

Some may remember June devotions in the parish Church. Who could ever forget First Fridays and receiving communion and confession for nine consecutive First Fridays to insure a happy death, enveloped by the good graces of the Church? The familiar image of the parish priest going to the sick like clockwork on First Fridays, is unfortunately, a practice of the past.

There is a certain affinity between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy. Both speak of Mercy. Both speak of Jesus' desire to give much more to us than we believe we may be worthy of receiving. Both have emanating rays of red and white. Through the visions of the Sacred Heart, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was told by Jesus: "*Behold the heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing. Instead of gratitude, I receive from most, indifference.*" Through the visions of Divine Mercy Jesus asked all to say and know in their heart: "Jesus, I Trust in You." One, a cry of loneliness; another, a cry for us to abandon ourselves to Jesus. And lastly, both were nuns who were the visionaries and recipients of a message that, for the most part is the same; only 400 years apart.

These visionaries were not well educated either. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a slow and clumsy woman. She was judged as delusional by the mother superior and the nuns in the convent. She was strictly banned from carrying out any of the devotions of the Sacred Heart. St. Faustine Kowalska had only a fifth grade education. She was seen as simple, yet pious. Her writings were quite difficult to decipher, as she used

very little punctuation. The Mother Superior of the convent had her psychologically tested several times over and the Vatican banned devotion to the Divine Mercy and St. Faustina's writings for twenty years. Both had priests as their advocates. Fr. Claude de La Columbiere was the advocate for the cause of the Sacred Heart and Margaret Mary Alacoque. Fr. Karol Wojtyla was the advocate for the cause of the Divine Mercy and Faustina Kowalska.

An old Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals, yet again, the affinity of the two, for we see in the petitioning prayers: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I throw myself on your mercy." Divine Mercy asks us to repent over and over again, Jesus, I trust in You!"

So important is the Sacred Heart of Jesus that Pope St. John Paul II (1978-2005) wrote a small book on it entitled: The Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1990, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Margaret Mary's death, October 17, 1690. He called St. Margaret Mary: The Apostle of The Heart of Jesus. Faustina is called: The Apostle of Mercy. From childhood, Pope St. John Paul had a special, tacit devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Incidentally, Jesus left us with these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart. God bless you.

The Twelve Promises of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.*
- 2. I will give peace in their families.*
- 3. I will console them in all their troubles.*
- 4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.*
- 5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.*
- 6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.*
- 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.*
- 8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.*
- 9. I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.*
- 10. I will give priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.*
- 11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My Heart, and it shall never be effaced.*
- 12. I will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance.*



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:

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

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:

Sophie Riback and Ann Marinara

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Bishop Jeffrey Walsh (Diocese of Gaylord, MI)

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, June 20, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Living & Deceased Fathers of St. Marianne Cope Parish

Sunday, June 21, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Living & Deceased Fathers of St. Marianne Cope Parish

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Living & Deceased Fathers of St. Marianne Cope Parish

Monday June 22, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Souls of Joseph, Giovanna & Joseph Cafasso, Jr.

requested by Elizabeth Cafasso

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

requested by a Parishioner

+ Repose of the Soul of Kathy Moore-Ferreira (Six Month Anniversary)

Thursday, June 25, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Donna Gendreau

requested by Evelyn & Mike Sherriff

Saturday, June 27, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Kathy Moore-Ferreira (Sixth Month Anniversary)

requested by the Family

Sunday, June 28, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Alvaro Rodrigues

requested by Marion Lavoie & Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Paul Durkin

requested by the Family

On behalf of Deacon Alan and I we extend to all a very Happy Fathers' Day. May God bless you abundantly.

Father's Day

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JUNE 27 - JULY 8, 2023

St. Joseph Church in Ansonia Celebrates 100 Years

- Story by Jim Tierney

A century after its founding by Ansonia's Polish community, St. Joseph Church marked 100 years of faith, tradition and service with a celebration on May 31.

To mark its anniversary, the church in Ansonia celebrated with a Mass in English and Polish with Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne as the principal celebrant and concelebrated by several priests and deacons. A dinner followed at Warsaw Park.

Father Tadeusz Maciejewski, pastor, says he and Father Mitchell J. Wanat, who is in residence at the church, are "so thankful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for enabling us, Vincentian Fathers, to share in his divine plan with the parishioners and friends of our most cherished St. Joseph Parish. Praise the Lord."

The church's origins date back to 1923, when members of the local Polish community first gathered to advocate for the construction of a Catholic school in their hometown.

Through their determination, hard work and the support of local clergy, St. Joseph Church and school were established. The church, located at 32 Jewett St., was dedicated in 1926. Ten days later, St. Joseph School opened and was staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The parish school educated generations of students before closing in 2001.

"Many of the future members of St. Joseph Church would go to their daily jobs and then work on building the church as bricklayers and carpenters

and work on the weekends," says Ellen Amodeo, a church historian and former teacher at the school. "We still have a Polish Mass on Sundays at 10 a.m."

In the "old days," Amodeo adds, St. Joseph's Church was known for its popular sports nights which were fundraisers for the church and school.

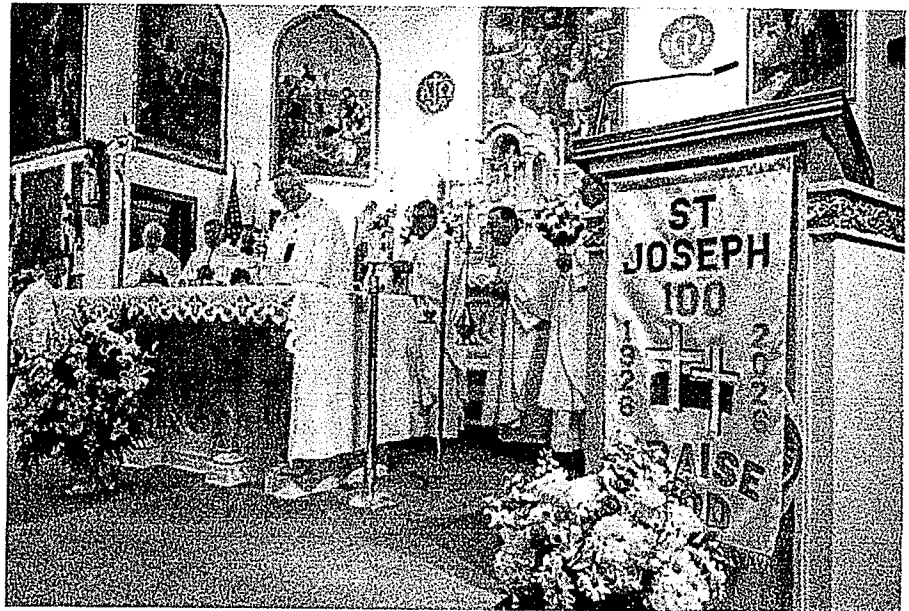
"Bob Skoronski of the Green Bay Packers would bring his teammates, including Bart Starr, to speak at our sports nights," she says. Starr was a Hall of Fame quarterback and Skoronski played on five NFL Championship teams, including when Green Bay won Super Bowls I and II.

"Bob was a Derby boy who played on the championship teams under legendary Coach Vince Lombardi," Amodeo explains.

St. Joseph Church was also the first one in the area to have a blessing of fire trucks, emergency vehicles and first responders from Ansonia and Derby. This annual event occurs at during the annual picnic held in September.

Today, the commitment of its parishioners remains strong, with four generations of some families having attended the church. St. Joseph Church continues to serve through charitable initiatives and its longstanding tradition – the annual Warsaw Park Picnic.

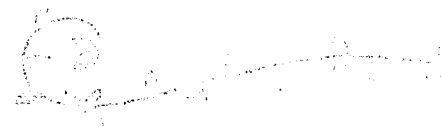
"Our picnic is known for its delicious Polish food," Amodeo says. "Everyone is welcome to come to our picnic, usually held the third Sunday in September. There is no admission and plenty of parking at our beautiful Warsaw Park."



A special flag, Praise God, was designed for the anniversary.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



Upcoming Events



JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 @ 6 - 8PM
**SUMMER ALPHA YOUNG
ADULT GROUP**
St. Margaret Mary Church,
Rectory Basement, South Windsor

Welcome to all people ages 18 to 39 years old. Join us for food, friendship, faith, and fun, every Thursday throughout the summer! Every week we share pizza, watch faith-based videos, and participate in small group discussions. If you have any questions, text 860-816-6149. Our welcoming group would love to have you join us!



JULY 8 @ 7PM - 8PM
**FREE SUMMER CONCERT - CELEBRATING
75 YEARS OF HOLY FAMILY**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,
West Hartford

Gather your family and friends, grab a blanket or portable chair, and make your way to our pavilion for this lively summer concert celebrating 75 years of Holy Family.

The music will include classical, popular, and Broadway music and will be a wonderful chance to experience the great talent of some of Holy Family's music ministers.

You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks to enjoy throughout the evening. Our grounds are magnificent, so come early to enjoy our walking paths or recenter yourself with a journey through our labyrinth.

This concert is **FREE** to attend, but we will be collecting donations to support our 75th Anniversary Campaign. No registration is required.



JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Our Summer Food Festival brings our parish and our community together for a joyful celebration held right in our church parking lot. Featuring delicious food tents, special evenings with live music, family-friendly games for children, and the excitement of announcing our annual raffle winners, the festival is a highlight of the summer season! Visit us on Facebook @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website www.OLQAderby.org.



JULY 9 - 11
**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
CARNIVAL**
St. Anthony Church, Prospect

The St. Anthony Church Carnival brings three exciting nights of food, games, and community spirit from July 9-11. Admission and parking are completely free, with food service featuring daily classics alongside unique nightly Polish, Italian, and Mexican cuisines.

Thursday, July 9th: 6PM - 10PM
Friday, July 10th: 6PM - 10PM
Saturday, July 11th: 3PM - 10PM

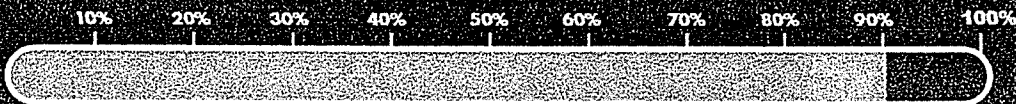


JULY 24 - 26 @ 7PM
**TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF GOOD
SAINT ANN**
Blessed Michael McGivney Parish,
St. Michael Church, New Haven

The Saint Ann Society would like to invite you to the annual Triduum in honor of good Saint Ann. The dates of the Triduum will be July 24th, 25th, and 26th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at 7:00pm. The Triduum begins with two nights of rosary and prayers invoking the intercession of Saint Ann. The third and concluding night is a Mass with a reception afterward. Please extend this invitation to anyone whom you feel may benefit from this experience or just wants to join us. Also, we are always actively looking for women who may want to become new members of the St. Ann Society.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!



Total Goal: \$10M 90.01% as of 6/11/26

\$9,000,852.29 in pledges from 24,718 generous donors

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the Archbishop's Annual Appeal*



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