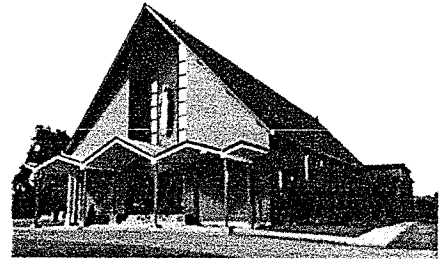
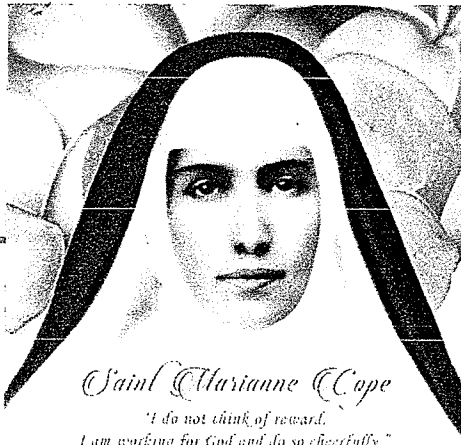


Saint Marianne Cope Parish

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.

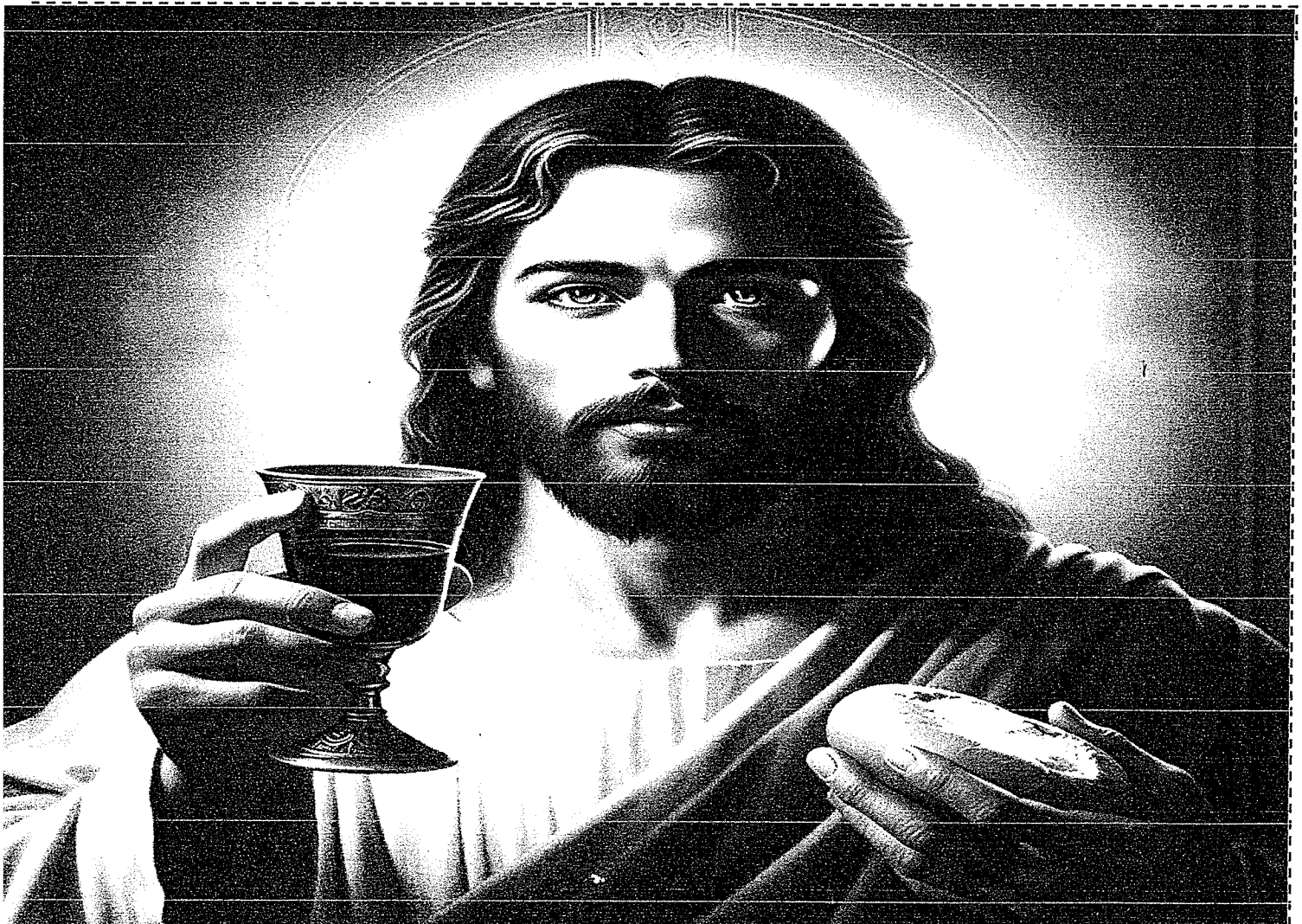
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

June 7, 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD

*"I am the living bread that came
down from Heaven"*



Parish Office

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

Parish Office Hours: *Mon.-Thursday 9am-3pm*
St. Catherine Cemetery: *by appointment*

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 office@smceastwindsor.org

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Service Advisor: *Stefanie Karam*
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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

**USA Consecrated to
The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. This consecration is to commemorate the 250th anniversary (semi-quincentennial) of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776). The aim is to entrust the country to Christ's Divine Love and reaffirm the Gospel's role in public life.

The goals of this wonderful act are as follows:

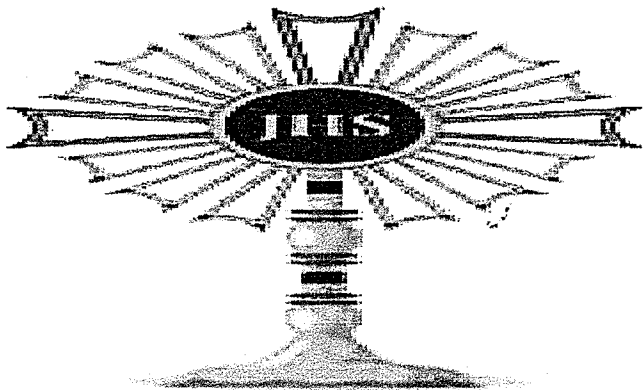
1. *National Milestone:* *With the 250th anniversary of The Declaration of Independence, the Bishops and Catholics are taking the occasion to celebrate the historical contributions of Catholics to the country. It is worthy to note that two Catholics have occupied the Oval Office in the White House.*
2. *Promoting Unity and Justice:* *Foundationalized in Pope Francis' encyclical Dilexit Nos (He loved us)...the Sacred Heart Devotion focuses on Jesus's love and peaceful unity of all; plus a motivation to build a more just society.*
3. *Christ's Kingship:* *This highlights that Jesus Christ, and He alone is the ultimate Lord of all. It begs of us to shape temporal laws according to Divine Laws and the spirit of the Gospel.*
4. *Spiritual Renewal:* *This aspect allows us to help build up the community, pray and adore Christ in the Eucharist, to bring about a deeper, personal relationship with Christ.*

We have been instructed to celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 12, 2026:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday, June 12, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Mass in Honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus—Friday, June 12, 2026 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

It is encouraged that we offer, in our private devotions, the Litany of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Litany is available to you at the entrances of both Churches. The Archdiocese of Hartford has provided a Holy Card with a prayer in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart.



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of **The Body and Blood of Christ**. In Latin, this day is known as *Corpus Christi*. The document on the liturgy from Vatican Council II (1962—1965) states that Christ in the Eucharist is the **source** and **summit** of Catholic worship. The early Christians always reserved the Blessed Sacrament in case those who were sick or dying would need to receive communion for their last journey to the Father. There were no tabernacles in those days or exquisitely decorated churches. Those came along as the centuries unfolded and most especially during the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Nevertheless, the tradition of reserving and reverencing the Blessed Sacrament began with those very early days of Christianity.

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ has always been venerated especially at the moment of consecration and communion. St. Augustine (354-430) states: "No one eats this flesh without first adoring it." This tells us that even prostration was a very vital part of the communion rite of his time. In the ninth to eleventh centuries the notion of worship in regard to the Eucharist outside of Mass began to take place. By the thirteenth century the practice of Eucharistic processions, placing the Eucharist in a monstrance and even *Corpus Christi* processions began to take hold throughout Europe. Certainly, St. Thomas Aquinas

figures highly as he wrote many Eucharistic hymns that are still in use today such as **Tantum Ergo**, **O Salutaris** and **Pange Lingua**, to mention only a few.

The Feast of **Corpus Christi** (The Body and Blood of Christ) was first celebrated in the Diocese of Liege, Belgium in 1246. By 1264, Pope Urban IV (1261-1264) issued a decree that the Feast of Corpus Christi should be celebrated throughout all of Catholicism. The first recorded procession for Corpus Christi took place in Cologne, Germany in 1274 and 1279. Shortly afterwards processions accompanying the Feast of Corpus Christi spread rapidly throughout the Catholic world.

These processions were elaborate. A long cortege walked through the city streets with home-made tapestries and banners. The monstrance which had a large host, was carried under a festive canopy, preceded by the clergy and important civil authorities. Great numbers of people stood in the streets to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, kneeling as He passed by. They were seeking to be blessed by the Blessed Sacrament, for they believed in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

Not much has changed in our day. There has been a revival of these Eucharistic processions to demonstrate our belief, our love and our joy in the gift that Jesus left us before His death; that of His "Real Presence" in the Eucharist. We hear once again the great Saint Thomas Aquinas who, in the hymn **Adoro Te Devote** (Humbly We Adore Thee) writes:

*Seeking, touching, tasting are in thee
deceived; How says trusty hearing? That
shall be believed: What God's Son has told
me, take for truth I do; Truth himself speaks
true or there's nothing true.*



June 7, 2026

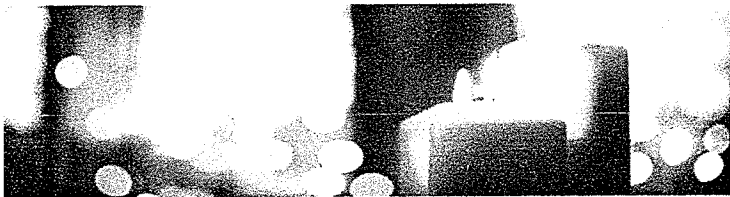


Mass Intentions

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 Al Wyrostek

The Sanctuary light at St. Catherine Church burns for:

God's Blessings for Father Jon Schnobrich
Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

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 & God's Blessings for Fr. Ed Przygocki

Virgin Mary Statue candle burns for:

Special Intention

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday, June 6, 2026 CORPUS CHRISTI

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Joann Calcinari

requested by Fr. Ron

Sunday, June 7, 2026 CORPUS CHRISTI

8:30 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Michael Rodriguez (7th Anniversary)

requested by Marion Lavoie & Family

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Health & God's Blessing for Gerri Schnobrich

requested by Liz & Kay

Monday June 8, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Pro Pupulo

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul s of Loretta & James Lyman

requested by Maureen & Larry Lyman

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend Charles Muzzy

(Archdiocese of Washington, DC)

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

12:15 PM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul s of Davetta Curtis & Mae McComb

requested by The Family

+ Repose of the Soul of Reverend James Mercer

(Diocese of Arlington, VA)

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9:00 AM (St. Catherine Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Geraldine Jackovonis

requested by Maureen & Larry Lyman

+ Repose of the Soul of Monsignor Nevin Klinger

(Diocese of Allentown, PA)

Saturday, June 13, 2026

4:00 PM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Emery Berube (Sixth Anniversary)

requested by Dorothy Berube

Sunday, June 14, 2026

8:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Special Intentions of Al Gendreau

requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier

10:30 AM (St. Philip Church)

+ Repose of the Soul of Al Wyrostek (Birthday Memorial)

requested by the Wite daughters

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JUNE 13 - 19, 2026

Laudato Si' Teachings Take Root at East Catholic Shoreline Academy

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In late May, parents and students wandered the halls and gymnasium, perusing colorful student art and exhibits at East Catholic Shoreline Academy in Branford.

In a timely spring activity, they learned how to sprout seedlings for a vegetable garden. And anyone who enjoyed a snack during the evening event was instructed by a group of youngsters in how to recycle or compost their packaging and leftovers.

It was all part of the school's "STREAM Night and Art Show," which showcased, among other initiatives, an ongoing *Laudato Si'* program.

Since 2022, East Catholic Shoreline Academy, or ESCA, has been incorporating Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* teachings into its curriculum in all grades. Students are learning that taking care of God's creation is a moral and spiritual imperative.

"Every year we add something new," says Cheryl Panzo, principal of East Shoreline Catholic Academy, which serves students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. "It's really important for us. We definitely want to keep it going. Saving the Earth is kind of a big deal."

Laudato Si' is often celebrated on April 22, Earth Day, or on May 24, the anniversary of the day that Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, was released in 2015. The document urges

everyone to find integrated solutions to address poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature, problems that are frequently intertwined.

In 2022, ESCA began its *Laudato Si'* program by planting a schoolwide community garden. "We try to get the whole school involved. The focus is on gardening and sustainability," Panzo explains.

Students planted tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, lettuce, parsley and chives. "Our big goal, should we get there, is to have enough to give to the Branford Community Dining Room," Panzo says, "and to do a farm-to-table fundraiser."

This year, for the first time, a portion of the garden has been taken over by first graders, who planted a "Three-Sisters Garden" of corn, beans and squash.

"The beans use the corn stalks for support, and the squash acts as a fertilizer and keeps the moisture in to help the corn and beans grow," Panzo explains. "This is something Native Americans have been doing in Connecticut long before us."

"There's so much they can learn from this," says Mary Dobson, the first grade teacher, such as how to track the sea-

sons and the weather. "We're also being stewards of God's creation by planting in the soil and seeing how plants grow. And we talk about how when you share your gifts and work together, it's amazing how much you can do."

In 2024, with a grant from the Connecticut Catholic Foundation, the school added a Green Team of fourth and fifth graders to take on special *Laudato Si'* projects.

The Green Team runs an ambitious composting project, using a video and signage to teach other students how to correctly sort lunch items. "Students are learning what can be composted or not, what's recyclable or not, and what's trash," Panzo explains.

In the cafeteria, Green Team members collect unopened food packages to donate to Food Share. Then they guide their fellow students in setting aside food scraps for a composting company, depositing used containers for recycling, and tossing the rest as trash.

Best of all, Blue Earth Compost, a composting company, picks up the scraps and returns them as soil and fertilizer for the community garden.



The Green Team, supervised by Nicole Truhart, instructs students in how to sort their disposable items into the proper recycling, landfill and compost containers.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF



Upcoming Events



JUNE 14 @ 9:30AM - 11AM
DRIVE THRU FOOD COLLECTION
 St. Peter Claver Church, West Hartford

Donations will go to the West Hartford Food Pantry, The Catholic Worker, and Hands On Hartford. Suggested items: produce, canned meat, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, pasta/sauce, canned tuna, canned fruit/vegetables.



JUNE 16, 23 @ 9AM - 3PM
ARTISTS WITH THE SPIRIT,
DAYS ON THE LAKE
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

We offer a quiet, spiritual, and naturally inspiring atmosphere to paint, write, sketch, or craft. Because the retreat center is situated right on the water, it provides the perfect backdrop for the day. Please bring your lunch and art supplies. Coffee, tea and other hot and cold drinks will be provided. Sr. Lany Jo will be available for any help or guidance wanted. A Free Will Offering is asked for this day. Registration is absolutely necessary at sacredheartonthelake.org or call at 203-606-9102.



JUNE 19 @ 6:30PM
CANDLELIGHT MASS EVENT
 Our Lady of Knock Parish,
 St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Come join the fun and enjoy a beautiful peaceful Candlelight Mass celebrated by Fr. Roberto McCarthy and then afterwards come socialize with other young adults (21+) from surrounding parishes for a fun evening of a cookout and cornhole!



JUNE 26 @ 7PM \$15
WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY
YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
 Thomas Hooker Brewery, Bloomfield

Join other young professionals for a fun night of soccer, great food, and community as Uruguay takes on Spain starting at 7pm. Your ticket includes pizza, wings, and pretzels, and the evening will feature a halftime raffle and match prediction game with prizes. \$5 members \$15 non-members. Scan QR code to RSVP.



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

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 88.37% as of 6/2/26

\$8,837,270.08 in pledges from 24,383 generous donors

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