



Christ the King

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Catholic Church

Second Sunday of ADVENT



Reconciliation: (Confession)

Sat.: 4:00-4:30pm & anytime by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: please call the rectory, 860-434-1660, anytime a person is sick & would like anointing or a visit

Baptism:

please call the parish office to arrange pre-baptismal instruction & ceremony date & time

Holy Orders:

to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon call the rectory or Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, vocations office 860-887-9294

Matrimony:

preparation for marriage must begin **at least six months before** the actual ceremony

Confirmation:

preparation begins in 8th grade and students receive the sacrament in 10th grade

Adults can join OCIA (for questions on this please contact the office and leave a message for

Jo Ann Staves

SACRAMENTAL Life Eucharist:

Mass: M-F: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am

Join us! Can't join in person?

Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream!

Links to join can be found
on our website

**If you are in need of a priest, please
contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter
at the Rectory: 860-434-1660**

Your parish team is here for you!

**Fr. Joseph C. Ashe, Pastor
Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar**

Adoration:

M-Th: 6:30-7:30am Fri: 9:00am-Noon

Sexual Misconduct Services:
800-624-7407

Parish Prayer Line

to request prayers for any intention large or small please call Michele at 860-434-8529 & leave a message. intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous.

CONTACT US!

Rectory: 860-434-1660; **Parish Office** 860-434-1669

Faith Formation Email: drechristthekingol@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.christthekingchurch.net

Church staff: Kimberly Whitcomb, *Administrative Assistant*; William J. Thomas, *Director of Music Ministries*; Erica Zapatka, *Director of Faith Formation*; Sulma Garcia, *Housekeeper*

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Parish Trustees: Marylin Clarke & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

OUR MISSION

We make our journey through life in the company of one another while growing by the words of Jesus Christ, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and in the spirit of Vatican II as taught to us by the Church.

Small Christian Community Bible Study, ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Small Christian Community Bible Study will continue to meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. For questions or more information, please contact

Mark Fischer (860) 598-9392 or Peter Kulas (203) 490-7766.

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study is meeting in the library across from the parish office. Come join us! Bring your bible or we will loan you one. All are welcome! We will soon study the upcoming Advent Sunday Mass readings.

For more information, please contact Deb Skaar at (860) 434-3081

Offertory Sign-ups for Weekend Mass Volunteers are needed to bring up the gifts during the offertory at weekend Masses. This tradition of the faithful carrying the bread & wine to the altar symbolizes our returning to God the many gifts that he has bestowed on us. If interested, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Christ the King Church is looking for volunteers!

Altar servers, collectors, & lectors are needed for all weekend masses! We would love for you to join & REMEMBER; **no experience is required!** Those interested please reach out to the parish office at **860-434-1669** or **ctkoldlyme@aol.com** to arrange training

Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of December 7, 2025

Sat. Dec. 6

11:00am Funeral for Ed Scarpati
5:00pm **Parishioners of Christ the King**
6:00pm Christmas Cookie Sale in the Narthex

Sun. Dec. 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am **+ William Balocki r/b his daughter Judy**
9:00am Christmas Cookie Sale in the Narthex
9:15 - 10:15AM Faith Formation Classes
10:30am **+ Robert Fischer r/b The Fischer & Conroy families**
+ Clarence Gilbert r/b Michelle Gagner
11:30am Christmas Cookie Sale in the Narthex

6:00 - 7:00PM Confirmation Class - Rehearsal with Sponsors

Mon. Dec. 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am **Healing Mass for Louise Young r/b the God Squad**
6:30pm **Parishioners of Christ the King**

Tue. Dec. 9

8:00am **+ Maria Valtiere r/b the Costin family**
5:30pm OCIA

Wed. Dec. 10

8:00am **+ Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy**
9:30AM & 6:30PM Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Dec. 11

8:00am **+ Amy Kolasa r/b Mark & Barbara Fischer**
9:00am Christ the King Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Dec. 12

8:00am **+ Jimmy Murphy r/b Joan**
7:00pm Feast of Our Lady of Gaudalupe Holy Hour

Sat. Dec. 13

10:00-11:00am Pageant Rehearsal
5:00pm **+ Will Marino**
+ Josephine Dell'Erba r/b Cheryl Parsons
+ Ed Scarpati r/b the Whitcomb family

Sun. Dec. 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am **+ Fran Bartlett r/b the Murray family**
9:15 - 10:15AM **NO** Faith Formation Classes this week
10:30am Confirmation with St. Pio & St. Theresa - Bishop Reidy officiating
For all 2025 Newly Confirmed
6:30 - 8:00PM **NO** Confirmation Class this week

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for Jennie Cassarino

Christ the King Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a weekly basis

in memory of and to honor a loved one. The suggested weekly donation is \$10

If interested, please contact the parish office at ctkoldlyme@aol.com or (860) 434-1669.



**20th
Anniversary
Celebration
Mass
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2025 ACA update as of November 29, 2025:

Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$96,526.13 with 16.86% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Exploring the Faith by Fr. Chris Alar
158 videos study our faith,
led by Joe Haley. All are welcome to attend.
Meeting in the library Saturday mornings
from 9:00 - 10:00

**Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our
Community of Faith**

Funds raised through this effort will be used for maintenance and repair on our church and rectory buildings. Information packets have been mailed to all registered parishioners. If you have not received a packet, contact the church office to check on your registration status. Please read the brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can support this important project

Did you know: This campaign has a waiver from the diocese on the 10% cathedraticum tax, so 100% of your donation goes to maintenance projects at Christ the King!

Old Lyme Town Band will hold a holiday concert in our parish hall Friday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Please come! Other concerts completing our 50th Anniversary Year are Dec. 7, 2 p.m. At Lymes' Senior Center and Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at The Kate, Old Saybrook.

Christ the king church men's club is looking for members!

We are an active organization that meets once monthly, at 6pm on the first Thursday, to support the needs of both the church & the community. We operate under three guiding principles:

- 1) **spirituality** - we pray together, encourage retreats, and provide motivational guest speakers.
- 2) **stewardship** - we raise money & support, many charitable organizations & conduct maintenance projects to maintain the church & our grounds
- 3) **socializing** - we hold monthly meetings enjoying pizza & camaraderie, & we support numerous church social functions.

for more information, contact **Bob Brinkerhoff**, President, at **860-748-9378 (call or text)**, email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the **CTK website**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

Answer: Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael ©LPI

Bring any unwanted silver (& silver-plate), gold, jewelry (broken or mis-mate) and donate to Christ the King. Our elves will have it turned into cash to benefit the church. Drop off to the office anytime during regular office hours or arrange to meet at a time that works for everyone!!



Giving Tree

**Giving Tree at Christ the King
The Giving Tree project returns!**

Looking for a way to help others this holiday season? The Giving Tree project provides gifts and donations to the less fortunate in Connecticut and beyond.

(Madonna House, St Vincent de Paul, & others)

Here's how it works: Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29 & 30) a Christmas tree in the entrance to the hall will be covered with ornaments that are marked with gift suggestions. Take an ornament from the tree, purchase the suggested gift, bring it unwrapped to church the following Sunday (or during the week) with the ornament attached, and leave it under the tree by Dec. 15th.

**Volunteers will pick up the gifts and pack them for delivery to the chosen charity.
Thank you for your generosity!**

Please consider participating in our coat drive (bringing your clean gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves) to benefit St Vincent de Paul - Middletown and leave in the box in the entrance to the parish hall

Christmas Flowers - Envelopes are available in the Narthex (please let us know the family name or who you wish to honor for this remembrance)

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation
Your gift provides life-saving medical care and brings hope to expectant mothers and newborns in a time of great uncertainty. There will be a tree in the entrance to the hall with tags showing you how you can support this cause. For information about Holy Family Hospital, visit www.birthplaceofhope.org

Pajama Drive- Because Everyone Deserves a Warm Night's Sleep
Collecting new or gently used pajamas - all sizes - now through

Dec. 14th to benefit families in need this holiday season.

Pajamas are distributed via Lyme's Youth Service Bureau (local families in need), Safe Futures (families affected by domestic violence), and the ARC of New London County (our adults special needs community).

Please use the drop box or consider a monetary donation using the QR code which will be used to purchase pajamas.

Jennifer Rowland

@PajamaDrive1



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Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study - Christ the King So Much More Than A Bible Study - Grow in faith, friendship, & community with women who share your Catholic values. WWP blends Scripture study, small group discussion, & real-life application to strengthen hearts & homes. We offer 3 studies on Wednesdays at 9:30AM or 6:30PM, (with an additional morning session starting in January) at Christ the King Church, Old Lyme. Not ready to commit to a weekly study? - Come to our Connect Coffee Talks open to all women during our morning and evening sessions on 12/10, 1/28, 2/25, & 3/25. Visit the WWP page on Christ the King's website or www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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Virtual Advent Mission 2025

In our very busy world, it's easy to feel stretched thin or spiritually scattered. This Advent, come renew your heart and rediscover the gifts God longs to give you. Join us for a three-week Virtual Advent Mission as we reflect on how Patience, Perseverance, and Peace can take root in our lives through prayer and grace. Join us on Tuesdays: December 9, & 16 from 7PM – 8PM. To register contact Alvania at atejada@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 304. Come prepare your heart for Christ this Advent season.

Christmas Cookie Sale

To be held at St. Mark Church Hall, 222 McVeagh Rd, Westbrook on Saturday, Dec 13th from 9-12 or until sold out. We will have platters of delicious homemade cookies for sale. Proceeds support our Haiti Ministry.

Join us on Dec. 11th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich at 6:30pm for a Holy Hour with Bishop Reidy. The Holy Hour will include an Advent reflection by Bishop Reidy. People of all ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Following the Holy Hour, please join us in writing Christmas cards for the patrons of St. Vincent De Paul Place in Norwich.

The Holy Trinity Pro-Life Committee needs new members! We work for the parishes of St. Pio's and Christ the King. Our mission is to foster respect and love for the sacredness of human life at all stages. We seek to engage our parish communities through prayer, education and action. Some of our activities include baby diaper/wipe drives for pregnancy care centers, Mother's Day Rose Sale to support Birthright, bus trips to the CT March for Life, "Coffee And Sundays" at Christ the King, Celebrate Life Corner bulletin articles and more are in the works. The committee needs your help. To learn more about our activities and how you can help, please call Rosellyn Giampietro at 203-715-7227 or email at lateran84@gmail.com.

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Marriage Help Program (local) Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st. Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts on Jan. 30th. For information, call confidentially 1-860-837-0447, email connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

PRAYING WITH THE 7 O' ANTIPHONS ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Saturday, Dec. 13th 9:30am-3:00pm will focus on praying with the deep meanings of the 7 O' Antiphons. During the final days of Advent, the Church offers an ancient and timeless way of anticipating the celebration of Christmas: The O' Antiphons. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Donation asked - \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast & a Full Lunch. To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

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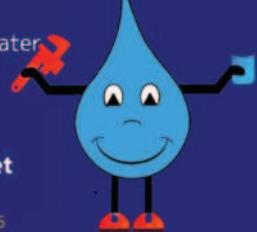
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