SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass:

M-F: 8:00am Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm Sun.: 8:00am & 10:30am

Adoration:

M-F: 6:30-7:30am Fri.: 9:00am-Noon

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Sat: 4:00pm—4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: (& Ministry to the Sick)

Please call the rectory, **860**. **434.1660**, anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit.

Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and ceremony date and time.

Holy Orders:

To learn more about becoming a **priest or deacon**, call Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle at the rectory or Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Vocations Office, 860.887.9294.

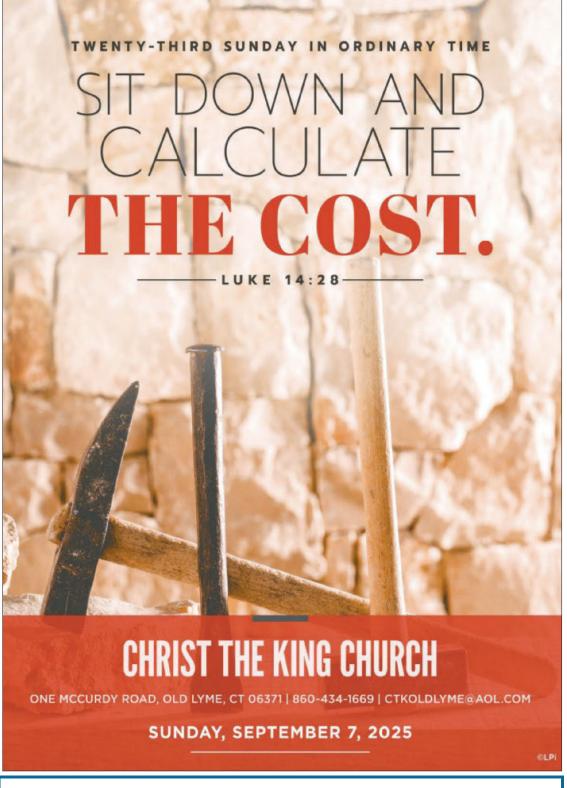
Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin *at least six months before* actual ceremony.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in grade 8 and
students receive the
sacrament in grade 10.
Adults can join OCIA.
For questions about OCIA,
please contact the office to
leave a message for Jo Ann
Staves.

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800.624.7407



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

Sat. Sept. 6

5:00pm * Eileen Coffee r/b the Burton family

★ Louis D'Avanzo r/b Maria & Grace

* Kay Tubridy r/b the Moylan family

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sun. Sept. 7

Grandparents Day

★ Victims & Survivors of the 9/11 attacks 8:00am

10:30am ₱ Victims & Survivors of the 9/11 attacks

11:30am Baptism, CTK

Mon. Sept. 8

8:00am / Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy

Tues. Sept. 9

8:00am / Wayne Pennyfeather r/b Mark & Barbara

Fischer

Wed. Sept. 10

8:00am **P** Paticia Emily Rimkunas r/b the

CTK Music Program

7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Sept. 11 Patriot Day

8:00am Parishioners of CTK

Fri. Sept. 12

8:00am Fred & Kay Geary

Sat. Sept. 13

5:00pm **孝** Joanne Nygard r/b Joanne's friends at the

Nearly New Shop

Betty Unikewicz r/b Mark & Barbara

Fischer

* Kay Tubridy r/b the Coffee family

Sun. Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

₱ Brian O'Sullivan r/b Doreen & Ed Thomas 8:00am

10:30am / Elizabeth Margaret Brodeur r/b Kathy

& Ken Burton

11:30am Baptism, CTK



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of September for all 9/11 Victims, Survivors & their families

Christ the King Mass Times ~ Join Us!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm SUNDAY: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAYS: 8:00am

Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream! Links to join are on our website.



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.



If you are in need of a priest, please contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory phone number: (860) 434-1660.



Latest News and Events at CTK

Christ the King Church is **Looking for Volunteers!**



Collectors and Lectors are needed for weekend masses! We would love for you to join & remember, no experience is required! Those interested in altar serving at CTK Parish, please call the office at (860) 434-1669 or email at ctkoldlyme@aol.com to set up a time for training.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for *Monday*, Sept. 8 at 7:00pm. Attendance at meetings is

open to all parishioners, but if possible please give the Council prior notice of your plan to attend, so that there will be ample seating. You can do this using the message form on the pastoral council page of the parish website. Meeting agenda will be posted there, along with minutes of past meetings.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Faith Formation classes begin Sunday Sept. 28, 2025 for all classes! Register now if you haven't already. We are also still looking for volunteers to teach, support each class, & share their talents & faith with the youth of our parish! Without more volunteers we CANNOT have faith



formation classes. Faith Formation Class Times K - 7th Grade Sunday mornings 9:15am - 10:15am Confirmation 2027 (8th grade) Sunday evenings 7pm - 8pm

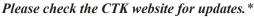
Confirmation 2026 (9th grade) Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8pm

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun **Question:** What does the word "dalmatic" mean?

Answer: A dalmatic is the outer vestment worn by a deacon..

Friday Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated in the Church Fridays from 9am until 12

Noon, with Benediction following. *Occasionally, Adoration will not be held due to a funeral or wedding.





If you would like to submit any announcements for the bulletin, the deadline is Monday by noon.

Thank you for keeping your item short. Space is limited.

Parish Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/

Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/

Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

BECOME A CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Franciscan University of Steubenville is offering a 3-year training program for those wishing to become certified Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during two-week winter intensives at the Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, Connecticut. All are welcome to apply; no prior experience or education required. If interested, please call 860-928-7955 or immaculateconceptioncenter.org for details.

We are working with a company to place a student from Spain into a Catholic host family for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Erica for more information (860) 575-1740 or DREChristTheKingOL@gmail.com

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 and 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 and support many charitable organizations and conduct maintenance projects to maintain the church and church grounds.
- 3. Socializing we hold monthly meetings enjoying pizza and camaraderie, and we support numerous church social functions. For more information, please contact Bob Brinkerhoff, Men's Club President, at 860-748-9378 (call or text), email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website.

The Saint Pio Parish Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Polish Dinner on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Held at St. John School, 42 Maynard Rd., Old Saybrook. Dinner will be available for dine-in or to go. Dinner will include traditional favorites (Golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, sauerkraut & more.) Adult ticket is \$20. Children 8 and under are free but must have a ticket. Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses at both St John & St Mark beginning Aug. 23/24 & the parish office beginning Aug.25. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Last year's dinner was a sell out so get your tickets early! Don't Miss this Great Meal and Time for fellowship

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

CTK July Collection Summary*

Offertory & Monthly Debt \$48,950.71
Expenses 61,253.47
*From Basket Collections, Faith Direct, and Mail
September Special Collection
9/7 Monthly Offering, 9/14 Catholic Elementary
Schools, 9/21 Energy, 9/28 Norwich Diocesan Council of

2025 ACA update as of August 4, 2025: Congratulationsto **Christ the King Parish**, for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$87,782.38/15.32% by of our parishioners. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends Dec. 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. **Thank you for your support!** If you have not made your contribution, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available at the church or contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or at www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Catholic Women Reaching Out

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving next month—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically & securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules & payment details will carry over seamlessly. What's new about ParishSOFT Giving? If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.

More Flexibility: Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th. More Ways to Give:

Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to launch.

Small Christian Community, 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.

CTK Spiritual Reading & Movie Group will begin The Screwtape Letters Mon., Sept. 1 following the 8:00 AM mass. All are invited to attend. For information please contact James at 203-779-9066 jpepitone@me.com This book is an engaging account of temptation & triumph over it. Please get the Red, White & Yellow cover version . \$9.64 on Amazon

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*.

Community Events and Ways to Help

Harvest Festival is Sat., Sept 20th - 8:30-3:00 & Sun. Sept 21st - 9am-noon (Rummage & Silent Auction)

WE NEED YOU! Volunteers needed to help plan & run a great event! Sign-ups are available in narthex, online sign up at church website, or email ctkharvestfestival@gmail.com

Silent Auction DONATIONS: Donations of new items or gift certificates are needed. Completed baskets or gift certificates should be brought to the office by Sept. 12th. (please include the value of completed basket or item so we know where to start the bidding) Questions concerning Silent Auction should be directed to Donna Staab 732-809-2712

Rummage Sale: volunteers needed, for intake & prep as well as cashiers, and room attendants on Saturday and Sunday. Many hands make light work!! Intake days Mark your Calendars! 9amnoon Weds-Sept 3rd through Saturday Sept 13th with Evening hours 5-6:30pm: Thursday Sept 4th and Thursday Sept 11th Quality please: We will gladly accept clean & gently used household items, jewelry, small furniture, Christmas treasures, children's toys, books, and sports equipment. Please mark sizes of linens, sheets, & tablecloths. Gently used coats for Coat Drive this fall. A full list of acceptable items is posted near the office as well as on our website. Plant Sale: Home grown perennials are always a hit at the plant sale, plan to donate your separated & potted perennials to our sale. Bake Sale: We will need many bakers to make yummy treats. Get your favorite recipes ready & sign up to bake!

Kids Games: A great way for confirmation students to earn service hours! Help with supervising the outdoor kids games on Saturday. Volunteering in any capacity is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners & be involved with our great CTK community!!

Christ the King Website

Visit Christ the King Church website for updated news and information about parish happenings! For Mass schedules, Zoom Links and more, visit *christthekingchurch.net*.

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The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 6:30 PM. Bishop Richard F. Reidy will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 24th through Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you.

Come Join Us—Diocesan OCIA WORKSHOP: A Pilgrimage of Hope: ! Saturday, Oct. 25th, 9:00 am—12:00pm at St Patrick
Cathedral Hall (Lower level), Norwich The OCIA process can feel overwhelming at first, but there is no need for fear or hesitation. This workshop, led by Mary Jane Silvia*, is designed to guide participants through the essential aspects of OCIA, providing a clear and supportive introduction. The workshop will offer an overview of the OCIA steps, with special attention to the new translation that was introduced in March of this year. The session will also include an examination of the various rites involved and emphasize the value of developing a dedicated parish team. Attendees will have opportunities for questions and open conversation, as well as time set aside for prayer and personal reflection. Please register Alvania 860-848-2237, ext.304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net,

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION –All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2025 Silver & Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard F. Reidy at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at 2pm. Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated & 2nd Fl, Norwich, CT 06360, faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237, x304, Deadline for registering is Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025. This is a firm date, so please register early. Couples may also email a recent digital photo of themselves in a jpeg format to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

ART AND SPIRITUALITY RETREAT TUES., SEPT. 9TH or SAT., OCT. 18TH from 10 - 3 Well-known local artist, Ed Rosado will team with Sr. Lany Jo at teaching & demonstrating how art can be a segue into prayerful mediation &contemplation. Both Art/Retreats are for those that already have some background in art & in the media they most often use to do especially land-scapes, which they will focus on at the scenic lake & grounds of the SHOTL Retreat Center. Please bring your lunch and art supplies. Coffee, tea and other hot and cold drinks will be provided. A donation of \$20 is asked for this Retreat Day. Space is limited, register ASAP at sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

MEN'S FAITH GROUP – BROTHERS IN CHRIST is a gathering of men who come together to share faith, personal experiences, & meaningful discussion. Virtual meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 11th, from 7:00–7:45 pm Guest Speaker: Ken Santopietro, Director of the CT Catholic Men's Conference, will speak on the upcoming CT Catholic Men's Conference this Sept. If you are interested in joining this session & building fellowship & discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by contacting: Liza Roach at Iroach@norwichdiocese.net or □ (860) 848-2237 ext. 305



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