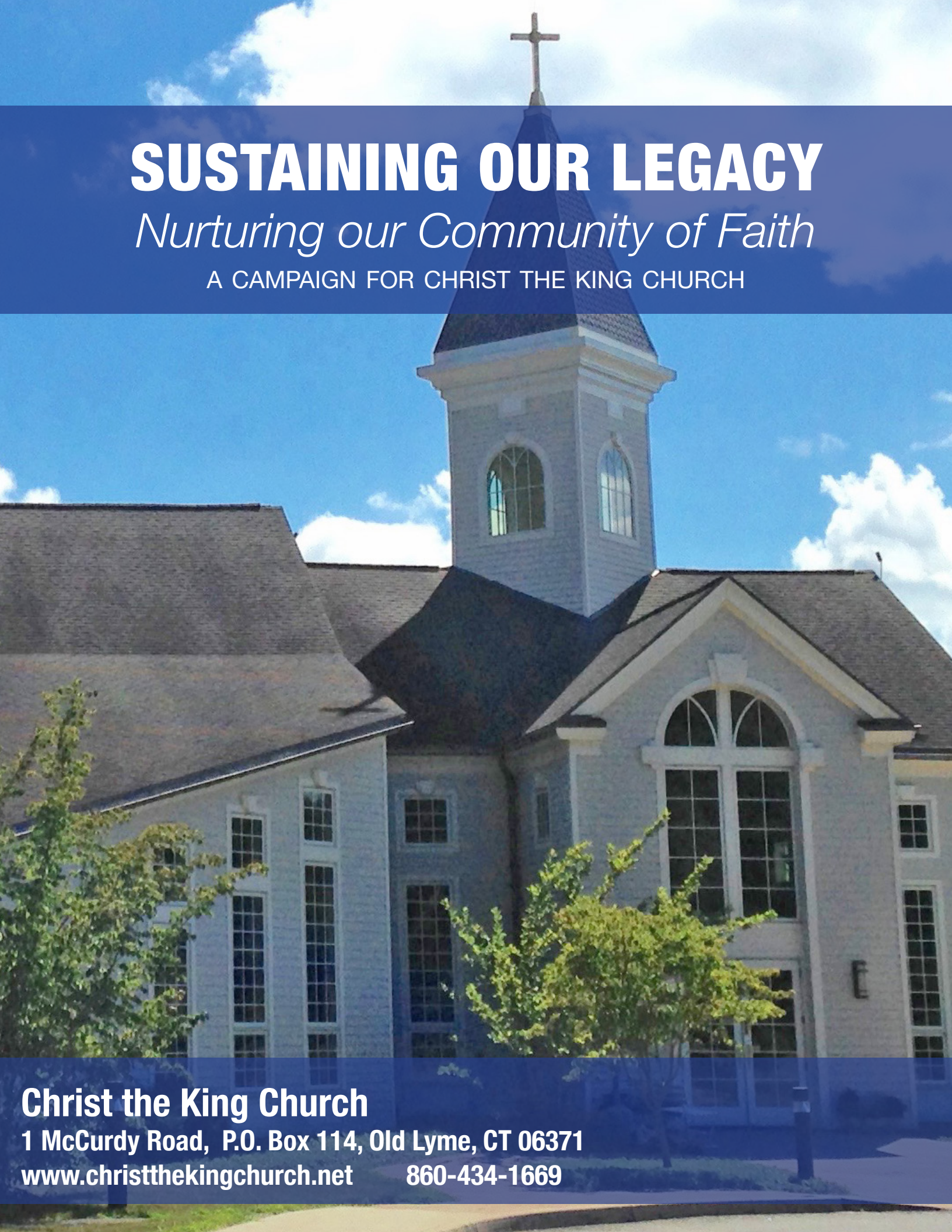


A photograph of the exterior of Christ the King Church. The church is a light-colored building with a prominent steeple topped with a cross. The steeple has two arched windows. The main body of the church features large, multi-paned windows and a gabled roof. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A dark blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the title and subtitle in white text.

SUSTAINING OUR LEGACY

Nurturing our Community of Faith

A CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Christ the King Church

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Dear Christ the King Parish Family,

In November 2025, the parish of Christ the King will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our church complex at 1 McCurdy Road. Our parish leaders and volunteers spent years planning, designing, and creating the facility that we now call home, and since we moved in we



have celebrated Mass every day (even during Covid!); rejoiced in baptisms and weddings; found comfort at funerals; educated our young people through Faith Formation classes; gathered together for dinners and special events; and reveled in the camaraderie of events like the annual Harvest Festival.

But two decades of constant use has taken its toll on the bricks-and-mortar of our church complex, and there are a number of urgent repairs needed, as well as long-term maintenance that will ensure the future of our church home. For this reason, Christ the King parish is embarking on a \$750,000 capital campaign, *Sustaining*



our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith, with the objective of expanding our maintenance fund

significantly so that our facility can accommodate our parish family for many years to come, and allow us to continue to celebrate in this space we have created.

There were Catholics in Old Lyme for many years before Christ the King Parish was established in 1934. Going to Mass in those days meant taking a ferry across the Connecticut River (or walking across the train bridge when the river was frozen!). It wasn't until the early twentieth century that the faithful were able to attend Mass in their own church here in Old Lyme. Thanks to summer visitors to Soundview, Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel was built in 1906, but with no heat that building was unsuitable for year-round use. In 1934 the newly formed Christ the King parish moved into the former Baptist church on Main (Lyme) Street, and that structure remained our home for over 70 years, until we outgrew that space and built the present complex at 1 McCurdy Road.

As we look ahead to our parish centennial in 2034, we must take steps now to preserve, sustain, and maintain



what we have built. Please read on to learn more about what we will accomplish through the *Sustaining our Legacy* campaign, and then prayerfully consider how you and your family can support this effort as stewards of our parish.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Fr. Joe".

Rev. Joseph Ashe
Pastor

In 2025, the Catholic Church marks a Jubilee Year of grace and reconciliation. This focus on spiritual renewal also gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to our faith through stewardship to our local parish through our time, talent, and treasure.

I have been fortunate over the years to be involved in many aspects of ministry to the faithful at Christ the King: through our exceptional music ministry as a cantor and member of the choir, through administration as an ACA chair and parish council member, and through participation in the Men's Club, Zoom Ministry, and facilities committee.

We are marking the 20-year anniversary of our move to our current parish facility and rectory. The wear and tear of those 20 years is evident on the buildings and grounds, and our 2025 capital campaign *Sustaining Our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith* seeks to raise funds to address these facility issues and plan for future facility needs:

SANCTUARY AND PARISH COMPLEX

- Exterior paint and trim work
- Replace roof and repair leaks
- Replace flooring in church hall
- Upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to reduce energy costs
- Replace fluorescent lights with LED lighting to lower energy costs
- Refinish Sanctuary floors
- Upgrade outdated computers and office equipment

RECTORY

Christ the King is blessed to have two wonderful priests in residence. To continue to support their ministry here, upgrades to the 200-year-old church rectory are also required:

- Exterior paint and carpentry work
- Site grading work and foundation repair
- HVAC upgrades and water heater replacement
- Chimney sealing and re-flashing
- Low pitch roof replacement
- Basement insulation and sealing
- Interior painting
- Replacement windows
- Planning for future structural repairs

We have many talented volunteers who offer their time and talent to help maintain our buildings and

grounds. We are unfortunately at a point where deferred maintenance can no longer be postponed, and more extensive work is needed to refresh and restore the facilities.

Each of us has something to offer the parish through our stewardship, and I am asking you to consider how you might participate in the current need with your financial support. A successful campaign will allow us to continue to minister to the needs of the faithful in Old Lyme and the larger shoreline community, and

Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith CAPITAL REQUEST

**Sanctuary, Classrooms and Hall, Church
Office: \$473,000**

Rectory and Site Work: \$277,000

Total Capital Campaign: \$750,000

*Funds in excess of the goal will be
added to the reserve account for future
capital needs.*

to plan for future needs. I encourage you to make a gift that is appropriate to your own means as well as your dedication to and passion for our thriving church community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community and ministries, and thank you in advance for your generous contribution to this capital campaign.

Yours in Christ,



Ron Paine
Chair
Sustaining Our Legacy

Giving to the Capital Campaign

- We encourage you to consider making a gift that fits your financial situation and reflects your dedication to our thriving parish community. We will be successful if each parishioner and family carefully considers a gift that demonstrates their investment in the future of the parish.
- Many are considering making a larger gift and commitment and pledging over a three-year or five-year period. We understand that we are asking you to support this campaign *above and beyond* your weekly tithe and contributions, and we are sensitive to this fact. However, the truth is that without your support, the church will continue to defer maintenance as costs rise and deterioration continues.
- Please consider a gift to be paid over a period of time. Knowing that funds will be on their way will allow our pastor, finance council, and facilities committee to plan desperately needed maintenance projects.

Ways to Give

- We gratefully accept gifts by check, cash, or EFT. Payments may be mailed or dropped in the collection basket during Mass. *Checks should be made payable to "Christ the King Church" with "Sustaining our Legacy campaign" in the memo line.* Online payment is also available. Scan the code to the right or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-385> to learn more.



Give online!

- Appreciated securities and IRA assets are also acceptable. Speak with your financial advisor for more information.
- Matching Gifts from your employer. Check with your Human Resources department.
- Wills and Bequests. While funds are needed today for this campaign, you can also provide for Christ the King Church in your will, which can have significant tax advantages for you.

GIFT EXAMPLES

FIVE-YEAR COMMITMENT				THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT		
60 Monthly Payments	20 Quarterly Payments	5 Annual Payments	TOTAL GIFT	36 Monthly Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	3 Annual Payments
\$1,667	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$2,778	\$8,334	\$33,334
\$834	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$16,667
\$417	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$694	\$2,084	\$8,333
\$167	\$500	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$278	\$834	\$3,334
\$84	\$250	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$1,667
\$17	\$50	\$200	\$1,000	\$28	\$84	\$334