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A CANAANITE WOMAN **CALLED OUT.**

— MATTHEW 15:22 —



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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* & 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

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Sexual Misconduct Services: 800-624-7407

Your parish team is here for you!

Fr. Joseph C. Ashe, Pastor

Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar

If you are in need of a priest, please

contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter

at the Rectory: 860-434-1660

Adoration:

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

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

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

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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Finance Council: Jean Wilczynski-Chair, Mike Fulara, Steven Gaudio, Meg Kolb, Al Page, & the Parish trustees

Parish Trustees: Marylin Clarke & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. JOE

Never will I reach out via email or text making a request for anything from any of you. There are many scams out there that appear to be coming from me that are not from myself or Christ the King Church. If you receive something and are unsure, please reach out to either myself, Fr. Walter, or Kim in the office but know that I will never reach out in this manner for any reason.

If you receive a letter mailed to you that could be from me but it will come on church letterhead and be signed by me generally during the holidays.

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, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of August 16, 2026

Sat. Aug. 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am **Parishioners of Christ the King**

5:00pm **Parishioners of Christ the King**

Sun. Aug. 16 ***20th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am **+ Anthony Melillo r/b his wife**

10:30am **Parishioners of Christ the King**

11:30am **Baptism, Christ the King**

Mon. Aug. 17

8:00am **+ Patricia LiPuma r/b Tom & Mary Murray**

Tue. Aug. 18

8:00am **+ Monique Healy r/b Mary Lou & Jim Duffy**

Wed. Aug. 19

8:00am **+ All Souls in Purgatory**

Thur. Aug. 20

8:00am **+ Laura Nelson r/b her family**

Fri. Aug. 21

8:00am **+ John Forbes IV**

Sat. Aug. 22

9:00am **+ Robert Whitcomb r/b his family**

5:00pm **+ Burton Patterson r/b the Whitcomb family**

Sun. Aug. 23 ***21st Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am **+ Lawrence & Jeannette Governo r/b the family**

10:30am **+ Dodie Caudill**

11:30am **Baptism, Christ the King**

**The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of August will be lit for
Helen Lambert**

At a meeting of the bishops of the ecclesiastical Province of Hartford, of which the Diocese of Norwich is part, the Bishops decreed that fifteen dollars (\$15) is to be the amount for stipends for Masses, effective January 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please see either Fr. Joe, Fr. Walter or Kim in the office.

**Christ the King Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a weekly basis in memory of
or 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.

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass & would like one of our Eucharistic Ministers to deliver, please contact Kim at the parish office to make arrangements

Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith - PROJECT UPDATE

We have completed several projects with funds from the Capital Campaign.

- Insulated the crawlspace in the rectory
- Replaced wooden columns with steel in rectory basement
- Replaced Sanctuary and Narthex roofs
- Repaired Sanctuary Dormers
- Replaced older furnace and A/C unit in rectory

We are beginning the update of the church heating system to improve efficiency and reviewing options for replacement of the hall carpet. All of this is made possible through your generosity and faith!

2026 ACA update: As of July 29, 2026, Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme has donated \$77,710.49 or 85.38% of its goal, and 14.00% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2026. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2026 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!**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God, Move in our community:

Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.

Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and
more compassionate.

Amen.

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Bring any unwanted silver (& silver-plate), gold, jewelry (broken or mis-mate) & earring backs 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!!

CTK Parish Office Summer Hours

For the summer season, the office will close early on Fridays (at 12:30pm)

DID YOU KNOW *If you use a credit card to make your donations through Parishsoft Giving there is a processing fee charged by the credit card company to the church for each transaction? Contact the office with any questions or concerns.*



**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 2) stewardship 3) socializing for more information, contact Bob Brinkerhoff, President, at 860-748-9378 (call or text), email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website

The newly formed Christ the King Women's Club is looking for members!

The goal is to create social functions, fundraising events & form a foundation where women can support each other through everyday challenges. Meetings are 6:30-7:30 the 4th Thursday of each month.

For more information email Terri Carreau at carreautl@gmail.com or visit the CTK website

2026 Harvest Festival Planning Update

Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex soon. Online sign-ups are currently available, click the "Volunteer Now" button on our website.

<https://www.christthekingchurch.net/harvest-festival>

The Harvest Festival is our biggest fundraiser and we need your help to make it happen. Stay tuned for more details or feel free to contact co- chairs

Dorothy Paine or Barbara Fischer at ctharvestfestival@gmail.com.

The dates for this year's Harvest Festival are September 19th and 20th. Looking forward to another great year. Pray for good weather!!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name?

Answer: Pope John Paul I ©LPi

Parishioners that need specific help are encouraged to use the bulletin board across from the Parish Office. Parishioners are also encouraged to advertise their services on the bulletin board. Please see Kim in the office with any questions. You are encouraged to view the bulletin board periodically as it contains diocesan, parish, and local information that may be of interest.

Stewardship Corner

At Christ the King Church, Second/Special Collections are combined with our primary collection during the Offertory each week. We will be providing information about the timing & purpose of each collection as it approaches, in the Weekly Bulletin (refer to the "Stewardship Corner") and pre-Mass announcements, as well as on our parish website. In addition to the Sunday envelopes (for parishioners using the envelopes for giving), there are "extra" envelopes provided which do not necessarily coincide with a planned Second/Special Collection. These often relate to an observance during the liturgical year which may or may not fall on a Sunday. Our online giving platform, ParishSoft Giving (formerly Faith Direct) also offers opportunities to contribute to many of these Collections. Anyone who would like to participate in the special collections may drop a blank envelope in the basket with their gift notated. Blank envelopes are available in the Narthex.

8/15 Assumption of Mary

8/23 Energy Needs

8/30 National Combined Collection

Christ the King Church is looking for volunteers!

Altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, & collectors 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

**12th LOURDES in a DAY Pilgrimage of the Sick
Sat. Sept. 12, 2025 9AM-3PM**

The ORDER OF MALTA - CT NE AREA will sponsor this first Pilgrimage at the Cathedral of St Joseph; 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford Archbishop Christopher Coyne is the principal Celebrant and Homilist.

All those seeking healing are welcome with caregivers as no cost. The Pilgrimage includes Rosary, Washing with Lourdes water, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, and Benediction. **Attendees must register by Sept. 2 at lourdesinaday@gmail.com** to order the complimentary box lunch of your choice: ham, roast beef, turkey or vegetarian sandwich or to request special assistance from Mark Sullivan, KM – Co-Chair.

All those attending must enter through the Asylum Street parking lot at rear of the Cathedral, which is full handicap accessible.

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SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

The Gospel of St Matthew

Two 12 Sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16th from 10:00 to 12:00,

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.Suggested donation is \$10 per session. To register call Sr. Patricia Cigrand 203-606-4830 or

email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

ARTISTS WITH THE SPIRIT, DAYS ON THE LAKE

Tuesdays, Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th from 10 to 3

Please bring your lunch & art supplies. Coffee And.. begins at 10. Sr. Lany Jo will give a short spirituality of art presentation and will be available for any help or guidance wanted during the day. The day is open to create in your own medium. A Free Will Offering is asked. Registration is necessary at sacredheartonthelake.org or call at 203-606-9102.

The Diocese of Norwich's Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry is currently collecting donations of baskets and is requesting help.

Donations may include picnic baskets, wicker baskets, or laundry baskets. Individuals who have baskets they no longer need are encouraged to consider donating them. Baskets may be dropped off at either of the following locations:

Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry

331 Main Street, 2nd Fl, Norwich, CT 06360

Diocese of Norwich Chancery

201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

For more information or questions, please contact Andrea Hoisl at 860-848-2237, Ext. 203 or ghoisl@norwichdiocese.net.

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Day of Reflection Guest Speaker - Teresa Jorgenson

Mass & Lunch with Bishop Richard Reidy
Saturday, Sept. 19th St. Andrews Church & Hall - Colchester
Teresa is a graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio where she majored in History, Philosophy & Theology. Following college, she was a FOCUS Missionary at several universities, including the US Coast Guard Academy where she met her husband James, they now have 5 children. Teresa enjoys reaching out to friends and neighbors, to better their friendship & discipleship with Jesus & His Church. Teresa wishes to help you build your Parish Community. Cost is \$40 (includes lunch) due by Sept. 12th. Please make checks payable to NDCCW and mail to: Judy Pappagallo 79 Lafayette St. Norwich, CT 06360 (860) 303-4977

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