

Christ the King

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Catholic Church



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

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

SACRAMENTAL Life Eucharist:
Mass: Monday-Friday: 8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Join us! Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream! Links to join can be found on our website

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

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

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Parish Website: www.christthekingchurch.net

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***Parish Trustees*:** Adam Kuhn & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of November 1, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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 Meets every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30pm where we discuss the readings at the next weekend's Mass and their effect on our lives. Please contact Peter Kulas at 203-490-7766 with any questions.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. JOE

DON'T GET SCAMMED!! The latest email scam going around is a "special event invitation" email that appears to come from someone you know—even another parishioner! Do not click on the links in the email! Always Pause, Think, and Look for red flags – Has this person ever sent you an evite before? Or any kind of invitation? Does the email have any actual details (date, time, place, reason for event)? If you're still questioning its validity, confirm the invite with the person who "sent" it, using a different method – phone, direct email, or in person. And remember this, too: Fr. Joe does **NOT** email or text, so anything claiming to be from him is a SCAM. Please just delete these! We have no way to stop them.

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 November 1, 2026

Sat. Oct. 31 ***All Hallow's Eve***

5:00pm **+ 29th Anniv Walter Joseph Klimas Jr r/b the family**
+ Casey Pike & Howard Casey r/b Joan Moylan & John Bekaert
+ Richard van Etten r/b his family

Sun. Nov. 1 ***All Saints*** ***Daylight Saving Time Ends*** ***National Vocation Awareness Week***

8:00am **+ Holy Souls in Purgatory**
9:15am Faith Formation Classes
10:30am **+ Everett Campanelli (1st Anniv.) r/b his loving family**
11:30am Baptism, Christ the King
7:00pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Nov. 2 ***All Souls' Day***

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

Tue. Nov. 3 ***Election Day***

8:00am **+ George Sheldon r/b his family**
7:00pm OCIA
6:15pm Youth Choir

Wed. Nov. 4

8:00am **+ Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy**
9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose
6:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Nov. 5

8:00am **+ Kathy Dyer**
9:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Nov. 6

8:00am **Parishioners of Christ the King**

Sat. Nov. 7

5:00pm **+ Ed Scarpati (1st Anniv.) r/b his loving wife Cindy**
+ Mary "Jane" Petitpas r/b the Elinsky & Clemmons families
+ Richard van Etten r/b the family

Sun. Nov. 8 ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am **+ All Veteran's living and deceased**
9:15am Faith Formation Classes
10:30am **+ All Veteran's living and deceased**
7:00pm Confirmation Class

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for Ed Scarpati

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.

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.

FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR CONGREGATION, STAFF, AND VISITORS, CHRIST THE KING CHURCH UTILIZES 24-HOUR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS IN COMMMON AREAS, HALLWAYS, AND OUTDOOR PREMISES. BY ENTERING THESE PREMISES, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THAT YOUR IMAGE MAY BE RECORDED.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints)
"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
- Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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

CTK Women's Club invites you to attend their first fundraiser, "Let Us Be Thankful" High Tea. The event is held on Saturday, Nov 7 from 1 to 3pm. Members are available to answer your questions.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many different Masses during the liturgical year honor Mary, Mother of Jesus?

Answer: Fourteen ©LPi

Blessing for All Souls

Dear Lord, Bless those who have gone before us. We entrust their precious souls to Your merciful care. Those departed are deeply missed and dearly loved. Be with them as they journey to eternity. Amen.
©LPi

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.

The parking lot guardrail has been straightened & repaired. Please use caution when parking in the spaces next to the guardrail to avoid hitting and damaging the posts & rails (and your car/truck /SUV!).

Blessing for All Saints

God,
Bless us as we journey in faith, a journey marked with twists and turns.
Bless us with the inspiration and friendship of those who have gone before us, the saints.
May their lives serve as guiding lights, beckoning us through the darkness to safety and rest.
Amen. ©LPi

From Nov. 2nd through 17th the office will be open from 9am-12pm Please plan your visits accordingly. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 18th





Walking with Purpose, an adult women's bible study. Meeting every Wednesday beginning on Oct. 7, for 21 weeks. All are welcome (parishioners & non-parishioners)! No previous bible study experience is necessary. For questions contact Aimee Finnegan aimee.wwp@gmail.com

Christ the King 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! For more information, please contact Deb Skaar at (860) 434-3081

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

Christ the King Church Men's Club is looking for members! We are an active organization that meets at 6pm the first Thursday, to support the needs of both the church & the community. For more information, contact Bob Brinkerhoff, President, at 860-748-9378 (call or text), email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website

CTK Women's Club is looking for new members! Meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 in the Church hall.
For more information, email Terri Carreau at carreautl@gmail.com or visit CTK website

Harvest Festival Results

Thank You to everyone who volunteered, donated, attended, or participated at the Harvest Festival in September. It was another successful year and we were able to raise a net total of $57,685.44! Sincere appreciation to each and every one of you who worked so tirelessly to make it happen. Mark your calendars now for next year's festival which is planned for September 11th & 12th. We are blessed to have such wonderful parishioners who give their time, talent, and treasure to keep our church community vibrant and flourishing.

Co-chairs
Barbara Fischer
Dorothy Paine

2026 ACA update: As of Oct. 21, 2026, Christ the King Parish has donated $81,688.79 or 89.75% of its goal, with 15% of your parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **We will receive back 50% of the pledges over 100% for use here at Christ the King.** **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends Dec. 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!

Stewardship Corner

At Christ the King Church, Second/Special Collections are combined with our primary collection during each week. We will be providing information about each collection as it approaches. In addition to the Sunday envelopes (for parishioners using the envelopes), there are "extra" envelopes provided which often relate to an observance during the liturgical year which may or may not fall on a Sunday. Our online giving platform, ParishSoft Giving also offers opportunities to contribute to many of these Collections. Anyone who would like to participate in a special collections may drop a blank envelope in the basket with their gift notated. Blank envelopes are available on the tables in the Narthex.

11/02 All Souls' Day
11/08 Catholic Education - St. Bernard School
11/22 Energy Needs
12/08 Immaculate Conception
12/20 Christmas Flowers
12/25 Christmas Offering
12/27 Energy Needs

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



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!!

Veteran's Day is Wednesday Nov. 11. To honor the service of all veterans, the 8am & 10:30am masses on Sunday Nov. 8th will be offered in appreciation of their dedication & service. Following each of those masses, the Christ the King Men's Club will host a reception. All are invited to attend.

Please consider passing this bulletin on to someone you know or someone who has not been attending Mass recently. Perhaps all that person needs is a little bit of encouragement and a friendly invitation to start attending Mass again. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH
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The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at **The Cathedral of Saint Patrick**, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, at 8:3am. Please join our celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

RETREAT DAY- THE LIFE AND SPIRITUALITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Saturday, Nov. 14TH 9:30am to 3pm. St. Francis of Assisi is said to have been "The Mirror of Christ". This year the whole Church has been celebrating the 800th anniversary of his death. We will pray with his inspirational conversion, life and spirituality. The Retreat Presenter will be Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ A Donation of $35 is asked- includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch. Register online at www/sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102

SACRED STILLNESS: DREAMING WITH JOSEPH AND MARY Saturday, Dec. 12th 9:30am to 3pm. During this Retreat we will pray with Sacred Stillness: emphasizing tuning out external noise, practicing deep contemplative listening, & stepping away from commercial busywork. A Donation of $35 is asked- includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch. Register online at www/sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102

This Retreat will also be offer at St. George Parish in Guilford, Dec. 5th. Register with their parish office.

Winter Bereavement with Fr. Demetri Belsito
Dec. 5, Contact: info@endersisland.org
860-536-0565 $75.00 – Program Price
Through this day together, there will be instruction & time for mutual sharing. The group will consider: • Death and its many face • The complexity of Bereavement • Human internal response to loss; the pain of Grief • Human external response to loss • What is the Christian response to loss & suffering? • What is the gift of hope and healing for those who have lost someone they love? • How does one heal by the grace of God & His love? • How does one find strength in the suffering? The group will be encouraged to share on all levels of experience, allowing for individual reticence and respecting the desire for mutuality. In order to provide opportunity for all retreatants to share, **space is limited to 15 attendees**. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Chapel of Our Lady, all are welcome to attend.

Women in the Diocese of Norwich are invited to join the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW). Membership is $5.00 a year. Membership Drive runs through the month of Oct. NDCCW was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the 1st Bishop of Norwich. Simply write your name, email address, phone number, & the name of the parish you belong to along with the city/town it is located in & mark it NDCCW.

SHORELINE SPIRIT BUILDERS WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY The Knights of Columbus from Saint Mark & St. John churches have formed a new ministry that will install wheelchair ramps for parishioners in need of improving the accessibility & safety of their homes. They are working with a church from Ridgefield, CT, who have been providing this assistance for over 20 years & have installed in excess of 400 wheelchair ramps. There is time in October & November to build more. Unless there is a real emergency, there won't be any built in December, January & February. **If you or someone you know is in need of a ramp, please contact Don De Young, at 203-313-4237 or donaldjdeyoung@gmail.com.**

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