

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 <u>in 10th grade</u>

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

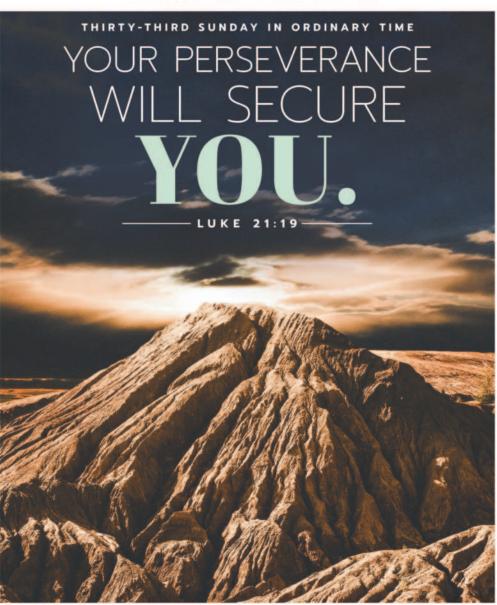
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Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream!
Links to join can be found
on our website

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

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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

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Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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

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 November 16, 2025

Sat. Nov. 15

5:00pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Sun. Nov. 16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am + John Hennessy r/b his sister

9:15 - 10:15AM Faith Formation 10:30am + Clare Tofil r/b her family

+ Mary Bono r/b Kathrine & Josh Quick+ Richard Dell'Erba r/b Cheryl Parsons

6:30 - 8:00PM Confirmation Class

Mon. Nov. 17

8:00am + All Souls in Purgatory

Tue. Nov. 18

8:00am + Joan Gilbert r/b Trish Lynch

6:30pm OCIA

Wed. Nov. 19

8:00am + Stephen Rolka r/b Mary Murray

9:30AM & 6:30PM Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Nov. 20

8:00am Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00am Christ the King Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Nov. 21

8:00am + All Souls in Purgatory

Sat. Nov. 22

5:00pm + Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy

+ Edward Scarpati r/b his wife and family

Sun. Nov. 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am + Albert & Camilla Dugas r/b the family

9:15 - 10:15AM **NO** Faith Formation classes this week

10:30am + Arline Pavone (5th Anniv.) r/b her family

+ Mary Bono r/b the O'Sullivan family

6:30 - 8:00PM **NO** Confirmation Class this week

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for John Hennessy

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.

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.

2025 ACA update as of October 31, 2025: Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old

Lyme for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$93,597.98 with 16.47% 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!

<u>December Special Collections</u>
12/6 & 7 Immaculate Conception
12/13 & 14 Energy
12/20 & 21 Christmas Flowers - (please
let us know who you wish to honor for this)

12/24 & 25 Christmas

Parish Potluck Supper will be held at
Christ the King Parish Hall Friday,
Dec. 5th @ 5:45pm for social hour
(BYOB), with 6:00pm for dinner.
Please bring a dish, salad or dessert
for all to share. All are welcome! For
questions or more information, call

Nancy Gatto at 860-390-6314.



Holiday Bake Sale
Sign-Ups
The Bake Sale committee is
planning to
have a Christmas cookie
sale the weekend of
December 6th & 7th and
could use your help!
If you are interested,
sign-up sheets are
available in the Narthex.
Thank you!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, upon which mountain did the Transfiguration of Jesus take place?

Answer: Mount Tabor ©LP

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!!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a
model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2
THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace hat results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

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

We need seamstresses and/or tailors to help improve the fit of costumes for the Christmas Eve Pageant. If interested sign up on the sheet at the Faith Formation table in the Narthex or contact Erica (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 & 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
 - 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

Old Lyme Town Band will hold a concert in the Parish Hall at Christ the King on Friday, Dec. 12th (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE) at 7:00pm. Please consider attending and enjoying what promises to be a wonderful show.

Join us for a celebration observing the 20th Anniversary of our church complex!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30AM MASS

Music will be led by Christ the Ring Singers, accompanied by a 15-piece orchestra

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

Christ the King's capital campaign Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our
Community of Faith - launches November
23. Funds raised through this effort will be
used for maintenance and repair on our
church and rectory buildings. Information
packets will be mailed to all registered
parishioners in the next week. Please read
the brochure and prayerfully consider how
you and your family can support this
important project.



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 Narthex 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 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 Narthex with tags showing you how you can support this cause. For information about Holy Family Hospital, visit www.birthplaceofhope.org

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 201 BROADWAY, NORWICH, CT 06360 860-887-9294

PRAYING WITH THE 7 O' ANTIPHONS ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Saturdays, Dec. 6th & 13th from 9:30am-3:00pm

Both of these 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 and a Full Lunch. To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

Blessed Sacrament parish in Rockville & Tolland is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Poland for young adults from May 22-31, 2026. The pilgrimage is open to all Young Adults aged 21-40. The pilgrimage will include visits to Krakow, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Warsaw, as well as some hiking in the Tatra Mountains, a favorite spot for St. John Paul II. An informational meeting for anyone interested will be held at St. Bernard Parish Center in Rockville Nov. 19th at 7:00 PM.

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 lateran84egmail.com.

An Evening of Wine Music and Giving
Catholic Charities invites you to "An Evening of
Wine, Music and Giving" on November 19, 2025
at the Holiday Inn, Norwich, Connecticut. Bishop
Reidy will be sharing part of his evening with us.
Come and enjoy an evening of fine wines for
swirling, hors d'oeuvres for savoring and live
music to enjoy with family and friends from 5:00
to 7:30.

A Silent Auction features unique lap and baby quilts, gift baskets, golf foursomes, a Giants autographed football, jewelry and lovely pocketbooks.

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Providing Help, Creating Hope is at the center of all Catholic Charities Educational and Service Programs provided to our families/individuals/veterans who are struggling to pay utilities, rent and provide food for their families. Come, support Catholic Charities, a Ministry of our Diocese, and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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