



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* and 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

Join us! Can't join in person?

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ARE YOU NOT THE CHRIST?

— LUKE 23:39 —



Your parish team is here for you!

Fr. Joseph C. Ashe, Pastor

Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar

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

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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Parish Trustees: Marylin Clarke & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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 23, 2025

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
10:30am 20th Anniversary Celebration of 1 McCurdy Road Location
11:45am Celebration in hall honoring our parish community
6:30 - 8:00PM NO Confirmation Class this week

Mon. Nov. 24

8:00am Parishioners of Christ the King

Tue. Nov. 25

8:00am + Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy
6:30pm OCIA

Wed. Nov. 26

8:00am + Lucy Kelly r/b Sue Staab
9:30AM & 6:30PM Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Nov. 27 *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00am + All Souls in Purgatory
9:00am Christ the King Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Nov. 28

8:00am + Yvonne Foley (1st Anniv.) r/b her family

Sat. Nov. 29

5:00pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Sun. Nov. 30 *1st Sunday of Advent*

8:00am + Deceased members of the Broken Wings Society r/b Tom Moriarty & Bob Roser
9:15 - 10:15AM NO Faith Formation classes this week
10:30am + Ed Scarpati r/b The Fischer family
6:30 - 8:00PM NO Confirmation Class this week

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for the Feast of Christ the King

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!

December Special Collections

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.**

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Answer: Disciples are "called," & apostles are "sent."
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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!!

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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
- 3) **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.**

Please consider participating in our coat drive (bringing your clean gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves) to benefit St Vincent de Paul - Middletown and leave in the box in the entrance to the parish hall



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!



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 entrance to the hall 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!

Pajama Drive- Because Everyone Deserves a Warm Night's Sleep

Collecting new or gently used pajamas - all sizes - now through Dec. 14th to benefit families in need this holiday season.

Pajamas are distributed via Lyme's Youth Service Bureau (local families in need), Safe Futures (families affected by domestic violence), and the ARC of New London County (our adults special needs community).

Please use the drop box or consider a monetary donation using the QR code which will be used to purchase pajamas.

Jennifer Rowland
@PajamaDrive1



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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 entrance to the hall 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

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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.

Marriage Help Program (local)
Jan. 30th - Feb.1st. Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts on Jan. 30th. For information, call confidentially 1-860-837-0447, email connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

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

lateran84@gmail.com.



The Diocesan Evangelization and Discipleship team is collecting unused Christmas cards. Cards will be written out to patrons of St. Vincent De Paul Place, Norwich, by the youth of our diocese. Please deliver all cards to the Chancery, 201 Broadway in Norwich, by December 5th.

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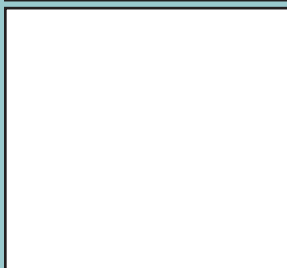
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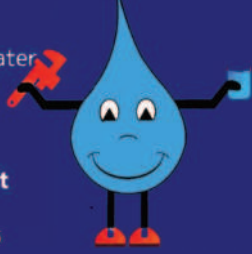


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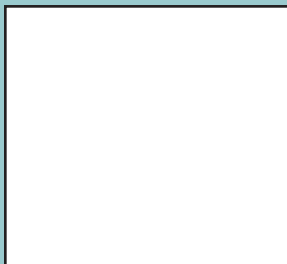
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