

# Christ the King

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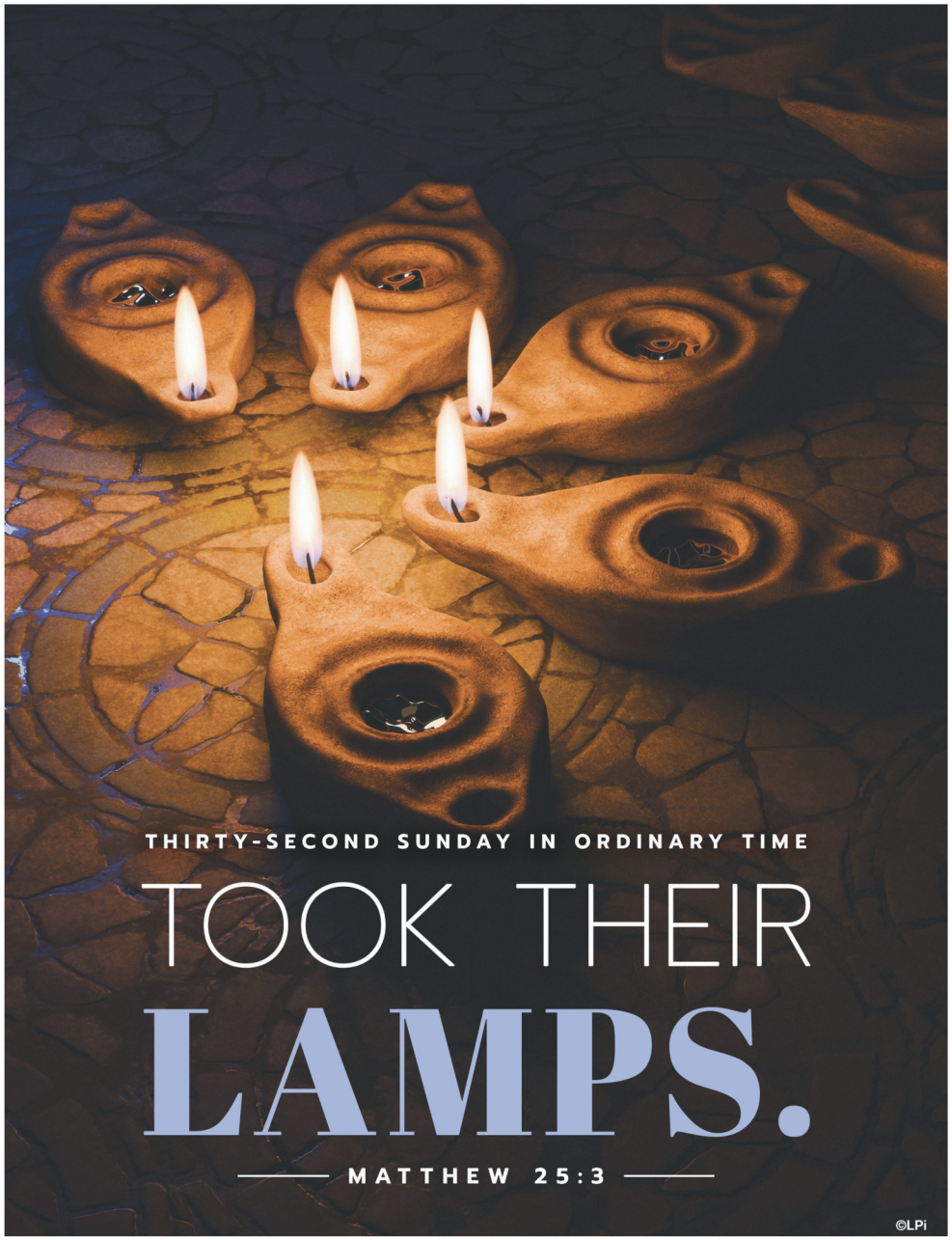
## Catholic Church




**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

**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, D*irector of Faith Formation*; Sulma Garcia, H*ousekeeper*

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

## Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

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

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25: 14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## 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 8, 2026

**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 his 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

**Mon. Nov. 9**
8:00am **+ Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Tue. Nov. 10**
8:00am **+ Dennis O'Brien r/b the family**
7:00pm OCIA
6:15pm Youth Choir

**Wed. Nov. 11** ***Veteran's Day***
8:00am **Parishioners of Christ the King**
9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose
6:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

**Thur. Nov. 12**
8:00am **+ Holy Souls in Purgatory**
9:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study

**Fri. Nov. 13**
8:00am **+ 21st Anniv. Rosella Tigno r/b the family**
6:00pm Holy Hour Prayer Service

**Sat. Nov. 14**
5:00pm **+ Joan Damble (2nd Anniv.) r/b the Fulara family**
**+ Nacia Patterson r/b the Whitcomb family**
**+ Clare M. Tofil r/b the Tofil family**

**Sun. Nov. 15** ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00am **+ John Hennessy r/b his sister**
9:15am Faith Formation Classes
10:30am **+ Holy Souls in Purgatory**
11:30am Baptism, Christ the King
7:00pm Confirmation Class

**The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for**
**All Veterans living & deceased**

**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.**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13**
Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy.We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

***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!).***

***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***

**JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. JOE'S PRIESTHOOD!**

A big thank you from the Pro-Life Ministry for the generous donations of diapers and wipes for the local pregnancy centers!!!

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.




**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

**Young Catholic Professionals 3rd Year Anniversary** Mass Celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Betancourt Come join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Thanksgiving to God. After Mass, join us as we continue the celebration with food and fellowship! St. Bartholomew's Church, 736 Middle Tpke E, Manchester, CT 06040 Friday, Nov 13th 7:00pm For all professionals from 18-39. To learn more email info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org

***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 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 information, contact Bob Brinkerhoff, President, at 860-748-9378, or rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website

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

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 those masses, the CTK Men's Club will host a reception. All are invited to attend.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** What musical instrument is more commonly found inside churches than not?

**Answer:** The organ ©LPi

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

**2026 ACA update:** As of Oct. 21, 2026, Christ the King Parish has donated $81,688.79 or 89.75% of its goal, with only 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

While the offertory collections during Mass are our main source of income, many parishioners and guests find there are other ways to give that can provide a financial benefit through tax savings. Among these options are

1.Donating Appreciated Assets, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds or ETFs

2.Grouping several years' worth of gifts into 1 year to allow you to itemize tax deductions in that year

3.Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA (you must be at least 70.5 years old) – These may be able to offset Required Minimum Distributions from these accounts for those age 73 and older who have these requirements

**If you have questions about any of these, please ask your financial advisor or contact the Parish office.**

**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




**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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**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.

**Blessing for Veterans**
O God, Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country. Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support. Amen. ©LPi

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH DEACON PETER GIL**
Virtual fellowship meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12th, from 7:00–7:45 p.m. Guest Speaker: Deacon Peter Gil, who will speak on the St. Vincent de Paul Place. If you are interested in joining this session, building fellowship & discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by contacting Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 848-2237 ext. 305

**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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