



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



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*

Parish Council: Robert Brinkerhoff-Chair, Mark Fischer, Barbara Gaudio, Peter Kulas, Mary Martin-O'Brien, Susan Millerick, Cheryl Parsons, Linda Petipas, Nicole Rivera, Cindy Scarpati, Maureen Swarts, Al Taday

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 January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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 at (860) 598-9392 or Peter Kulas at (203) 490-7766.

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet in the Parish Library at 9:00am. Our current study is The Second Book of Chronicles. 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

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.

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 January 11, 2026

Sat. Jan. 10

5:00pm + **Ed Scarpati r/b Dorothy & Ron Paine**

Sun. Jan. 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00am + **John Mahoney r/b the family**

9:15 - 10:15am Faith Formation Classes

10:30am + **John Walsh r/b Rosemary & Paul Reid**

+ **Robert Little**

6:00 - 8:00pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Jan. 12

8:00am + **Jerry Snyder r/b Meghan & Erik Olsen**

Tue. Jan. 13

8:00am **Healing for Fr. Joeseph Ashe r/b the Tuesday Club**

5:30pm OCIA

Wed. Jan 14

8:00am **Healing for Louise Young**

9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose Bible Study

7:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Jan. 15

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

9:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Jan. 16

8:00am + **Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy**

Sat. Jan. 17

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

Sun. Jan. 18 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am + **Mariamma Mathew Kulapratuzhe r/b Rosemary & Paul Reid**

9:15 - 10:15am Faith Formation Classes

10:30am + **Domenick Scarfo r/b his son Domenick**

6:30 - 8:00pm Confirmation Class

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of January will be lit for the memory of Philip Diana

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.

Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith

Funds raised through this effort will be used for maintenance and repair on our church and rectory buildings. Information packets have been mailed to all registered parishioners. If you have not received a packet, contact the church office to check on your registration status. Please read the brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can support this important project.

Did you know: All members of the campaign team, finance council, and parish council have made a pledge to the campaign.

Stewardship Corner

At Christ the King Church, beginning with the new Liturgical Year, Second/Special Collections will be combined with our primary collection during the Offertory each week. We will be providing information about the timing and 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/Observances. Anyone who would like to participate in the special giving opportunity may drop a blank envelope in the basket with their gift annotated. Blank envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

1/25 Energy Needs

2/1 Monthly Debt Reduction

2/22 Energy Needs

The Baptism of Our Lord

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"
MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Marriage Banns

Gabrielle Tretton

& Josh Lopriore

(If you know of any reason why this couple should not marry, please let Fr. Joe or Fr. Walter know)

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass and would like one of our Eucharistic Ministers to deliver, please contact Kim at the parish office to make arrangements at 860-434-1669

We are looking for help 1 to 2 days per month delivering food donations from Christ the King Church to food pantries in either Middletown or Norwich. Days and times are flexible for you.

Needed: a vehicle with some cargo space and be able to lift and load boxes of food into your vehicle. For more information contact Keith Bilodeau at (203)915-2474 text or leave a message or email keithinlyme@yahoo.com

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

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

The Chesterton Academy of Blessed Michael McGivney is now accepting applicants for rising Freshman & Sophomores for Fall 2026! Come experience a joyfully classical high school, grounded in the truths of the Catholic faith. Application fee waived this inaugural year. Visit us at www.chestertonmcgivney.org or email chestertonacademybmm@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Potluck Supper will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall Friday, Jan. 30th @ 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.

If you are interested in one of the wreaths hung in the hallway, please contact the office. \$25.00 each.

2025 ACA update as of December 24, 2025:

Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme for surpassing its goal by 18.52% as of this date! The current amount donated is \$98,446.13 with only 17.17% of our parishioners donating. We will let you know in the near future the 2026 Campaign dates & information. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Thank you to everyone for your support!

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

We are looking for volunteers to join us as altar servers and eucharistic ministers at all masses. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED!! We will train and hold training sessions as requested so if you haven't done it in many years but are looking to get involved, we are happy to have you and hold a refresher course that works with your schedule.

Please reach out to Fr. Walter, Bill Thomas, Kim Whitcomb, or Erica Zapatka to set something up.

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!!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?

Answer: Epistles. ©LPI

UPCOMING WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we study Rooted and Radiant, a deep dive into the Book of Colossians that guides participants verse-by-verse to strengthen their understanding of Jesus Christ, address modern cultural challenges, and learn to live in His wisdom and freedom.

This is a 6-week study beginning on Wednesday, January 28 at 9:30AM at Christ the King Hall. Contact aimee.wwp@gmail.com for more information and sign-ups.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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

Pro-Life Pilgrimage 2026 March For Life in Washington, DC Join our Bishop in representing our Norwich Diocese by peacefully & joyfully witnessing to the sanctity of all human life, and the beauty and dignity of every human person. We begin with a Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM (Everyone is welcome to attend). We travel overnight via Deluxe Motorcoach & in the morning attend the National Prayer For Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Our next leg leads us to the National Mall, with a little free time to visit the Smithsonian Museums if desired, followed by the March For Life Rally with National Pro-Life speakers, Clergy and politicians speaking on the defense of the unborn and the upholding of their legal and constitutional rights. Then we participate in the largest, peaceful Pro-Life Demonstration in the World with hundreds of thousands Marching up Constitutional Avenue For Life, passing Congress & ending at the Supreme Court. And in this 24 hr.+ sacrifice, we bond together to help rebuild a 'Civilization of Life and Love' in our Country, praying for an end to abortion, & the change of hearts. Cost is \$ 55, graciously subsidized by our Diocesan Knights of Columbus Councils, Parish Guilds, & caring individuals. For further information & to register call Alvania, Office of Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry, at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 atejada@norwichdiocese.net Registration with credit/debit card payments can be made at bit.ly/VANCO

The Holy Trinity Pro-Life Committee needs new members! We work for the parishes of St. Pio's & Christ the King. Our mission is to foster respect & 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 & more are in the works. The committee needs your help. To learn more about our activities & how you can help, please call Roselyn Giampietro at 203-715-7227 or email at lateran84@gmail.com.

Creating a culture of vocations...

THE LOVING ENVIRONMENT of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people. PARENTS, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice?

Join Bishop Reidy at St. Mary of Czestochowa church in Middletown on Friday, January 16th at 6:00 PM, as we come together in prayer for vocations in our diocese, particularly for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

ICE SKATING with Bishop Richard Reidy

Come with your family to enjoy fun & fellowship! Jan. 19, 2026, 1:30pm - 3:30pm Rose Garden Ice Arena 641 New London Turnpike, Norwich \$10.- Registration Fee bring your own skates or pay \$3.- rental fee at site To register: call or email Alvania

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A vertical image of a smiling woman with short grey hair, wearing glasses and a patterned scarf. She is pointing her right hand towards the text on the right side of the advertisement.

The logo for J Stokes Enterprises. It features a stylized 'JS' monogram in a dark blue square on the left, followed by the company name 'J STOKES ENTERPRISES' in a large, bold, dark blue sans-serif font. Below the company name, there are four lines of text in a smaller dark blue sans-serif font: 'Full Interior/Exterior', 'Renovation and Remodeling', 'Full Interior/Exterior Painting', and 'Residential and Commercial'. To the right of the monogram, there is a large, bold, dark blue phone number '(860) 800-4001'. Below the phone number, there are two lines of text in a dark blue sans-serif font: 'jstokescontractors.com' and 'jstokesenterprises@gmail.com'. At the bottom right, the words 'Old Lyme' are written in a dark blue sans-serif font.

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The logo for Penny Wise Premium Home Heating Oil & Service. It features a large, detailed owl on the left. To the right of the owl, the word "PENNYWISE" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below "PENNYWISE", the words "Premium Home Heating Oil & Service" are written in a smaller, italicized serif font. At the bottom right, there is a circular seal with a portrait of a man, the word "LIBERTY" at the top, and the year "1776" at the bottom. Below the seal, there is a small graphic of a heating oil tank with the words "PENNYWISE" and "HOME HEATING OIL" on it. The background of the entire logo is a light beige color.

A photograph of two men in a kitchen. The man on the left is wearing a white chef's coat over a dark apron and a black beanie. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows kitchen equipment and a wooden counter.

A large, stylized hand graphic in the foreground, holding a smaller image of a man in a workshop or shop setting. The man is wearing a cap and a t-shirt, and appears to be working on something. The background is a teal color with the text 'SUPPORT OUR PARISH' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text 'Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.' and the website '4ipi.com/adcreator'.

An illustration of an envelope containing a church bulletin, with a cursor arrow pointing towards it, set against a teal background.

An advertisement for MDMedAlert! featuring a woman holding a pendant and a medical alert device. The text includes a call to action and the company's website.

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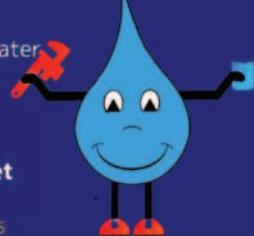
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