



Christ the King

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Catholic Church

First Sunday of

ADVENT

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

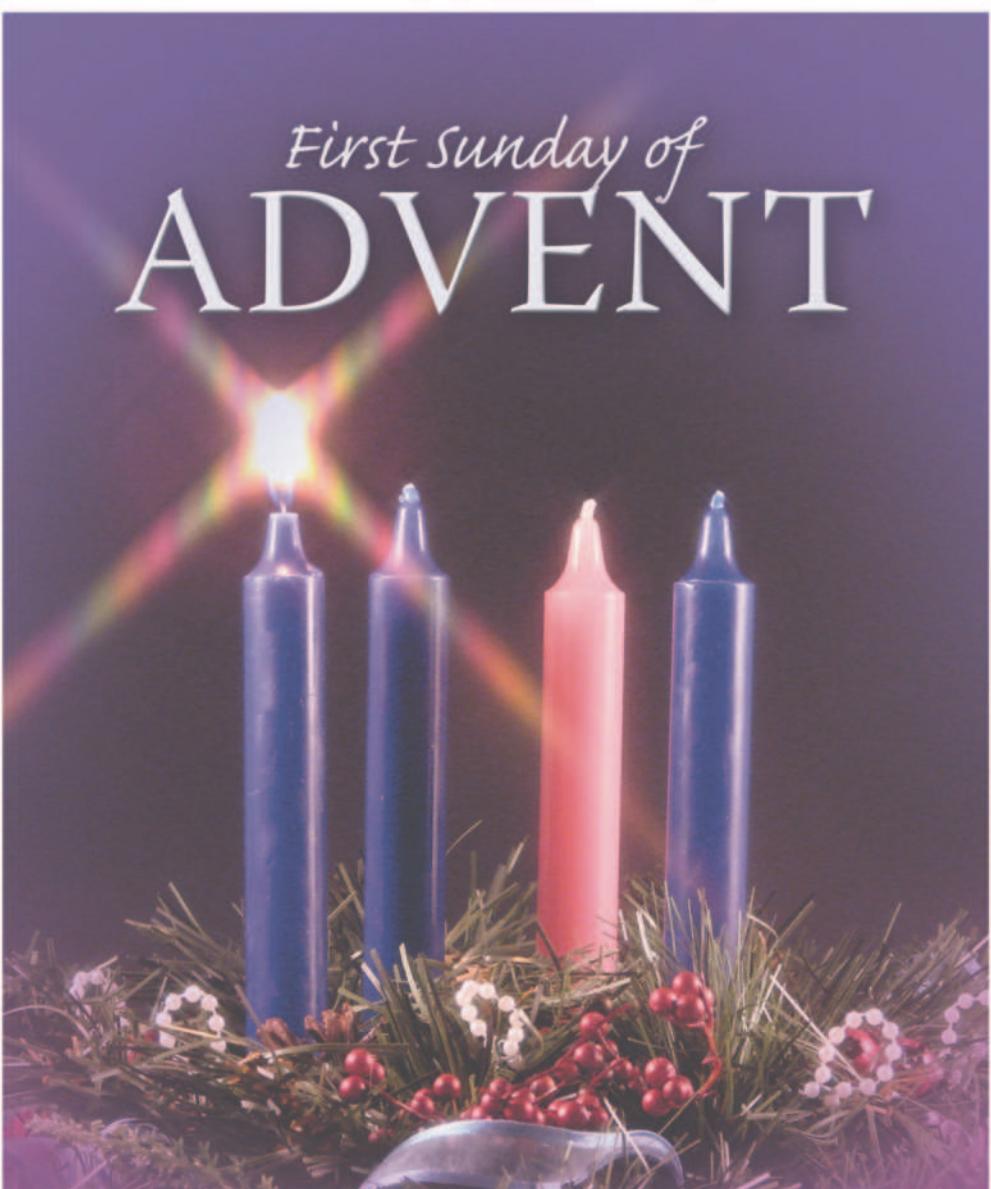
Weekdays: 8:00am

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*

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Parish Trustees: Marylin Clarke & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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

**2025 ACA update as of November 13, 2025:
Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old**

Lyme for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$96,426.13 with 16.86% 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 dog breed is named after a saint?

Answer: St. Bernard. ©LPI

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!!

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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
@PajamaDriver1



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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 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.

Join us on Dec. 11th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich at 6:30pm for a Holy Hour with Bishop Reidy. The Holy Hour will include an Advent reflection by Bishop Reidy. People of all ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Following the Holy Hour, please join us in writing Christmas cards for the patrons of St. Vincent De Paul Place in Norwich.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8:30am Please join our celebrant, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral.

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 Roselyn Giampietro at 203-715-7227 or email at lateran84@gmail.com.

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.

Virtual Advent Mission 2025
In our very busy world, it's easy to feel stretched thin or spiritually scattered. This Advent, come renew your heart and rediscover the gifts God longs to give you. Join us for a three-week Virtual Advent Mission as we reflect on how Patience, Perseverance, and Peace can take root in our lives through prayer and grace. Join us on Tuesdays: December 2, 9, & 16 from 7PM – 8PM. To register contact Alvania at atejada@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 304. Come prepare your heart for Christ this Advent season.

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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A vertical image of a smiling woman with short grey hair, wearing blue-rimmed glasses and a yellow and red patterned scarf. She is pointing her right index finger 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, with "PENNY" on top and "WISE" on the bottom. 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 profile of a man's head and the words "WE STICK TO OUR PRICES" around the top edge. The seal is divided into four quadrants with small icons: a house, a oil drum, a lightbulb, and a gear. Below the seal, the phone number "860-399-8244" is repeated twice, followed by "860-669-8234". To the right of the phone numbers is the BBB logo with the text "BBB MEMBER CONNECTICUT".

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 blazer over a white shirt and has a beard. They are both smiling and standing with their arms crossed. The background shows kitchen equipment and a red wall.

A large, stylized hand graphic in the foreground, holding a smaller image of a man in a workshop or shop setting. The background is a teal color with white text.

An illustration of an open envelope containing a church newsletter. The envelope is yellow with a white flap. The newsletter has a blue header with the text 'CHURCH NAME' and 'CATHERINE CHURCH' below it, followed by a logo of a cross inside a circle. The body of the newsletter is white with some text and a small illustration. The envelope is set against a teal background with a blue starburst graphic.

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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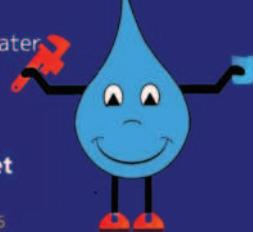
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