



Christ the King

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Catholic Church

Third 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*

Parish Council: Robert Brinkerhoff-Chair, Mark Fischer, Barbara Gaudio, Peter Kulas, Mary Martin-O'Brien, Susan Millerick, Cheryl Parsons, Linda Petitpas, 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 December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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 will NOT meet during the holidays - Dec 25 & Jan. 1. We will begin The Second Book of Chronicles on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026. 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 December 14, 2025

Sat. Dec. 13

10:00-11:00am Pageant Rehearsal
5:00pm + Will Marino
 + Josephine Dell'Erba r/b Cheryl Parsons
 + Ed Scarpati r/b the Whitcomb family

Sun. Dec. 14 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

8:00am + Fran Bartlett r/b the Murray family
9:15 - 10:15AM NO Faith Formation Classes
10:30am Confirmation with St. Pio & St. Theresa - Bishop Reidy officiating
 For all 2025 Newly Confirmed

6:00 - 8:00PM NO Confirmation Class

Mon. Dec. 15

8:00am **Parishioners of Christ the King**

Tue. Dec. 16

8:00am + The Tin Roses r/b Joan

5:30pm OCIA

5:30-6:30pm Pageant Rehearsal

Wed. Dec. 17

8:00am + Emil (Sonny) Schrafft Jr r/b Sue Staab

9:30AM & 6:30PM Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thur. Dec. 18

8:00am + Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy

9:00am Christ the King Thursday Morning Bible Study

Fri. Dec. 19

8:00am + Mnsr. Richard LaRocque r/b Sue Staab

Sat. Dec. 20

10:00-11:00am Pageant Rehearsal

5:00pm + Ed Scarpati r/b the Maureen & John Swarts

 + Thomas Wilkinson r/b the Wilkinson family

 + Christine and David Ballard r/b Dad

Sun. Dec. 21 *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:00am + Carlene McCarthy r/b the Lesnik's

9:15 - 10:15AM Faith Formation Classes

10:30am + Emil (Sonny) Schrafft Jr

11:30am Baptism, Christ the King

6:30 - 8:00PM Confirmation Class

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of November will be lit for Jennie Cassarino

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.



**20th Anniversary Celebration Mass
Photo (courtesy Joshy)**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parents?

Answer: St. Anne and St. Joachim.

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2025 ACA update as of November 29, 2025: Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$96,526.13 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!

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

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!!

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.

In December, there are no special collections, but there are some observances for which there are envelopes/opportunities for giving: Christmas Flowers (specify who should be honored by your gift); Christmas (Wednesday Dec. 24 / Thursday Dec. 25).

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**



Giving Tree

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!

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

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

Creating a culture of vocations...

CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take these talents, develop them fully, & use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. God has graced us with specific talents, or charisms, to assist us in serving others through our vocations.

Join your brothers & sisters in our monthly diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Matthew church in Tolland on Friday, Dec. 19th at 6:00pm.

We will pray for all people in our Church to discover & live out their vocations, & particularly for men to be called to priesthood, & for women & men to be called to the consecrated life.

Christmas Flowers - Envelopes are available in the Narthex (please let us know the family name or who you wish to honor for this remembrance)

MEN'S FAITH GROUP – BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who come together to share faith, personal experiences, and meaningful discussion. Virtual fellowship meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 11th, from 7:00–7:45 p.m. Guest Speaker: Deacon Dan D'Amelio, will speak on Spiritual Direction and Advent. If you are interested in joining this session and building fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by contacting: Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 848-2237 ext. 305

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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MARCH FOR LIFE

Be a voice for the voiceless and join us on a powerful pilgrimage to the 2026 March for Life in Washington, D.C. The Diocese of Norwich will be chartering a bus for an overnight trip as we stand together in prayer, solidarity, and witness for the dignity of every human life. The cost of \$55 for transportation to/from Washington and metro ticket. \$2 surcharge to use Vanco.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/VANCO> or email Alvania at atejada@norwichdiocese.net

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE TIMELINE

Thursday, January 22nd

7:30PM - Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral

- Depart from Norwich

Friday, January 23rd

- Arrive at National Shrine of Immaculate Conception

8:00AM - Mass

- Metro to Downtown

- D.C. Sightseeing

- Rally at Mall

- March for Life

- Bus Pick-up

Saturday, January 24th

- Arrive in Norwich

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts

He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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 Tuesday December 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.

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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 and the words "WE STICK TO OUR PRICES". Below the owl and the main text, there is a list of services: "24 Hour Service • Price Protection/Budget Plans", "Air Conditioning & Ductwork • Automatic Delivery", "Service Contracts • Gas Conversions", "Tank Removal • Heating & Cooling Installations". Below this list, the phone numbers "860-399-8244 • 860-669-8234" are displayed. The entire logo is set against a light blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

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 and has a beard. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows kitchen equipment and a red wall.

An advertisement for MDMedAlert. At the top, the text 'IF YOU LIVE ALONE' is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below it, 'MDMedAlert!' is written in a large, bold, red font, with a trademark symbol. To the right of the text is a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. She is wearing a white shirt and a purple pendant. In her left hand, she holds a small, rectangular medical alert device with a blue 'HELP' button. In her right hand, she holds a black flip phone. To the left of the woman, there is a list of features: '✓ Ambulance/Police', '✓ Family/Friends', and '✓ GPS & Fall Alert'. Below this list is a large red price '\$19.95 /mo.' To the left of the price is a large red 'CALL NOW!' button with the phone number '800.808.9294' in white. At the bottom left, there is a red ribbon icon and the website 'md-medalert.com'.

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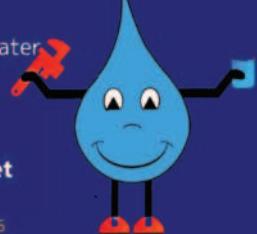
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