



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

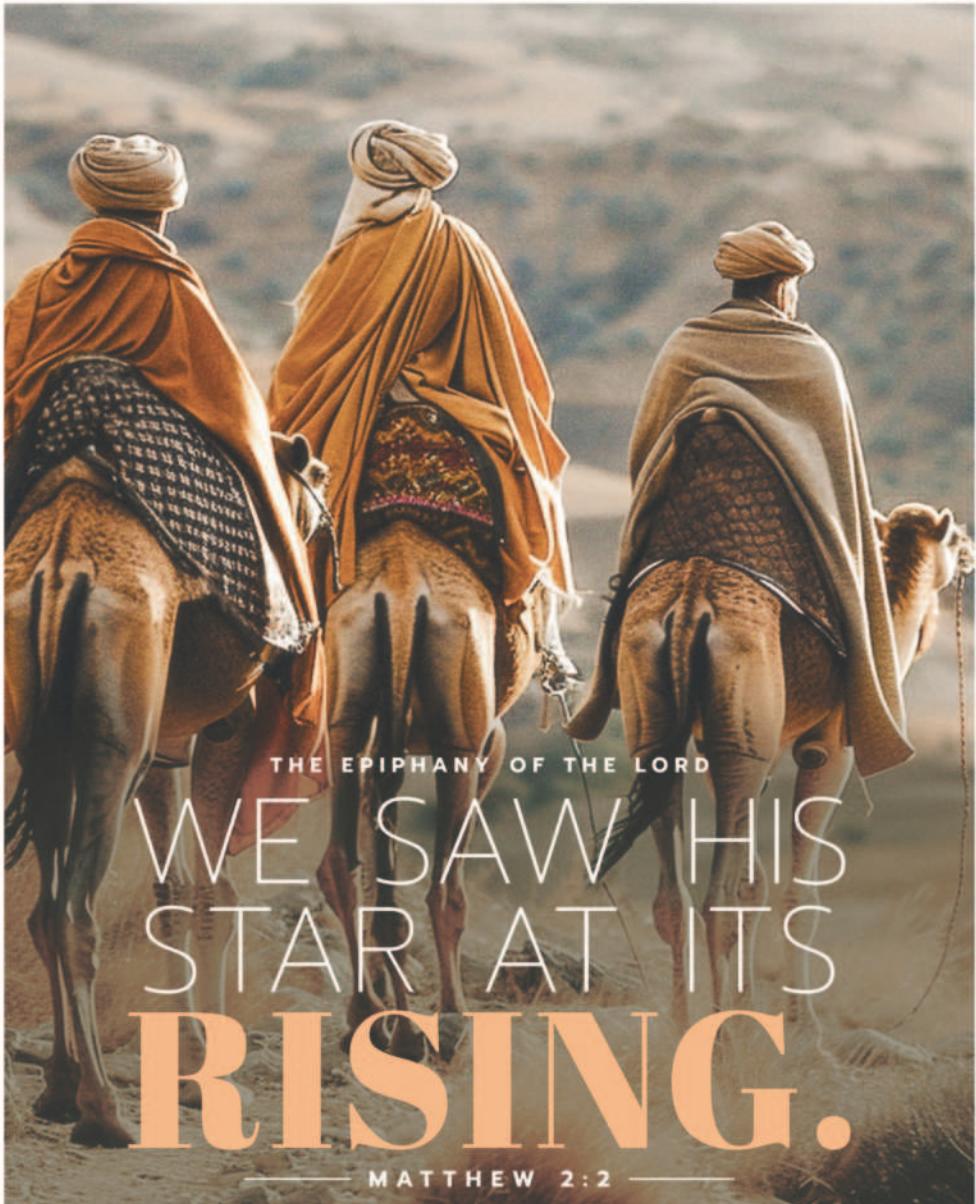
Weekdays: 8:00am

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!

Rector: 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 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

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

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 January 4, 2026

Sat. Jan. 3

5:00pm + **Ed Scarpati r/b Irene Buckley**

Sun. Jan. 4 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00am + **Lenny Wilken's PC '60 r/b Pat & Dale Faulkner**

9:15 - 10:15am Faith Formation Classes

10:30am + **Ed Scarpati r/b the Parish Council**

+ **John B Donohue PC '60 r/b Dale & Pat Faulkner**

6:00 - 8:00pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Jan. 5

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

Tue. Jan. 6

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

Wed. Jan 7

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

Thur. Jan. 8

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

Fri. Jan. 9

8:00am + **The Martin Sisters**

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**

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 deceased members of the Broken Wings Society

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.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In Memory of:

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Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jackson Richard & Terri Carreau Dr Richard & Anna Melchreit
Michael & Judith Iovanna Mr. & Mrs. John Wilkinson

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.

1/1 Solemnity of Mary 1/4 Monthly Debt Reduction 1/25 Energy Needs
2/1 Monthly Debt Reduction 2/22 Energy Needs

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

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:** You can give a gift of appreciated stock to the campaign. Please see Ron Paine or Jean Wilczynski for information on giving appreciated stock or directly from your 401k as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Confirmation 2025

Fr. Joesph C. Ashe

Bishop Richard Reidy

Fr. Walter Nagle

Deacon Jorge Ecalona



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

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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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

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

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

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 siteTo register: call or email Alvania

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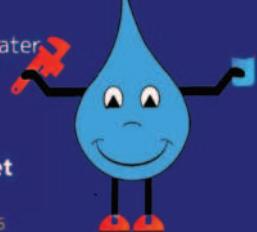
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