



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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:29



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 18, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of January 18, 2026

Sat. Jan. 17

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

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

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

9:15 - 10:15am **NO** Faith Formation Classes

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

6:00 - 8:00pm **NO** Confirmation Class

Mon. Jan. 19 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* (Office Closed)

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

Tue. Jan. 20

8:00am **+ Ann Maus r/b Sue Staab**

5:30pm **OCIA**

Wed. Jan 21

8:00am **+ George Wood**

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

7:00pm **Small Christian Community Bible Study**

Thur. Jan. 22

8:00am **+ Mary Necci r/b Lee & Bernadette Olivier**

9:00am **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Fri. Jan. 23

8:00am **+ Robert Cobb r/b the Skaar family**

Sat. Jan. 24

5:00pm **+ Ed Scarpati r/b Richard & Sharon Torrenti**

Sun. Jan. 25 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am **+ Lilian Balocki r/b her daughter Judy**

9:15 - 10:15am **Faith Formation Classes**

10:30am **+ Nicholas Feil r/b Richard & June**

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
Nicholas Santina, Joseph & Nicholas J.P. Miano

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.

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.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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

Saint John School Open House

Sunday, Jan. 25 10:30-2 pm

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<https://saintjohnschoolos.org/>

Tour classrooms, meet faculty, learn about academics & enrichment, & discover what makes Saint John School a faith filled community where students grow in mind, heart, & spirit.

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 31, 2025: Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme for surpassing its goal by 22.38%! The amount donated is \$101,646.13 with only 17.28% 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

The parish would like to hear from you with your opinions and concerns. Fr. Joe has directed the Pastoral Council to place a suggestion box in the Narthex. Items placed in the box will be reviewed weekly by a member of the Pastoral Council and presented to the Council at the next Council meeting for review. Answers to each item will be provided individually (if indicated), on the Parish website, and in the bulletin (space permitting). This is your opportunity for your voice to be heard. *Parish Pastoral Council Meetings are open to all parishioners.

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: Is it true or false that all wine used in the Eucharist must be fermented?

Answer: True.

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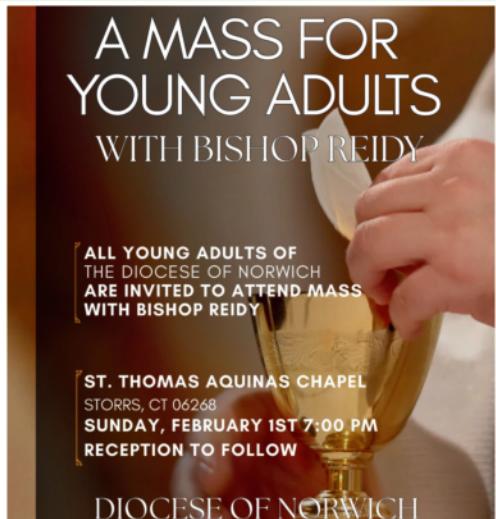
UPCOMING WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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If your marriage has become distant, troubled, stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, & re-discover why you fell in love.

We hold 3 weekends per year & the next Retrouvaille weekend is Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2026 in Windsor, CT. For information, call confidentially 860-837-0447, email Connecticut-WMass@retrouvaille.org or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com for information & registration.

HAITI CELEBRATION!

Come join us at our annual St. Pio Parish Haiti Fellowship Luncheon, on Sunday, Feb. 1st at 1pm. Celebrate 28 years of twinning, with great food from Lenny & Joe's Fishtale in Madison, door prizes & a raffle. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 years. Tickets will be available at the front doors of St. Mark after Masses, at the parish office in Old Saybrook, or may be reserved by contacting 860-767-1503 or rachelhiggins88@gmail.com. Seating is limited, don't miss out on this fun celebration.

Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

To honor a woman in the Diocese for Vision and Leadership in the Catholic Church

This award will be given out by Bishop Richard F. Reidy to a woman of faith in the Norwich Diocese. The award is named after Mary, our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our hope.

The winner will be presented with an award and a check for \$200 made out to the Catholic charity, parish or diocesan ministry of her choice.

Nominees should...

*Display strong faith

*Be committed to living out Catholic values

*Display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s)

*Display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church

*Have been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church

*Have moved the parish community forward through her vision

The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full by January 29, 2026. Contact the Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 203 or ahois@norwichdiocese.net.

*To access application go to the
Norwich Diocesan Website*

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.

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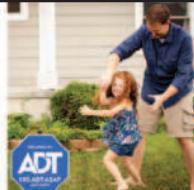
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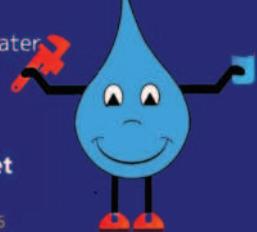
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