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Eucharist:

Mass:

M-F: 8:00am Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm Sun.: 8:00am & 10:30pm

Adoration:

M-F: 6:30-7:30am Fri.: 9:00am-Noon

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Sat: 4:00pm—4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: (& Ministry to the Sick)

Please call the rectory, 860. 434.1660, anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit.

Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and ceremony date and time.

Holy Orders:

To learn more about becoming a **priest or deacon,** call Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle at the rectory or Rev. Kevin Reilly,
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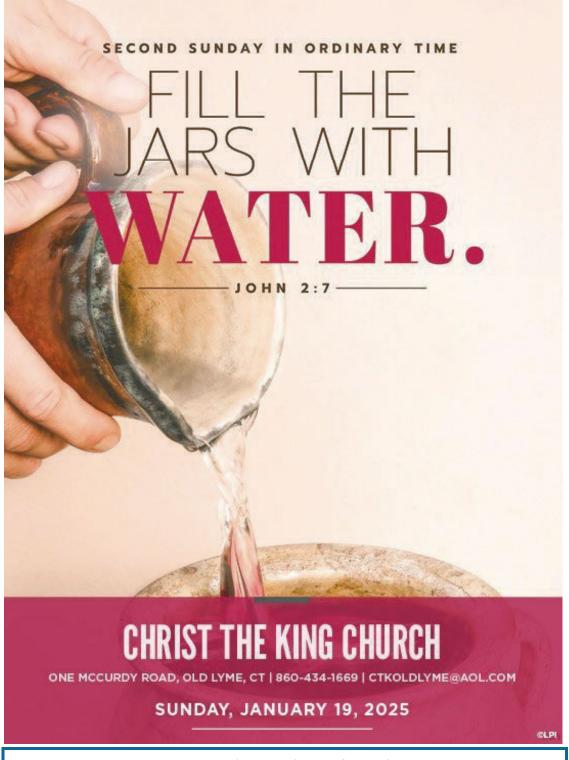
Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin *at least six months before* actual ceremony.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation begins in grade 9 and students receive the sacrament in grade 10. Adults can join RCIA. For questions about RCIA, please contact the office or Jo Ann Staves at 860.434.4374.

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800.624.7407



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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of January 19, 2025

Sat. Jan. 18

5:00pm **Robert Whitcomb r/b Barbara & Charlie Beal

11:00am Funeral for Philip Hagaman

Sun. Jan. 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **₮** Michael Sanders

10:30am 🗗 Barbara Hannigan r/b Joan Moylan

9:15am ***NO Faith Formation Class, CTK***

6:30pm ***NO Confirmation Class***

Mon. Jan. 20

8:00am Healing mass for Louise Young

Tues. Jan. 21

7:30 pm Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wed. Jan. 22

8:00am # Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy

9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"

7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Jan. 23

8:00am # Paul Finan

9:00am Thursday Bible Study

Fri. Jan. 24

8:00am **₮** Fernande Muller

Sat. Jan. 25

5:00pm **★**Lillian Balocki r/b her daughter Judy

10:00am First Reconciliation

Sun. Jan. 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am # Ethyl Comerford

10:30am **₮** Adelaid Kathe

9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK

6:30pm Confirmation Class



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of January will be lit for the Parishioners of CTK.

Christ the King Mass Times ~ Join Us!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm SUNDAY: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAYS: 8:00am

Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream! Links to join are on our website.



Parish Prayer Line

To request prayers for any intention large or small, please call Michele at (860) 434-8529.

Intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous.



If you are in need of a priest, please contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory phone number: (860) 434-1660.



Latest News and Events at CTK

The Parish Pot Luck is back!!



The supper will be held at **Christ the King Parish Hall** on Friday, January 31st @ 5:45pm for social hour (BYOB), with dinner at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish, salad or dessert for all to share. All are welcome! For questions or more information, please call Nancy Gatto at 860-390-6314.

CTK Lost and Found

Afraid you might have lost an item? Visit our Lost and Found basket, located on the bench in the hallway closest to the Narthex!



Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study is being held at 9:00am in the classroom across from the parish office. Come join us!

We can loan you a Bible if you do not have one. All are welcome! For more information, please contact

Deb Skaar at (860) 434-3081

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred? Answer: St. John.

Do you use donation envelopes for your weekly and monthly offerings?

The parish provides envelopes for anyone who wishes to use them, but there is a cost to the parish for this service. If you are getting envelopes but are no longer using them, please let the office know. We can stop sending them to you & save the parish this expense.

In an effort to save paper & money, we will automatically stop sending to anyone who has not used them in six months or more.



Friday Morning Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated in the Church on Fridays from 9am until 12 Noon, with Benediction following.

Occasionally, Adoration will not be held due to a funeral or wedding. Please check the CTK website for updates.

Parish Bulletin Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit any announcements for the bulletin, the deadline is Monday by noon.

Thanks for keeping your item short. Space is limited.

Parish Readings for the Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/

1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/

Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/

Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities

Serving as an Altar Server or a Lector is a terrific way to get involved in our Parish. Newcomers are welcome and *training is provided*.



Altar Servers: Open to adults or students who have made their First Communion.

How about a parent-child or grandparent-grandchild team? Lectors: Open to Confirmed adults/high school students.

You must be registered with Parish to participate. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (860) 434-1669 or ctkoldlyme@aol.com.

Visit our website for more involvement opportunities.

Christ the King Parish Needs You!

Christ the King Parish depends on your generous support. Although we do not "pass the basket" at this time, your contributions are needed & deeply appreciated.



To give "Text-to-Give" a try text ENROLL" to Christ the King's special phone number: 860

-935-8488, or scan this **QR code.** You'll have to register with a credit card the first time, but later gifts will only require texting a dollar amount.

Thank You to all who have generously supported Christ the King Soup Kitchen Effort. Through our Parishioners generous financial support plus the help of the parish volunteers, we were able to serve over 220 meals to the hungry on a cold Sunday 1/12/25. Thank You and God Bless Jules Sciocchetti / Soup Kitchen Coordinator

New Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!

Join James Pepitone on Monday, Jan. 20, following 8 am mass, in the parish library, we will feature the movie CABRINI, a 2024 film produced by Angel studios. Mother Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, providing education, health care & other services to the poor. July 7, 1946, Mother Cabrini became the first U.S. Citizen to be canonized and is not the patron saint of immigrants.

There will not be any cost to this program.

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Twenty Years at One McCurdy Road!

In November 2025 we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our church complex at 1 McCurdy Road. Our parish leaders and volunteers spent years planning, designing, and creating the facility that we now call home, and since we moved in we have celebrated Mass every day; rejoiced in baptisms and weddings and found comfort at funerals; educated our young people through Faith Formation classes; gathered together for dinners and special events; and reveled in the camaraderie of the annual Harvest Festival. But twenty years has taken its toll on the bricks-and-mortar of our church complex, and there are a number of urgent repairs needed, as well as long-term maintenance that will ensure the future of our church complex. For this reason, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Christ the King Parish will embark on a capital campaign in this next year, with the objective of expanding our maintenance fund significantly. Between now and the launch of the campaign, we ask every parishioner to prayerfully consider their responsibilities as stewards so that we may fully realize our objective. We are also in the early stages of planning a fundraising event for late Spring or early Summer. Anyone interested in helping to plan and implement this event is welcome and can sign up at the parish website or by emailing christthekingchurcholdlyme@gmail.com! More details to come soon. We will celebrate the 20th anniversary next November with a special Mass on Christ the King Sunday, followed by a parish-wide reception. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this joyous celebration!

New Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!

Join James Pepitone on Monday, Jan. 27, & Feb. 3, following 8 am Mass, in the parish library, we will begin reading the book "Too Deep For Words" by Thelma Hall that presents an ancient Christian method of praying with Scripture known as Lectio Divina, which has contemplation as its assumed culmination. Contemplative prayer is consent to that love. Lectio Devine is a proven path to contemplation. Thelma Hall was a member of the Religious of the Cenacle and co-director of Cenacle Retreat House in Bedford Village, New York. Sr. Hall was a spiritual director and retreat director for priests, sisters and lay people.

Please read to page 35 for Jan. 27 & page 56 for Feb. 3. There will not be any cost to the program aside from purchase of the book. New copies of the book can be purchased from Amazon for \$10.

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

WWP Bible Studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us! Wednesdays at 9:30AM or 6:30PM here at Christ The King. To learn more, please contact Aimee Finnegan at aimee.wwp@gmail.com, or visit the WWP webpage on our parish website!



News from the Diocese of Norwich

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Presenter: Jim Pepitone To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or email

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SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER

194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441 SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

THE SIGNATURE OF JESUS by Brennan Manning Six Wednesdays Feb. 5 to Mar. 19 from 10:00 - 11:30

Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. As Brenan states: "I am not a follower of Jesus if I live with him only in Bethlehem and Nazareth and not in Gethsemane and Calvary." This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change.

To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or Email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

Suggested donation for each session \$10.00

7TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE On

Sunday, Feb. 9th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is excited to welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the 7th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. Young adults (ages 18-39, both single & married) are invited & encouraged to bring friends. The Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Coyne, beginning @ 7:00pm, followed by a reception at the Catholic Center.

You Can Help Your Marriage

Consider attending a marriage help program. The next local will take place Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2025. **Retrouvaille**, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, & rediscover a loving marriage. For information, call 800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org

Open House at the Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic CT for 7th & 8th grade girls, Feb. 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. To attend, register on the school's website: ahfbaltic.org or call the office: 860-822-9272. Must register to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

PRO-LIFE PASTORAL

The 52nd annual March For Life will be held in Washington D.C. on Jan. 24, 2025.

This year's theme reflects the deeply held belief that every life matters: "Life: Why We March."

The Dignity of the human person is the core of Catholic social teaching. This principle is lived out in the Catholic church which teaches that human life has dignity and worth from the moment of conception to natural death.

Today and every day we must be living witnesses of the beauty and dignity of human life. "Life: Why We March" is a clarion call to accompany mothers in need, the poor, the disabled, the sick and the lonely. Together we can offer hope and healing to a hurting world!

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church will be holding a Marian Discernment Retreat on Feb. 7th-9th at the mother-house in Baltic. The retreat is open to single young women, aged 18-33, who are discerning or are interested in the vocation to the religious life. There will be an opportunity for daily Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer, conferences on discernment alongside our Lady, and recreation with the sisters. To register, please contact Sister Gabriella at vocations@sistersofcharity.com or (860) 964-0468.

St John School will be having an open house on Sunday, Jan. 26 42 Maynard Rd, Old Saybrook (860) 388-0849

The Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8:30 am Please join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell 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..

STEUBENVILLE EAST Join teens from across the U.S. for 3 days of fellowship, faith, & worship at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA, Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27. This event is open to 8th–12th graders, with a cost of \$300, which covers the conference, meals, and transportation. Additionally, the cost of housing is \$150 for a 2-person room or \$75 for a 4-person room for two nights. A \$100 deposit is required by Feb. 27 to reserve your spot with the Office of Faith Events. To register, please speak with your Faith Formation Leader. For questions, contact Liza Roach at live.contact.liza Roach at live.contact.liza Roach at live.contact.liza Roach at li

The Franciscan Univ. School of Spiritual Direction is offering an Open House for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in Connecticut.

This will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 30, at immaculate Conception Center, 600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT) All are welcome to attend & no commitment is necessary. No prior training is needed if you decide to enroll in the program. For more information, visit www.immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs or call 860-928-7955.

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