SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass:

Mon-Fri.: 8:00 AM Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM Sun.: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adoration:

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

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 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 the pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434 1660, if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon, or contact Rev. Kevin Reilly, Vocations Office: 860 887 9294.

Matrimonv:

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

Confirmation:

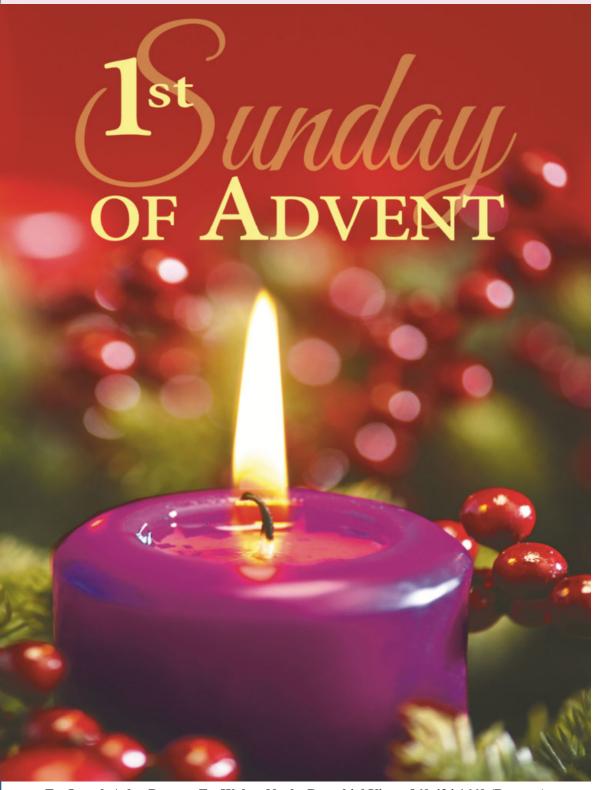
Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in 10th grade.

Adults can join RCIA.

For questions about RCIA, please contact the office or Jo Ann Staves at (860) 434-4374.

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Masses and Week at a Glance

For the week of December 03, 2023

Sat. Dec. 2

5:00pm 🕇 Elizabeth Planeta r/b James, Nancy, & Katie Birge

6:00pm Cookie Sale, CTK Narthex (after mass)

Sun. Dec. 3 — First Sunday of Advent

8:00am **★** Thomas Wilkinson r/b family

10:30am #Thomas O'Brien r/b the Kistner family

9:00am & 11:30am Cookie Sale, CTK Narthex (after mass)

9:15am Faith Formation Classes; Confirmation @ 6:30pm

Mon. Dec. 4

8:00am ***** Stephen Bartlett

Tues. Dec. 5

Convocation (*NO MASS*)

5:30pm Con Brio Rehearsal, CTK Church

Wed. Dec. 6

Convocation (*NO MASS*)

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

7:00pm Pro-Life Meeting, Classroom across from Kitchen

Thurs. Dec. 7

8:00am * William Dalocki r/b his daughter Judy

9:00am Bible Study Session, Classroom across from Office

5:30pm Con Brio Rehearsal, CTK Church

Fri. Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am & 6:30pm The Parishioners of CTK Church

Sat. Dec. 9

9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, CTK Church

5:00pm # Christine & David Ballard r/b their father Bernard

8:00pm Con Brio Winter Concert, CTK Church

Sun. Dec. 10 — Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am *Joseph Gentile

10:30am ₱Paul Finan

9:15am Faith Formation Classes; Confirmation @ 6:30pm

3:00pm Con Brio Winter Concert, CTK Church

The Sanctuary Candle for this week of December will be lit for George Howley.





Christ the King Church Mass Times

JOIN US ON SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL MASS! <u>SAT</u>: 5:00PM,

SUN: 8:00AM & 10:30AM...or WEEKDAY MASS: MON-FRI: 8:00AM

Welcome to Christ the King Church!

We are currently not taking collections **during** Mass, but there are collection baskets available in the Narthex. You can also donate by text or online. Visit our website and click on the "donate" button at the top of the page.

We continue to live-stream our Masses on Zoom for those who wish to stay home. *Links to join the live stream*may be found on our website.

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



Upcoming Events & Resources at Christ the King

Special Masses at Christ the King

December 8th (Immaculate Conception):

Masses at 8am & 6:30pm

Please visit the Daily Mass link on Zoom to livestream!

Tues. December 5th and Wed. December 6th
Convocation: there is NO MASS

+ Wedding Banns +

Joel DiLoreto and Daniella Sanzo, December 16



Latest Baptisms at Christ the King

Michael Arthur Larson, son of Jon and Kelly Larson, was baptized here on Sunday November 26, 2023.

We joyfully welcome him to the family of God at Christ the King Parish!



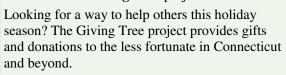
Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent season begins the weekend of <u>December 3rd</u> and we need families or individuals to light the Advent wreath at the start of the weekend Mass during Advent!

If interested, please sign up in the Narthex. For any questions, please contact the office at (860) 434-1669 or ctkoldlyme@aol.com.

Giving Tree at Christ the King

The **Giving Tree** project returns!





Here's how it works: Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2nd-3rd) a Christmas tree in the Narthex 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.

Volunteers will pick up the gifts and pack them for delivery to the chosen charity. Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Club Talk

All parishioners are invited by the Men's Club to a pizza dinner on **Thursday December 7 at 6pm** in the church hall. It will be followed at 6:15 pm by a talk about St Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Maryellen Shuckerow, MHSA – Executive Director will discuss how they provide assistance beyond the food pantry to individuals and families in Middlesex county. Please call/text President **Bob Brinkerhoff** at **860.748.9378** or email him at RNBRINK@COMCAST.NET in order to provide sufficient food and beverages.

Parish Readings for the Week of December 03, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Holiday Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

If you would like to include an item for the **Dec. 17th** bulletin, the deadline is **Dec. 5th at noon**.

Make sure to pick up a copy of the "Little Blue Advent Book", which are available in the Narthex!!

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study



Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? We invite you to consider joining **Walking with Purpose** at Christ the King in Old Lyme, CT. **Register Today!** Choose from three 22-week bible study courses.

Meeting times: Touching The Divine: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am; Opening Your Heart and Keeping in Balance: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm.

Latecomers welcome anytime throughout the year!
Interested in registering or learning more? Please contact
Aimee Finnegan at aimee.wwp@gmail.com, or visit
www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please contact the office, 860-434-1669, or email at ctkoldlyme@aol.com. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to:

1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 *Please print clearly*

Name
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Phone
E-mail address
New registrationEnvelopesChange of address

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:00am in the classroom across from the parish office. We will finish the <u>Second Book of Samuel</u> and then study the Advent Sunday mass readings **beginning November 30**.

We will start our study of the First Book of the Kings in

We will start our study of the <u>First Book of the Kings in</u> January 2024. 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.



Christ the King Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas Eve pageant returns to Christ the King and we need volunteers! Students in grades K-5 are welcome to participate to be a reader or a character as Mary or Joseph, an angel or a shepherd.

The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 9:00am at Christ the King Parish.

For more information and if interested, please contact *Megan or Louise at the parish office:* (860) 434-1669.

National Night of Prayer for Life

The 34th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will begin on *December 8th at 9:00 pm—December 9th at 1:00 am*. The parishes of St. Pio and Church the King will participate in the Night of Prayer at the Adoration Chapel at St. Mark's Church in Westbrook. Churches throughout the country will be united in prayer from 12:00pm to 1:00am. The night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and other prayers.

Signup sheets will be in the entrance way of the Church or contact claremorrison@comcast.net to sign up.

Pro-Life Christmas Candy Sale

The Holy Trinity Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a Christmas Candy Sale after all the Masses on the *weekend of December 16th and 17th*. The candy is presented in holiday boxes courtesy of The Chocolate Shell in Old Lyme. Each box is either \$10.00 or \$15.00 depending the size of the box. Perfect for stocking stuffers or hostess gifts!

Proceeds from the bake sale will support pro-life activities within the Holy Trinity cluster of parishes, as well as supporting various pro-life organizations in our diocese such as pregnancy care centers and statewide organizations like the Family Institute of Connecticut and the Connecticut Catholic Conference.

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 and 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 *available in the Narthex*.

Staying updated with Christ the King



Are you receiving parish emails? Subscribe to our website or scan the QR code on your phone and fill out a simple form to receive our newsletters.

Christ the King Website

Visit Christ the King Church website for updated news and information about parish happenings. For Mass schedules, Zoom Links and more, visit *christthekingchurch.net*.

Donate to Christ the King by text!

Christ the King Parish has recently set up a "Text-to-Give" feature with its e-giving partner, Faith Direct.

To use this feature, please text "ENROLL" to Christ the King's special phone number: 860-935-8488, or scan the following QR code:

You'll have to register with a credit card the first time, but later gifts will only require texting a dollar amount to this number. Thank you for your generous donations!

Get the CTK Bulletin delivered to your email! Sign-up @: parishesonline.com

Community Events and Ways to Help

Dominion Energy—Millstone PAJAMA DRIVE

November 19 — December 10, 2023

New or gently used pajamas with sizes ranging from Infant – Adult 3XL will be accepted.

All donations will go to local charities including The ARC Eastern CT, Safe Futures, Lymes' Youth Services Bureau, and New London Homeless Hospitality Center.

For any questions, please contact *Jennifer Rowland* at 860-990-0101 or jrow1718@hotmail.com.

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, located at 222 McVeagh Rd, Westbrook, CT, will hold its annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Sat. December 16th from 9:00am to Noon.

Decorated, wrapped plates of 2½ dozen assorted, delicious home-baked cookies will be sold, in addition to a small selection of local and Haitian Christmas crafts. *Proceeds from this sale will benefit the church's twin parish in Haiti.*



News from the Diocese of Norwich

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DIOCESAN ADVENT MISSION

The Office of Faith Events is offering a Virtual Diocesan Advent Mission with speaker Fr. Jeffrey Ellis. It will take place the first 3 Tuesdays in December: the 5th, 12th, and 19th from 7:00 – 7:45pm. Fr. Ellis will focus the mission on the Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Please register by emailing Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or at 860-848-2237, 304.

Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes

Have you not completed your sacraments? Did you make Baptism and First Communion but never completed your sacraments of initiation by making Confirmation? Have you ever thought about completing Confirmation in the Catholic Church? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for the Diocesan Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes. Beginning in January, The Office of Faith Events will be offering a 7-week online course taking place on Tuesday evenings that will prepare adults for Confirmation in their home parish. To join the class, please contact your pastor to register for this program.



Stay Informed with the Norwich Diocese!

For more all upcoming events, please visit https://www.norwichdiocese.org.

Brothers in Christ with Alex Soucy

Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on

December 14th from 7pm—7:45pm for our virtual session
with Alex Soucy of Crossroads for Christ to discuss

St. Joseph. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share
faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ
fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the
month either virtually or in-person. If you are interested in
developing fellowship and discipleship with other men
devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email
Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or
call (860) 848-2237 ex. 305.

RCIA Retreat

The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team are gearing up to assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Spend the day discovering God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA will take place on **Saturday**, **February 24**th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill

from 9:30am—5:00pm with Mass from 5:00pm—6:00pm.
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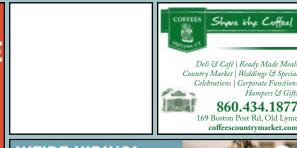
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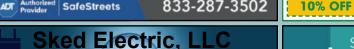
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