

**SACRAMENTAL
LIFE**

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,
Vocations Office,
860.887.9294.

Matrimony:

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

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in **grade 9** and
students receive the
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her
womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a
loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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Your Parish Team is Here for You!

Fr. Joseph Ashe, Pastor ~ Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar

Contact us!

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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of December 22, 2024

Sat. Dec. 21

5:00pm ✠ Elizabeth K Planeta r/b Nancy, James, & Katie Birge
✠ Robert Whitcomb r/b Ron & Dorothy Paine
✠ Kristine & David Ballard r/b Dad

9:00am Pageant Rehearsal

Sun. Dec. 22 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am ✠ Marty Ames
10:30am ✠ Kathy Mather
✠ Susan O'Hagan r/b the Ross family
✠ Walter E Nagle (2nd Anniv) r/b Fr. Walter Nagle

No Faith Formation or Confirmation Classes

Mon. Dec. 23

8:00am ✠ Walter E Nagle (2nd Anniv) r/b Fr. Walter Nagle

Tues. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

8:00am ✠ Bernard Jr & Barbara Kennedy
5:00pm Parishioners of Christ the King
*Office will close at 12:00pm
7:30 pm **NO Right of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Wed. Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00am Parishioners of Christ the King
*Office will be closed
9:30am & 6:30pm *NO Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk" Today
7:00 pm **NO Small Christian Community Bible Study**

Thurs. Dec. 26

9:00am ✠ Robert Whitcomb r/b Barbara Vitali & family
*Office will be closed
9:00am **NO Thursday Bible Study Today**

Fri. Dec. 27

8:00am ✠ Pat McCarthy
*Office will be closed
3:00pm CTK Wedding & Baptism

Sat. Dec. 28

5:00pm ✠ Ann Glynn r/b Ralph & Janet Sturges

Sun. Dec. 29

8:00am ✠ John Urbowicz
10:30am ✠ Carlene Landry
No Faith Formation or Confirmation Classes

Latest News and Events at CTK

Christ the King Parish Holiday Mass Schedule



Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity with student pageant
11:30pm Concert with Adult Choir & orchestra,
followed by Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Wednesday December 25th

9:00am The Nativity of the Lord

*Since Christmas falls on a Wednesday, there will
only be the one mass at 9:00am*

Wednesday, January 1st

*The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Please note, the mass will be held at 9:00am only



CTK Parish Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will *close at noon on
December 24th* and be closed
December 25-29.

We will reopen **Monday, December 30.**
Have a merry and blessed holiday!

+ *Wedding Banns* +

Kimberly Rudy & John Iraci, December 27



Christmas Flowers in Memory of...



*Doug Maynard
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The Deceased members of the DiBella families
The Deceased members of the Grogan families*

*A Special THANK-YOU to Dorothy Paine for her
cleaning of the church in preparation of the Advent
and Christmas Season
It has been noticed by many parishioners and is
greatly appreciated!*



**The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of December
will be lit for the Nicholas (Nicky) Miano, Nicholas
& Santina (Nick & Sandy) Miano, and Joseph
(Joey) Miano.**

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



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 Bulletin Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit any announcements for the
bulletin, the deadline is **Monday by noon.**
**(DUE TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS, SUBMISSIONS
ARE DUE THURSDAY BY NOON THROUGH DEC.)**
Thanks for keeping your item short. Space is limited.

Parish Readings for the Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
(Lk 2:11)/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5

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.

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 up to page 35 for Jan. 27 & page 56 for Feb. 3. There will not be any cost to the program aside from purchasing the book.

New copies of the book can be purchased from Amazon for \$10.

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.



Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Christ the King Parish Needs You and Thanks 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.

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.

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 server 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.

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane.
What do you see?
Stripes that are red like
the blood shed for me.
White is for my Savior
who's sinless and pure.
"J" is for Jesus, my Lord,
that's for sure!
Turn it around and
a staff you will see.
Jesus, my sheperd,
was born for me!

author unknown



Community Events and Ways to Help

2024 ACA update: As of November 25, 2024, **Christ the King Parish** has donated **90.70%** of its goal, & **15.16%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends Dec. 31, 2024. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, envelopes are still available, or call (860) 886-1928 and online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org **Thank you everyone for your support!**

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!



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!

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

Answer:

The Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation/Confession.

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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.**

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study

will not meet on the following

Thursday 12/26/2024 and 01/02/2025

First class for 2025 will be Thursday 01/09/2025

Come join us!

For more information, please contact **Deb Skaar** at **(860) 434-3081**.



News from the Diocese of Norwich

Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich
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18th Annual Homeless Memorial

Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 6:00pm

Mt. Olive SDA Church (Parking for church on the street.)

14 Linden Street, New London, CT 06320

The National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is Dec. 21, the longest night of the year. The day honors those who have died with homelessness as a part of their story & raises awareness of the tragedy of homelessness. There will be music & a chance to share personal remembrances.

Hosted by New London Homeless Hospitality Center 860-501-9900 x103 If you can't attend but wish to donate to support the center their address is: 730 State Pier Rd, New London, CT 06320

Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m. Most Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt will be the Celebrant. All parishioners are invited to attend this event!

St Vincent de Paul, 617 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457
Due to unforeseen circumstances they are in need of new or gently used coats of all sizes. We have set up a collection location in the Narthex for donations & added a box for monetary donations. With the weather turning colder please consider making a contribution to this worthy cause.

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 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

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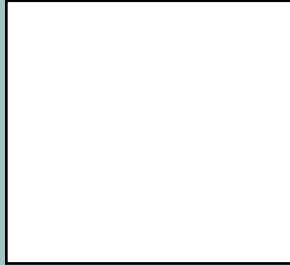
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