## 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.

### Sexual Misconduct Services: 800-624-7407

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

600

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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#### Masses and Week at a Glance

#### For the week of December 10, 2023

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

3:00pm Con Brio Winter Concert, CTK Church

Mon. Dec. 11

8:00am **\*** Kathy Munday

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting, Library

Tues. Dec. 12

8:00am #A. John Plikus Jr. r/b his wife

Wed. Dec. 13

8:00am Intentions for the Women of Walking with Purpose 9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose Bible Study

Thurs. Dec. 14

8:00am **\*** Kathy Mather

10:00am Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting, Rm. #2

\*NO Bible Study Today\*

Fri. Dec. 15

8:00am / Kathleen Reiser r/b Debra and Tom Gilman

Sat. Dec. 16

9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, CTK Church

1:00pm Wedding, CTK Church

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

**₮** Josephine Dell'Erba r/b her family

Sun. Dec. 17 — Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am # Michael Sanders

10:30am ♣ (1st Anniv.) Walter Nagle Sr. r/b son Fr. Walter

**∦** Margaret Kelly r/b family

11:30am Baptism, CTK Church

The Sanctuary Candle for this week of December will be lit for Nicholas Santino and Joseph Miano.





### 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**

#### + Wedding Banns +



Joel DiLoreto and Daniella Sanzo, December 16

#### Christ the King Parish Holiday Mass Schedule



Weekend of Dec. 23rd-24th

\*We will have the normal weekend liturgies at 5:00pm, 8:00am and 10:30am\*

#### Sunday, December 24th

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

#### Monday, December 25th 9:00am The Nativity of the Lord

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

#### Monday, January 1st

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God \*Please note, there will be a mass at 9:00am ONLY\*

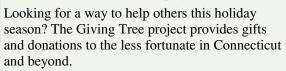
#### **Advent Wreath Lighting**

The Advent season began 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 you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex. For any questions, please contact the parish 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 St. Vincent de Paul and Madonna House. Thank you!

#### Scam Text Alerts!

Parishioners are receiving suspicious texts that appear to be from Fr. Joe, asking for money or for help, etc.

Please note: these are *NOT* from Fr. Joe, so we kindly ask that you ignore and delete these scam messages.

We want you all to be safe, so thank you for understanding!

## Parish Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

*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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,

13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*Next Sunday:* Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### **Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines**

Due to the holiday season, if you would like to submit any announcements for the *December 24th and December 31st bulletins*, the deadline is **Tues. December 12th** by **noon.**\*We kindly ask that you keep your blurb short, as we may need to edit for space.\*

#### 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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E-mail address
New registrationEnvelopesChange of address

## **Involvement Opportunities** at Christ the King

#### **Parish Council Volunteer Opportunity**

Christ the King's **Parish Pastoral Council** is looking for a **volunteer secretary** to attend the PPC meetings (about once a month) and take minutes. The secretary needs to be able to



listen to (*though not participate in*) the discussion, take pertinent notes, and provide them as a Word document to the PPC chairperson.

If interested, please speak to Fr. Joe or call the parish office.

#### **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 Second Book of Samuel and then study the Advent Sunday mass readings beginning November 30.

We will start our study of the First Book of the Kings in 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 next rehearsal will take place on *Saturday*, *Dec. 16th* 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.

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>*. 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.



#### **Friday Morning Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to be celebrated in the Church on *Fridays from 9am until 12 Noon*, with Benediction following immediately after.

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

#### 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**

#### Order of Malta

The Order of Malta was founded centuries ago in Jerusalem. As such, His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II entrusted the care of Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem to the Order of Malta in 1989 and insisted that the Catholic presence be maintained in the NICU for needy mothers and infants of all religions. The Order Ambassador, Michael B. Bowe, recently pleaded with Order members to share "the best kept secret of the Hospital" during the dire circumstances in the West Bank, part of the Palestinian war zone. "There will be no Christmas in Bethlehem this year." Go to birthplaceofhope.org to read the Hospital's crucial mission to deliver life, peace, and hope in the Holy Land despite these urgent challenges.

With deep appreciation and thanks, Richard Feil, Area Chair, asks you to consider making a donation payable to the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation. Please include 'Eastern CT Area — St. Pio Parish' in your check memo line and mail to:

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#### **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 on the next **two Tuesdays in December**: *the 12<sup>th</sup>*, *and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net">lroach@norwichdiocese.net</a> or
call (860) 848-2237 ex. 305.

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.

The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15

P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19,

2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services

Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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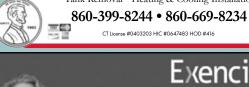
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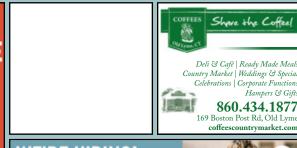
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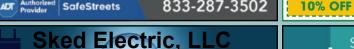
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