BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 24, 2021

SERVICE * SPIRITUALITY * EVANGELIZATION

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES:

OCTOBER 23RD/24TH AT ST. BERNARD

OCTOBER 30TH/31ST AT ST. MATTHEW

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Pastoral Staff

Office Information

St. Bernard

25 St. Bernard Terrace
Rockville, CT 06066

(860) 875-0753
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rectory@cath-comm.org

Office Hours:
Mon - Fri
9:00am-3:00pm

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:00am,
10:00am & Noon

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Monday, Wednesday &
Friday: 8:00am

Confession
Saturday
3:00pm — 4:00pm

St. Matthew

111 Tolland Green
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(860) 872-0200
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parishoffice@cath-comm.org

Office Hours:
Mon - Fri
9:30am-3:00pm

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday &
Friday: 9:00am

Confession
Saturday
4:00pm—4:45pm

Visit our website:
www.blessedsacramentct.org

We Live Stream the following Masses on our website:

Sunday 10AM / **Monday** 8AM / **Tuesday** 9AM / **Wednesday** 8AM / **Thursday** 9AM / **Friday** 8AM / **Saturday** 5PM

Our Clergy Contact Information

Pastor
Rev. Richard J. Ricard
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** See our website for a complete staff directory **

TWINNED WITH ST. PIERRE PARISH, GANTHIER, HAITI

Blessed Sacrament Parish Ministry Fair

Our faith is an active faith!
Please Join Us on:

October 23rd/24th at St. Bernard

October 30th/31st at St. Matthew

After All Masses

Come find out what makes Blessed Sacrament Parish so special!

The support of Blessed Sacrament Parish is very important as Cornerstone continues to be a resource for so many people in the greater Vernon area. In August, over 3,000 meals were served through the Soup Kitchen and over 17,000 meal items given out through the Food Cupboard. Without the community's support this would not be possible. Please visit the Cornerstone website at www.cornerstone-cares.org to learn how you can help.

Soupfest 2021 was moved to be a virtual auction and begins on November 4. The Cornerstone Annual Raffle is also now under way. Tickets are $20 each.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses at:

- **St. Bernard Church—October 23-24**
- **St. Matthew Church—October 30-31**

Tickets can also be purchased on the Cornerstone website (your ticket stub will be mailed to you). Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, email info@cornerstone-cares.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 24, 2021

St. Bernard Church

Saturday October 23
5:00pm † Joseph Fradianni rb wife & family

Sunday, October 24
8:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish Family
10:00am † Colin McFadden rb Scott Grizey
† Stephen Kramer rb Grace Hurd
12:00pm † Daniel Barry (3rd Anniv) rb family

Monday, October 25
8:00am † Christopher Shattuck rb Elaine Shattuck

Tuesday, October 26
9:00am Mass at St. Matthew

Wednesday, October 27
8:00am † Jennie Forbes (5th Anniv) rb family

Thursday, October 28
9:00am Mass at St. Matthew

Friday, October 29
8:00am † Susan Jane Freeman rb the Women's Guild

Saturday October 30
5:00pm People of Special Needs rb Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 31
8:00am People of Special Needs rb Knights of Columbus
10:00am People of Special Needs rb Knights of Columbus
12:00pm People of Special Needs rb Knights of Columbus
3:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Sanctuary Lamp—October 24, 2021
In Loving Memory of James Dower
Requested by family

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS AT ST. BERNARD

Entrance:
#907 WC Gather Us In

Presentation of Gifts:
#712 WC Healer of Our Every Ill

Recessional:
#988 WC See the Pilgrim Line

St. Matthew Church

Saturday Vigil, October 23
5:00pm † Jim, Mary, and Gloria McNamee and George and Grayce Masciotro rb Bob McNamee and family

Sunday, October 24
8:30am † Rose O'Gorman rb Bridget Thurston and Cynde Yaconiello
10:30am † Alfred Roscio (25th Anniv) rb Dave & Sue Kostyk
† Robert Sweeney (1st Anniv) rb Ceal Sweeney
† William Uziemblo rb family

Monday, October 25
8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

Tuesday, October 26
9:00am † Kevin O'Malley rb McNamee family

Wednesday, October 27
8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

Thursday, October 28
9:00am † Robert DiPietro rb Bridget Thurston and Cynde Yaconiello

Friday, October 29
9:00am

Saturday Vigil, October 30
5:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, October 31
8:30am Tom Dowgiewicz in honor of his 80th birthday rb family
10:30am † Patricia Chasse rb Joseph Chasse

Sanctuary Lamp—October 24, 2021
Special Intention
Requested by a parishioner

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all age-eligible people.

For vaccination opportunities, please visit:
www.vernon-ct.gov
or call (860) 896-4568

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If you missed the Parish Mission on October 18th, you can still see it. It was recorded and is available on our parish website for the next month.

To view it, scan the QR Code or go to www.blessedsacramentct.org

WINTER COAT & BOOT COLLECTION

It is time for our annual winter coat collection for IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services in New Haven). This year, IRIS, working with the federal government, is particularly challenged by the influx of immigrants & refugees coming from Afghanistan.

Last year, we brought two carloads filled to capacity! Let's break the record this year!

Large boxes marked, "Winter Coats for Refugees", will be in both the St. Matthew and St. Bernard Church Halls **through the month of October.** IRIS is asking for **only heavy winter coats and boots (new or gently used)** for both adults and children. No other winter clothing is requested at this time.

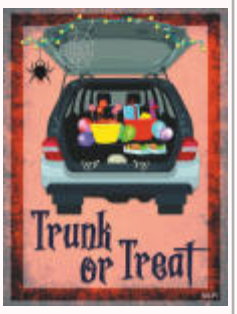
Thank you, in advance, for your generous response! Questions, please call Carol at (860) 268-0966.

Our most sincere thanks for the wonderful response to our request for toys and Christmas gifts for the children at our sister parish, St. Pierre, in Haiti. Your monetary donations, as well, helped us to fill our barrels to the brim!

Thank you again and again for your compassion and generosity.

Blessed Sacrament Haiti Outreach Committee

ALL SAINTS FAMILY PARTY AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOR GRADES K-6



Each Faith Formation day has it's own party, come dressed as ANY SAINT! Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, then stay for a meal in the Hall and "Guess Which Saint I Am?" game is included in the fun event.

Sunday, 10/31, 1:30PM
Monday, 11/1, 5:30PM
Tuesday, 11/2, 6:30PM
Virtual class party is Friday, 11/5, 5:30PM

Open to all, even those not enrolled in Faith Formation classes. RSVP to Mrs. SV: theresa@cath-comm.org

St. Matthew Women's Guild Meeting

NOVEMBER 10TH AT 7PM
ST. MATTHEW—CLASSROOMS # 2 & 3

In coordination with our Advent Candle Sale (see information below), Deacon Mike will be joining us at our meeting to speak on the topic ***'Advent: A Closer Look at the Christian Traditions & Meanings'***.

We extend an invitation to all (not just the ladies!) interested in learning more about this joyous season welcoming the Baby Jesus into our hearts and homes.

For more info: Rosemarie 203-313-7573

The St. Matthew Women's Guild will be selling Advent candles at St. Matthew Church beginning November 6th. We will be selling the candles after every Mass through the month of November or until we sell out! Be prepared to celebrate Advent: A Season of Expectation, by purchasing Advent candles!

"Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath."

For more information: Lynn O'Brien 860-508-5149

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YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE!

The Blessed Sacrament Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath online sale is now open!

The Youth Ministry will decorate the wreaths and have them **ready for pick up after all of the Masses the weekend of December 4th and 5th**. Pick up at either Church (pickup location is chosen on the online order form).

Orders will be accepted until November 14th.

To order your wreath, scan the QR Code or go to the homepage of our website.

SPIRITUALITY MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
6:30 - 7:30PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH HALL

Anyone interested in learning more about Spirituality is very welcome!

- The next **Youth Choir Mass** will be:
  Sunday, November 7th at 12:00pm
  at St. Bernard Church
  If you'd like to join, please email Liz Bologna at BSPMusic@cath-comm.org

- The next **Youth Music Group Mass** will be:
  Sunday, November 21st at 10:30am
  at St. Matthew Church
  If you'd like to join, please email Rebecca Urrutia at rebecca.urrutia@cath-comm.org

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

To request prayers or join the Prayer Network, email: prayer@cath-comm.org or call the parish office at (860) 875-0753 Ext 100.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Monday	October 25	Team 4	St. Elizabeth
(Karen, Barbara, Cindy, & Michael working)			
Tuesday	October 26	Team 8	St. Bridget
(Diane, Tom, & Linda working)			
Wednesday	October 27	Team 16	St. Joseph
(Jean & Michael working)			
Friday	October 29	Team 11	St. Dominic
(Steve, Cheryl, Aidan, & Phil working)			

The fruit of love is service,
which is compassion in action.
St. Mother Teresa

We are looking for people to join our team:
~ lead the candy booth (teens welcome)
~ lead the Kid's booth (teens welcome)

Raffle Items: We are looking for items to raffle. We don't need the items now, but we need to know what they are by **October 27th**. Contact Debbie at frostyvillage@cath-comm.org

Attic Treasures: Drop off will be **November 12th - 17th.**
Items will not be accepted earlier!

OCTOBER 24-27

Grades K-6

- Sunday at 8:45am at St. Matthew until the new St. Bernard building is ready.
- Monday 4:30pm at St. Matthew
- Tuesday 5:30pm at St. Matthew
- Wednesday virtual will meet online

Grades 7-10—Large Group Session (in the Church)
Teens may attend either session

- Monday 7pm at St. Matthew
- Tuesday 6pm at St. Bernard

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Baptism Preparation Class

The next class for registered parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptized is scheduled for:

Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00pm

Call Denise at 860-872-0200, Ext. 2 to pre-register.

Baptisms are scheduled:

- at St. Bernard on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the month
- at St. Matthew on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday of the month

Welcome to the Parish Family

Jackson Lee Allen

Margaret Rose Gale

Baptized — October 17, 2021

Offertory Collection Baskets

During the pandemic, Blessed Sacrament Parish has suspended having ushers collect weekly offertory envelopes. Instead we now have collection baskets located before each Communion station. Please put your envelope in the basket when you go for Communion.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Offertory

Why We Give

Giving Grows Our Character

Giving helps us to better reflect the character of God. He has given us everything—not even withholding his own Son!

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

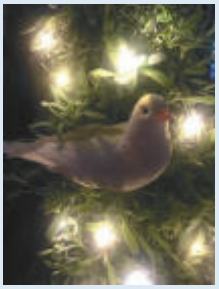
Romans 12:13

Weekend of 10/17/21:

Weekly Collection:		$ 24,028.58
Tithe:	The Needy Family Fund	$ 1,201.43

Please make all checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish

Thank You For Your Generosity



Peace Tree

The Peace Tree honoring our military men and women will be set up at St. Bernard Church on December 3rd in advance of our parish Advent Penance service (scheduled for Sunday, December 5th at 3:00pm at St. Bernard Church).

If you have a loved one who is actively serving in the military and would like their name included on the tree, please email spirituality@cath-comm.org or call either Church office. **Thank you.**

St. Bernard Women's Guild Christmas Bazaar

The St. Bernard Guild has decided for the second year not to hold our Christmas Bazaar. We are still very concerned about everyone's safety given the COVID situation.

We will, however be holding our raffle. Soon each registered household will receive four raffle tickets. The tickets are $5.00 each and the prizes will be MasterCard gift cards as listed on the ticket. **The drawing will be held on December 5, 2021 immediately following the 10:00am Mass at St. Bernard Church.**

A letter will be included with the tickets providing all the details. We thank you so much in advance for all the support you have given us in the past and hope that you can help us again this year. Last year was amazing!

Mattie's Togs Thrift Shop at St. Matthew Church

MATTIE'S TOGS, located on the Dunn Hill side of St. Matthew Church, is ready for the "Change in Season" shoppers. We have an abundance of Winter and Fall clothing for you to fill a Bag for $5. Summer clothing is always available. Sizes range from Preemie to Size 18 and larger for boys and girls.

We are open on Saturdays from 9 - 1. Masks are required if you have not been vaccinated. Please bring your own bag and call Billie at 860-871-0260 if you have any questions.

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Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Friday, December 24th
4:00pm Mass
at St. Matthew Church

Children's Choir is for children ages 6 and up and we will sing in person this year.

Rehearsals will take place after the Sunday 10:30am Mass on 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19.

The deadline to register is: November 1st.

For more information, contact Music Director Rebecca Urrutia at: rebecca.urrutia@cath-comm.org

Where are YOU on Your Journey? It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration and community – five basic elements that are present in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community.

This year, our program is in person on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Matthew. We also offer the flexibility for people to join the sessions virtually.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this spiritual journey towards baptism and/or confirmation, **please contact Brian Carey at rcia@cath-comm.org for more information.**

2021 ACA Update: As of September 30th

Congratulations to Blessed Sacrament Parish for surpassing its goal!

The current amount donated is $155,651 with 13.93% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish receives thank you letters from groups & organizations that we support through our tithing program. Below are excerpts from some of those letters.

Cornerstone Foundation:

Thank you for your continued support to the Cornerstone Foundation. We are grateful for your consideration.

Lunch was over and I was closing the door to the soup kitchen when a little boy no more than five years old came running up to the door and said, "I am hungry, can I have some food?" I asked him if he was alone, and he said he was with his daddy and sister, who soon caught up with him. No matter what the time of day it is when someone comes to the door of the soup kitchen and says "I am hungry." We will feed them.

When I think of this family, I thank God for people like you who made it possible to help them in their time of need.

Thank you for sharing and caring. You have made a difference.

Town of Tolland Food Pantry:

On behalf of the Tolland Human Services Department, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your recent donations to the Tolland Food Bank. It is especially appreciated during these uncertain times. Currently, our department is helping residents with Covid-19 related food needs, utility assistance, medical costs, gift cards, and other needs as they arise.

It is difficult to convey in a letter the immense appreciation that families have expressed to us when they receive our assistance. We always point out that if it were not for the generosity of Tolland residents, we at the Human Services Department would not be able to help. So although you don't hear their gratitude firsthand, please know that you are directly helping Tolland families and we are all extremely grateful.

Outreach to Haiti (OTH):

Thank you for your generous donation for St. Pierre Teacher Salaries.

Through your partnership with OTH you are helping save and change the lives of the most vulnerable children and families in Haiti. Our goal remains to provide basic human services in such a way as to provide a pathway out of poverty for the people who we serve. We thank you on their behalf for playing a very important role in meeting this daily challenge.

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REMINDER FROM ST. BERNARD CEMETERY

LED Lights & Candles are not allowed at St. Bernard Cemetery. Burning candles pose a fire risk, especially with falling leaves.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 24, 2021

WATCH

WITH GOD IN RUSSIA

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.

LEARN

THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE, SIX-PART SERIES

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. John Sehorn, professors at the Augustine Institute, walk through the culture shaping, famous work of The Confessions of Saint Augustine. This classic of western literature has shaped thought for over 1,500 years and is a spiritual masterpiece reflecting man's relationship with God.

LISTEN

THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN AUDIO BOOK BY G.K. CHESTERTON

One of the most memorable sleuths in the canon of detective fiction has to be Father Brown, the small priest with "a face as round and dull as a Norfolk dumpling", but who nevertheless outwits the greatest criminal minds with his wisdom regarding human nature. Brought to life here by actor Kevin O'Brien in a series of dramatic readings.

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SAFE ENVIRONMENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, ***Praesidium***, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, ***Called to Protect***.

Due to the current pandemic, the in person ***Called to Protect*** in person training classes have been postponed. **Praesidium** is available and the preferred training at this time. As soon as in person gatherings are permitted, ***Called to Protect*** in person training will resume.

Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

In addition, the following documents are available on our website www.blessedsacramentct.org. Click on Resources and then Safe Environments.

- Safe Environments in the Diocese of Norwich
- Diocese of Norwich : Sexual Abuse & Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedures
- 8 Things Children Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School
- 9 Things Teenagers Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School
- 10 Things Concerned Catholics Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School
- 12 Things Parents Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School
- 16 Things Employees and Volunteers Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

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Virtual YX YOUTH EXPLOSION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH FROM 1-3 PM

FAITH ALIVE!

All kids in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in our Diocese annual Youth Explosion Event!

WHAT IS YOUTH EXPLOSION?

It's FUN!
It's ENTERTAINING!
It's FAITH-FILLED!
And It's FREE!

Come join us and ***"The Doug and Dave Show"***! They will have you laughing and loving God for sure!

Register with Bridget Thurston or Hilary Brady at youth@cath-comm.org to get the link to participate.

COME ON....IT'LL BE FUN!

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Easy Catholic cordially invites families of current 6th, 7th, 8th graders and transfer students to join us on Thursday, October 28th at 6:45 for our **Admissions Open House**. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS. We are offering the **entrance exams** on Saturday, October 30th or Saturday, November 13th, both starting at 8:30 am. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

Our **Shadow Day** program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

We continue offering private **family tours** by appointment only. To schedule a tour, please visit https://calendly.com/echstours GO EAGLES!

Women's RETREAT

WOMEN'S RETREAT: "ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST & EVERYDAY LIFE"
PRESENTED BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH IN COVENTRY, CT

Join us for a **FREE virtual Women's Retreat**, Saturday, October 30, 2021, 9am-3pm-***via Zoom***

Explore with us Encountering Jesus, His true presence, in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & prayer, & in everyday life. Hear an engaging talk on the Eucharist by Deacon John Hunt of the Archdiocese of Boston, as well as personal stories from women like you, plus prayer & song - a retreat experience not to miss! Organized by women from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Coventry.

For more information and for registration information, contact: Elizabeth Percy at **tiggpercy@hotmail.com**

ACTS Connecticut

ACTS IS BACK!

WITH A MEN'S ACTS RETREAT NOVEMBER 4-7

All men are cordially invited to spend a faith filled and refreshing weekend on a retreat at beautiful Enders Island. Take some time for yourself to have a personal relationship with our LORD.

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact us directly:

- Mark Gadzik, Retreat Director Phone: 860-707-4989
- Dave Fortin, Retreat Co-Director Phone: 860-268-383

Or just drop an Email to: men2021@actsct.org.

Or you can download our brochure and registration form at https://www.actsct.org/mens-schedule

Please prayerfully consider joining us, your ACTS team would be thrilled to accompany you on your journey to a more personal relationship with our LORD.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person must sharpen another" - Proverbs 27:17

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? 1-800-848-LOVE

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Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join us for a virtual workshop and learn ways to grow through the experience of your loss

Praying Your Goodbyes

Saturday, November 13, 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

This online, virtual workshop will include time for personal reflection, prayer and journaling and tips on how to navigate the upcoming holidays

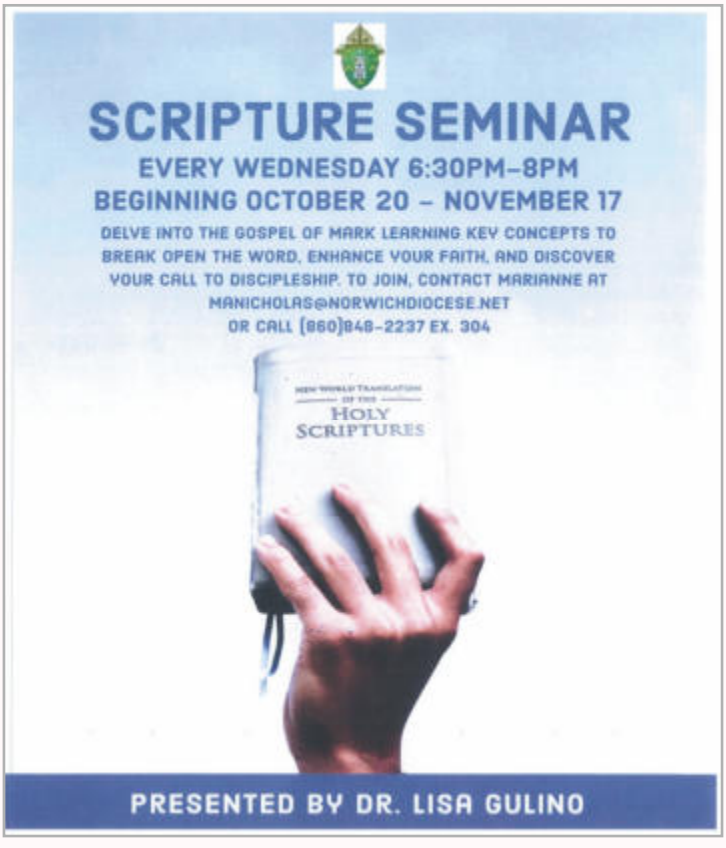
There is no fee for the workshop. To register, contact:
Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services Office
860-848-2237, Ext 312 or mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

THE VIRTUAL ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary
Join us every Tuesday in October at
3pm to recite the Rosary online.

Meeting link: https://bit.ly/3mogX95
Meeting number: 132 196 4253
Password: Mary

*The third Tuesday will be the Rachel Rosary.



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