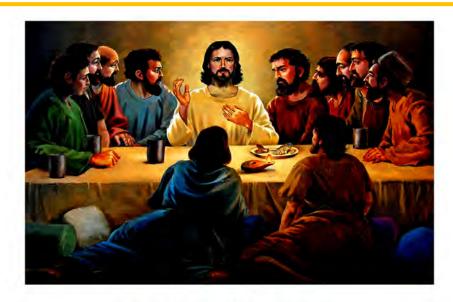
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A Reconciling Love

Loving Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to reconcile the world to you. Grant that our hearts may be open to your revelation in the Eucharist and in the Word. May your Spirit enliven us that we may spread our faith to all we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 Without Fear



Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 (7a); 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures," we hear in today's Gospel. Our lives are sometimes filled with so much noise that our Lord's voice gets lost amid the cacophony. If time in silence with God is carved into our day, we can discern what God is saying to us in Scripture. But being still in a quiet place can be daunting. Begin the practice by sitting in the quiet one minute a day until that minute passes quickly. On subsequent days, increase the time to two, three, and four minutes until you are able to sit for twenty minutes with God.

In that silence, open yourself to be vulnerable to God. Doing so might seem daunting so begin by reading a verse from Scripture, saying a short prayer, or speaking to God just as you would speak to a friend. Tell God what makes you doubt in his promise. There is no need to fear such a conversation with God, for he wants a deeper relationship with you. Just as he met the startled and terrified disciples where they were in their faith, so he will meet you.

"Peace be with you," Jesus says to the disciples in today's Gospel. He wants peace for you also. In the silence, Christ awaits your invitation to open your mind to the Scriptures. He, too, awaits your response as a witness to the mercy and forgiveness he offers all who believe. In accepting the peace that Christ offers, consider who in your life needs you to offer them mercy.

Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

Next YM Gathering- April 21 after 6:30pm Mass. Parents are invited to their own meeting while the teens are at their YM Gathering.

IGNITE - Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in the Antioch Room. All high school students are welcome!

Attn. All High Schoolers: We are looking for Teen Lectors. Once trained, you'll be able to be scheduled to read at Mass. Contact Craig for more info.

Attn. H.S. Seniors: Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? Contact Craig or Shelby for training.

Foundations in Faith

Please sign up on the parish website.

The final session is on Thursday, April 25 9:30-11:30am or 7-9pm in the Jerusalem Room **The Holy Spirit -** presented by Marilou Tenazas

"Play-'n-Worship" Our Sunday School for ages 3 through Kindergarten during 10am Mass in the Gathering Room.



Parents, you can now have a more meaningful worship experience with fewer interruptions, while your children learn about our faith in a fun environment with games, crafts & songs.

Parent(s) must to sign their children in and out of the program, sign-in time starts at 9:45am. Email Catzel at catzel@churchofpresentation.org with any questions.

May Mass A Celebration of Women



God Is Always Working

Speaker: Luisa Lepera-Fox Monday, May 6 at 7:00pm

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Parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Our Wedding Anniversary Celebration held here at the parish for parishioners celebrating one of the "fives" in 2024 is **Saturday, June 1.** Registration forms are in the Narthex & may be downloaded & printed from the parish website. Deadline to sign up is May 14.

5, 25 & 50-Year Wedding Anniversary Masses at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark

All couples who will be celebrating 5, 25 & 50 years of Christian marriage in **2024** are invited to participate in an anniversary mass to be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica.

5-Year Anniversary: May 5, 12:00pm **25-Year** Anniversary: May 5, 12:00pm **50-Year** Anniversary: June 2, 12:00pm RSVP FOR THE MAY 5 MASS by April 25 RSVP FOR THE JUNE 2 MASS by May 21

RSVP to Nancy Mierswa at ext. 839 or nmierswa@churchofpresentation.org

Presentation Seniors

Our May 14 meeting will feature one of our most acclaimed programs. James Michael is returning to charm us with his voice, personality and his lovely wife, Lucy, duet partner. "Music from the American Songbook" is the program. We're in for a treat!

Reservations will be taken for the award winning musical "Beautiful, The Carole King Musical." This will be on **April 25** at the White Plains PAC. \$125. Call Loraine O'Loughlin at 631-259-1391 to see if any seats are available.

May 15 Trip - featuring dancing, entertainment and lunch at "Let the Good Times Roll" at the Brownstone. The trip down memory lane is \$95, includes transportation, lunch, beverages and entertainment. Wear your dancing shoes! ōoooooooooooooooooooooo

FROM THE PASTOR

Easter is the centerpiece of all that we believe and because of that, it takes 50 days until Pentecost to continue the celebration, indeed, every Sunday of the year is a "little Easter." As we look around, it's easy to see that Easter is all around us. Jesus is no longer on the cross, there's fresh water in our baptismal font, we're decorated with flowers and our giant Christ candle in all its glory is in the sanctuary. The Sacraments we celebrate during the Easter Season also speak of new life in our parish. In addition to the 13 people who joined our faith community at the Easter Vigil, we'll celebrate First Communions for 95 of our young people (beginning next Saturday) and 98 Confirmations on May 4. We're baptizing infants this weekend with more to come. Thanks to the many coordinators and teams that pull all of this together!

 $Fr.\ Bob$



Morning Yoga Classes

Mondays at 9:45am in the Community Room. Wear loose clothing, and bring a mat, towel & water. Donations welcome.

Green Thumb Ministry - Tuesdays at 8am

Help us maintain the outside grounds of the church, i.e. by gardening, weeding etc. Bring whatever basic garden tools you may have. Come when you can. No commitment necessary. We meet in the parking lot opposite Mary's Grotto. Questions? Email Michele Baron at mbaron@churchofpresentation.org

Knights' Corner Knights of Columbus



Presentation Council #6033

On the this Third Sunday of Easter – "Draw near, look and touch" - Jesus says to each of us today. May we never hesitate, never fear to draw close to his loving compassion heart.

<u>Upcoming Events for our Brother Knights</u>

K/C Meeting: This Wed., April 17 (7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.) with food, drink, & an update on all of our planned events. At the meeting, we will ask for volunteers to join us in the planning of the **September golf outing.** This important fundraiser should raise over \$30K for Presentation, its ministries and the local community.

Children with Disabilities Collection on Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28

This is our annual collection to support children with intellectual disabilities. This initiative runs statewide throughout all Councils and, as we did last year. we'll be collecting donations by Uncle Giuseppe's in Ramsey and by the Stop & Shop store in Wyckoff.

Please join with your family members, they are welcome to help as always. We need as many people as possible so that we can cover all the shifts.

On our webpage on the parish website (churchofpresentation.org/knights-of-columbus), the Knights may sign up for upcoming events & volunteer opportunities.

Who are the Knights? We are men serving our parish as friends and brothers. Our order's key principals are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We are looking for a 'few more good men to join us. If you can afford 1-2 hours once or twice a year and you are interested in giving back, you have enough time to join us and help make a difference. It might not sound like much, but your presence really makes a big contribution to our programs. Email kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org to learn more or visit kofc6033.org.

Women's Morning Group:
Thursdays at 7:30am via Zoom
All women are invited to join us every Thursday
morning at 7:30am for an hour. Weekly attendance not
required, but you are most welcome! Email Kathleen at
kmartorano@churchofpresentation.org for the Zoom
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LGBTQ Ministry

LGBTQ Ministry is a welcoming fellowship embracing the dignity and diversity of all Catholics by fostering a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and his people, through Word, Worship and Outreach.

For more information or to get involved, please contact LGBTQ@churchofpresentation.org



Eucharistic Exposition

Come anytime on Wednesdays from noon-6pm to spend time with our Lord in the Nazareth Room.

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"Non-Summer" Office Hrs: 9:30am-5pm Mon-Fri

Confession: Mon-Sat after 9am Mass, Sat 3:30pm-4:45pm, or by appt.

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Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama *ext.* 823

Prayer Tree Ministry: prayertree@

Weekdays after 9am Mass, all are welcome to stay in the church to pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet.

This Week's Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:00am Thomas Gambino, Sr., by Larry & Joanne Rosten

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

9:00am Andrew Siconolfi, by the Raschen Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00am Louis Rocco Petrosino by Eugene & Ellen Mortensen

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am John Gorgo, by Ken & Selina Hillenmayer

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am Charles Virga, by Mary Lauricella

SATURĎAY, APRIL 20

9:00am Bernadette McGowan, by Maureen Cinelli Angelo Annecchino, by the Herlisky Family 5:00pm

Peter DeNigris, by Regina Cogliano Christopher Tucci, by Joe Tracy William Romas, by Elizbeth DeVirgilio Ida Pandolfo, by Vito & Maria Cuocci

Angelo Annecchino, by Matalie Andre

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am Rosario Leonardi, by Dorothy Koski

Emily Blancovich, by the Strahlendorff Family 10:00am

11:30am James Ardizone, by Sharon Butler Peter Seibel, by Ann & Jerry Schott Pierre Soulié, by Catherine Dalal

Al Giordano, by JoAnne Giordano

Linda Pierson, by Judy Pierson & Agnes Marple Marie Delardi, by the Presentation Seniors

6:30pm Hazel & John Ford, by the Rover Family

We also pray for the following ill: Susanne Knoepfle, Edison Sangama, Pilar Sangama, Raymond Richardson, Virginia Kondrat, Anne Downs, Seth Gopin, Frank & Desiree Esposito, Joe Schneider, Ginger McDonald, Tom Crowley, Geri Cruzen, Jim Montone, Baby Jack Stender, Cheryl Agnes, Joseph Mansfield, Joyce Moshac, Ethan Benjamin Berkowitz, Joan Sharp Victoria Regan, MaryAnn Solazzi-Skees, Sal Solazzi, Christine Solazzi, Frank Cirillo, John Nazzaro, Marie Kaspar, Cheyanne Emmons, Pete Reilly Jr., Kathie McKinless, Tencha Guadron, Jerry Mattimore, Egil Arnoldo, Urrutia Baldizon, James A. Callaghan, Judi Larkin, Joan Sharp, Rosemary Tocci, Theresa Fallon, Jere Johnson, John Rodriguez, Kim McDavitt, Ellen Hart, Cornelius Hanna, Adrienne Stephens, Karin Elliott, Gloria Zoda, Bill Brown, Marcie O'Brien, Scott M. Koenig, Lynn St. John Brew, Ken Genalo, Richard Hanna, Mary Goldberg, Larry Vanore, Christopher Noel Hanna, Steven Chakonis, Thomas Doorhy, Śab Caponi, Baby River Budesa, Joan Borysenko

and recently deceased: Annette Pizzuto (mother of Dana Franchini), Elena Pandolfi , Fernando de Carvalho (husband of Michelle Rooney)

To request prayers in the bulletin for the ill or recently deceased, email LizC@churchofpresentation.org. The deadline for a name to appear in an upcoming bulletin is Tuesday at noon. If received after noon on Tuesday, it will be printed in the following week's bulletin. If the ill person still needs prayers after their name is removed, feel free to email Liz to have their name printed again in the bulletin.

For mass cards & mass intentions, call or visit the parish front office, or visit the Information Desk in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

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