# We are Church of the Presentation,

a welcoming Catholic community leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through **Word, Worship,** and **Outreach**.

April 21, 2024 / Fourth Sunday of Easter

# We Welcome Our Children to the Table of the Lord

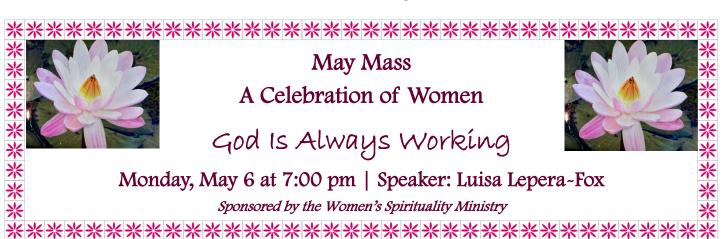
Saturday, April 20

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Next YM Gathering- TODAY, 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.

#### Caring Stitches - Tuesday, April 23

We knit, crochet & guilt for the

benefit of the sick and bereaved.

Patterns and yarns are available. Join us from **6:30-8:30pm** in Gathering Rm. South. We generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. *Contact Michele Baron with any ?s.* 

#### "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 <u>catzel@churchofpresentation.org</u> with any questions.

#### Alzheimer's & Dementia Support

Our **Support Group** is virtual on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm-8pm; the group meets next on **April 24**.



8pm; the group meets next on **April 24.** Facilitated by Debby Montone, RN, Certified Dementia Practitioner, & Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator from the Greater NJ Alzheimer's Assn.

To receive the Zoom link, email Michele Baron at <u>mbaron@churchofpresentation.org</u>

## **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

### 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

#### 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 <u>parish website</u>. 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* 

#### FROM THE PASTOR

This is <u>"Good Shepherd Sunday,"</u> the fourth Sunday of our Easter Season. It's also called the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Good shepherds are hard to find in any line of work. In a world crammed with ambitious leaders, be they in business, media, politics, education, or religion - surprisingly few take their followers in a direction which contributes to the common good.

Our parish, however, is blessed with

**many shepherds** - those with their arms around our ministries and those with arms around our young people learning about our faith. We have shepherds generously donating to enable all of this to happen. We have other shepherds showing up to deliver food, decorate our worship space, participate in our masses, clean our gardens, and much more. I'm grateful to all of you who give their time, talent and treasure to keep our parish going. Good shepherding if I've ever seen it!

**<u>First Eucharist</u>** season begins this weekend (on Saturday, April 20), and it's a joy to welcome so many of our young people to the table of the Lord.

Fr. Bob

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

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Knights' Corner Knights of Columbus



Presentation Council #6033

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter – Heavenly Father, may we experience your infinite love and mercy for each of us and courageously share this Good News with the world.

Join us to share our faith by serving others. We have slots still open for our Children with Disabilities Drive. To volunteer, up via the link below or email kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org

For those who missed our April meeting, we need volunteers to join us in the planning of the golf outing. If you are interested, please email us at kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org to volunteer.

#### Upcoming Event for our Brother Knights

#### 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. SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

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 us at kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org to learn more or visit kofc6033.org.

# **Monday Yoga Classes**



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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **Our Shepherd**

God the Father. you are our shepherd, who offer us green pastures, and life-giving water. Through love and kindness, you lead your flock to a restful place. With your tender touch. you cast away our fears. There is nothing we want but to remain by your side. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday, April 21, 2024 The Good Shepherd

Today's readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18. When you see the Good Shepherd depicted in art, do you see yourself as the lamb? Do you see yourself as one to be protected, guided, and comforted? Or do you think the lamb reflects only a child? Imagining yourself as the lamb will provide insight into who God is for you. "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me," Jesus says. This portrayal reveals the intimacy of our relationship with God. God knows us and has given us the capacity to know him.

The shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The Good Shepherd has already done this for us, dying on the cross so that we may have eternal life. A hired hand, however, does not have this connection to the sheep; he would not sacrifice his life for the flock. This man "sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away."

Our Shepherd is with us-in our loneliness and sorrow as well as in our joy. Spend a few minutes in quiet, imagining yourself with the Good Shepherd in a green pasture. Let him hear not only your voice but your deepest desires. Seek to expand your quiet prayer time this week so that you might hear the Good Shepherd's voice. Remember your relationship with the Good Shepherd grows as you make space for him in your life.

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Dur 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!

#### **Easter Flower Memorials** - Please keep these intentions in your prayers. (Thank you for your offerings. Our apologies for any errors or omissions).



Geraldine Troast, by Arthur Troast Fred & Florence Wiecke and Edward Kennedy Sr, by the Kennedy Family Sergio & Vincenza Gagliardi, by Vito & Maria Cuocci Donato & Ignazia Cuocci, by Vito & Maria Cuocci Joe Buckley, by the `Buckley Family Jon Hill, Bill McGovern, by Patti & Peter Hill Deceased members of Flynn & Bob Families, by Dianne Bono Dolores & Francis Rover, by Denise Rover John A White and Larry & Eleanore McGee, by Larry & Jackie McGee Richard Clifford, by Marilyn Clifford-Waring McCaffrey & Forster Family, by Nancy Hicks Deceased Members of Kolokowsky Family, by Patricia Kolokowsky John Edward D'Andrea, by Mary Ellen D'Andrea Jeffrey McCartney, by Margaret Mahon Edward McDonald, by Ann & Alison McDonald and Beth Marate Mary & Peter Pavone, by Joseph & Laura Stanziani Antionette & Armando Stanziani, by Joseph & Laura Stanziani Ken Birdsall, by The Birdsall Family Sylvia Mulvaney & Anna Prunk, by the Mulvaney & Prunk Family Deleasea/Kowal/Presti/Sieland Families, by Rosario & Dorothy Presti Michael J & Doris G Lombard, by David Lombard & Huberth Naranjo Intentions of Pat Doorhy Joseph Salierno, by Florine Salierno William O'Toole, by Janet O'Toole Marie & Vincent Abbatecola, by Janet O'Toole Anna & James O'Toole, by Janet O'Toole Deceased Family Members, by Suzanne Sykes Donald Mullen, by Mary C Mullen Bob Metroke, by Craig & Liz Johnson Anna Bieniecki, by Debralu Bieniecki Aldo Giordano, by Joanne Giordano Peter A Seibel, by Carolyn Seibel Meredith Stevens, by Patrick Curran Bill Molnar, by MaryAnne Molnar Gardner-Perley Families, by Althea Gardner Bello-Hayek Families, by Alison & Tom Havek Intentions of M/M Mario Didomizio Jack Corrigan, by Peggy Corrigan

Ann & John Mizdol, by M/M Arthur Bandini Patrick & Cecilia Pompeo, by Mr & Mrs Joseph Pompeo

Joseph & MaryJo Pompeo, by Mr & Mrs Joseph Pompeo Deceased Graziano/Vasallo Families, by Mary Ellen & Anthony Vassallo Dennis Foley, by Barbara Foley Alice & Jorge Gomes/Callen Family, by Bob & Claire Callen Jose Gonzalez, by Magdalena Negron Michaely, by Roger Wieland Balsano & Depellegrini Family, by Rosemarie DePellegrini Lawrence Restieri, by Mrs Maria Restieri Agnes Maida, by Margaret Debrot Val Puns & Irene Favat, by Adrienne Lauer M/Mrs Martin Connolly & Family, by Charles Connolly Bert Coudriet, Mary & John Forte, Edward & Margaret Coudriet, Joanne Singley, by the Coudriet Family Connie D'Angelo, by John D'Angelo Lena Tabino, by Lenova Cino Blanche Swarthout/Alice & Charlie Parks, by Tom DeBrock Fannie & Henry Pforte, by Helen & Ken DeGraw Robert Kirby, by Leslie Kirby Ann Laffey, by Michael Laffey Theresa Anselmi, by Matthew & Denise Anselmi Charles Regalbuto, by Marie Regalbuto Joseph Criscione, by Deborah Criscione & Family Ignacy Hrehorowicz, by Justyna, Rafal Sniezawski Angie & Len Serio, by Audrey Hirst Intentions, by Jennifer Vardaro Maria Zunno, by DeAngelis Family Daniel Collins, by Elizabeth Collins Intentions, by The Allison Family Jay O'Neill, by Ann O'Neill Deceased Members of Uzzi & Gerbino Families, by Ralph & Thomasina Uzzi Helen Embree, by Barbara Petrosino Vincenzo Zannino, by Anthony & Rosa Grippa Donna Laraia, Agnes Durken, by Antoinette & Michael Santini Giovanni & Giovanina Velardo, Angela Velardo, by Michelina Troiano, the Santinis Bambina Troiano, John & Josephina Troiano, by Antoinette & Michael Santini, Michelina Troiano Vincenzo Troiano & Victor Santini, by Antoinette & Michael Santini

Mary Casey, Maqry & Enrico Santini, by Antoinette & Michael Santini

Stephen Jaskot, by Karen Sommers Eileen Bucher, by Kathleen Weller Intentions, by Ralph Zampini June McGregor, by Gerri Kearns Vincent Lolacono, by Frances Lolacono Robert Leckie, by Lorraine Leckie Deceased Members of the Cuomo, Jarer, Cerabona Families, by Pat Cerabona Helen Robnett, by Pat Lang Intentions, by Vincent LaBarbiera Intentions, by Hernaks Bob Smith, Frank & Peggy Aris, by Peggy Smith Deceased Family Members, by Ben & jeanette Margiotta Carmine/Carmela/MaryAnn Santora, by Josephine Ingaglio Bob & Peggy Dowd, by Deborah Dowd Antonia Jean Lucca, by Jeffrey Lucca Intentions, by M/M John Micheline Charles, Edith, Robert Zeilinger, by Mary Ann Zeilinger Helen Plunkett, by Jeanie Murphy Gerry Roemen, by the Finnegan Family Intentions, by Finnegans Intentions, by Lew Mulvaney Deceased Family Members, by Jim and AnneMarie Bauman August Ercolino, by Cheryl & Joe Racanelli Intentions, by Helena Anne Rella Stephanie Mileski, by Marich Family Frank Rossi, by Julie Rossi Phyllis Galini, by Celia Galini

#### VA VA VA VA Paschal Candle Memoríals

These Memorials are special remembrances during the Easter Season. *Please keep these* intentions in your prayers.

Gary Abbate, by Susan & Thomas Abbate

Christine Boyle, by the Boyle Family *M/M Joseph Celentano, by M/M* R.A. Celentano

Bert Coudriet, by Vincie & Ed **Coudriet** 

Thomas Mitchell, by Susan Mitchell Abate

M/M Stephen Zeman, by M/M R.A. Celentano



#### **Eucharistic Exposition**

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



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Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823 **Prayer Tree Ministry:** *prayertree*(*a*)

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

#### This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Denise Cretella, by Gerri & Matt Harold

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MONDAY, APRIL 22
Anthony Casino, by the Zuleg Family
TUESDAY, APRIL 23
Edward Daly, by Marie Regalbuto
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Frank Delardi, by the Presentation Seniors
THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Doris Lombard, by David Lombard
FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Charles Virga, by Mary Lauricella
SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Erlinda Ancheta, by Giza Valderrama
Jame Francis Flynn, by Dianne Bono
Angelo Annecchino, by Alison & John Corcoran
Ida Pandolfo, by Marie & Frank Rubino
Jose Antonio Blanco, by Joann & Camillo
Dominic Lepore, by Pat Lepore
Joseph Zapata, by Pat Lepore
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Antonia Carollo, by Elise & Al Galgano
Joseph Flanegan, by Sonia Allen
Kathy Monahan, by Ruth Harrison
Rita Raywid, by Barbara & Mike Murphy
Jeanne LoIacono, by Fran LoIacono
Rudolf Kolb, by Mark & Carol Kolb Peter Seibel, by Annette & Vic Hoffman
Lucille Devaney, by Daniela Machinga
David Holzbauer, by Denise Rover
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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, Sab Caponi, Baby River Budesa, Joan Borysenko

and recently deceased: Emily Ginter, mother of Edward

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.

We ask that you prayerfully consider using electronic donations through Faith Direct

(if you don't already). Visit <u>membership.faithdirect.net/NJ854</u> or the parish website to enroll or make a onetime donation. Thank you for your support!





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