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April 28, 2024 / Fifth Sunday of Easter



We Welcome Our Children to the Table of the Lord



Saturday, April 27

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 **May Mass** 
A Celebration of Women
God Is Always Working
Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm | Speaker: Luisa Lepera-Fox
Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Ministry

Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

Next YM Gathering - Next Sunday, **May 5**, after 6:30pm Mass. ***There will be a parent session while the teens are at their 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.

**WE WILL CELEBRATE
MAY CROWNING AT THE
10:00AM FAMILY MASS
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5**



...to all who recently donated First Communion outfits. This drive is organized by St. John's in Hillsdale and your donations contributed to 146 outfits collected from parishes in our area. Thank you for your part in helping to make a child's First Communion day special!

"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.

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 ASAP FOR THE MAY 5 MASS

RSVP FOR THE JUNE 2 MASS by May 21

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

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**



**SAVE THE DATE!
OUR PARISH PICNIC IS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
(the fun begins after 11:30am Mass!)**

FROM THE PASTOR

Golf has been a hobby of mine for a while, although I'm not going to threaten the Senior Tour anytime soon! One of the first rules of golf and good form is to "replace your divot." The divot is that clump of grass beneath your golf ball (looks a little bit like a toupée), which sometimes travels further than the ball itself! If you replace the divot over its bald spot, no harm will be done to the lawn. You can even replace it, frankly, within 24 hours as club members often pick up after others who are too lazy to replace their divots. Any longer than that, it dries out and becomes useless, and then you've got this ugly splotch in the middle of the fairway. That clump of grass has to stay close to the source of its existence and nourishment in order to survive.

Today's famous **gospel story** is the one about the vine and the branches, Jesus of course, being the vine, and we the branches connected to Him. As long as we remain attached and maintain contact with Jesus, regardless of the variations on how we grow, we'll survive.

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The Easter Season continues with new life! **Congratulations to those visiting the Eucharistic table** for the first time today, the final weekend of this Easter Season's First Communion celebrations.

Congratulations also to all of our teens who will be celebrating **Confirmation** with Bishop Saporito next Saturday.

Our semi-annual **Wedding Preparation** is also this weekend, and we pray for all those couples entering this phase of their lives.

Next Sunday at our 10am family Mass, we will honor our Blessed Mother with **May Crowning**.

Fr. Bob

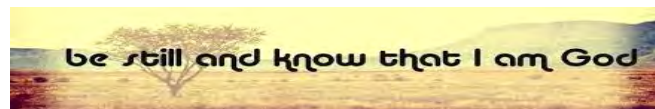
Centering Prayer Retreat Day

Saturday, May 11
9:30am-3:00pm

Join us for a special day of renewal with Centering Prayer, music, and healing meditation. We'll close with a Labyrinth walk, weather permitting. We will meet in the Community Room.

Please bring a bagged lunch.

With Beth Lawrence & Sr. Christine Tobin



Monday Yoga Classes

at 9:45am in Gathering Room North.
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

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 link. Let's share the gift of faith together!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Vine of Life

Lord Jesus,
you are the vine of life,
we are but branches
yearning to give fruit.
Grant that the Holy Spirit
may nurture your people
to remain in you

so that we may give the life
that you have shared with us
to those we meet,
allowing them to be transformed.
You live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Bearing Fruit



Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–31; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing,” Jesus tells his followers in today’s Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he “spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus.” After Paul’s conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and

remain in Jesus’ love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?

Paschal Candle Memorials

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
Dolores & Francis Rover, by Denise Rover
M/M Stephen Zeman, by M/M R.A. Celentano



Knights' Corner
Knights of Columbus



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On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we reflect, "O God, you have made us your vine that we may bear fruit. Nourish us. Trim away the parts of us that are rotting or unproductive. Cultivate your life within us so that we may be joyful and fruitful people, so that we can bring joy to others and find fulfillment."

This weekend we will be at Uncle Giuseppe's in Ramsey and Stop n Shop in Wyckoff collecting money for the Intellectual Disability Drive. Thank you for your support !

2024 Golf Outing: 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.

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.

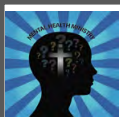
Email us at kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org to learn more or visit kofc6033.org.

The **CAREER MANAGEMENT GROUP** is here for those who are unemployed, under-employed, looking to enhance their career or just considering a career change. We meet in a welcoming, low-pressure setting. **Our next session is Monday, May 13 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Room (& on Zoom** - members will receive the link. **All are welcome**, email us for the link if you're not a member & cannot attend in person). The topic is **Working with Search Firms - A Key Career Skill** (whether you are thinking about a career move or actively searching for a job). Join us to learn more & bring your questions!

If you have concerns or questions at any time about your job, a search for a job, networking, assistance with interviews, etc. simply email presentation.cmm@gmail.com with your name, email address and a brief introduction and we will be happy to assist.



MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM



Our Mental Health Ministry wants you to be aware that there is an upcoming NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greater Bergen County Family to Family Education Program, which is offered online. This eight-week course, facilitated by trained volunteers, is a free program for families, significant others, and friends of people with mental health conditions. The program covers all the major mental illnesses, basics of the brain functions, a medication review and topics that relate directly to understanding and managing the disorders.

The weekly program will be held online on Thursdays, May 9 through June 27, from 7-9:30pm. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit namigreaterbergen.org/event/nami-family-to-family-may-to-june-2024/

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!

Opportunity: We are in need of a treasurer. Call Tom at 201-424-6095 to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to stay young and be involved.



Eucharistic Exposition

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



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Mass Schedule: See "Mass Intentions" on this pg.

Summer Office Hrs: (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 9:30am-4pm Mon-Thur

"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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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 29

9:00am Michael King, by the Adams Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00am Roger Watson, by Pete & Clare Finlay

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00am Diane Geitzenauer, by the Murphy Family

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:00am Lorraine J. Stanley, by the Colonna Family

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:00am Carol Canavan, by Peter & Joanne Gunderson

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm Arturo Pandozzi, by Carol Latargia

Donald Whittam, Sr., by Don & Beth Whittam

Jemma Graziano, by Mary Ellen & Anthony Vassallo

Thomas A. Bristol, Jr., by Dennis Avon & Lisa Setticas

Romualdo Cogliano, by Regina Cogliano

Barbara Koski, by JoAnn & Frank Leanza

Alfeo & Robert Feit, by Josephine Feit

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00am Charlie Virga, by Therese Gagliardotto

10:00am David Allen, by Sonia Allen & family

11:30am MaryAnn Barone-Chapman, by Ginny DePalma

Mary Forte, by the Coudriet Family

Edward McCarthy, by his family

Eileen Murphy, by Jill Haubert

Patrick Meehan, by Eileen & Matt D'Elia

Jackie Zeman, by Mark & Carol Kolb

6:30pm Matilda Tabor, by Carol & Jack Tabor

We also pray for the following ill: Judith Gaess, Lu St. Aubin, Mary Anne Nardini, Marinus Macolino, Cathy Mueller, Susanne Knoepfle, Edison Sangama, Pilar Sangama, Raymond Richardson, Virginia Kondrat, Anne Downs, Seth Gopin, Frank & Desiree Esposito, Joe Schneider, Ginger McDonald, Adrienne Stephens, Karin Elliott, 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, Chevonne Emmons, Pete Reilly Jr., Jerry Mattimore, Egil Arnoldo, Urrutia Baldizon, James A. Callaghan, Judi Larkin, Joan Sharp, Rosemary Tocci, Jere Johnson, John Rodriguez, Kim McDavitt, Ellen Hart, Cornelius Hanna, Gloria Zoda, Bill Brown, Marcie O'Brien, Scott M. Koenig, Ken Genalo, Richard Hanna, Mary Goldberg, Larry Vanore, Christopher Noel Hanna, Steven Chakonis, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi

and recently deceased: Lynn St. John Brew, Josephine DiGregorio (mother of Vincent), Theresa Fallon (mother of Tom), James Donlin (father of Mary Mitsinikos)

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To request prayers **in the bulletin** for the ill or recently deceased, email [LizC@churchofpresentation.org](mailto: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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