

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 13, 2025 / Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**



## HOLY WEEK BEGINS



### Pardon & Peace

**Tuesday, April 15, 7:00pm**

*This Communal Service includes  
the opportunity to receive the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation. We  
will have extra priests available.*

Weather permitting, all families are  
welcome to join us on the great lawn  
for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Holy  
Saturday, April 19**, at 10am. We'll  
have two hunts, one for ages 0-3, and  
one for kids ages 4 & up.

**Bring your Easter baskets!**



### Good Friday Bicycle Stations of the Cross with Fr. Bob



Weather permitting, we will leave from  
the front of the church on Good  
Friday morning after the 9am  
Morning Prayer Service  
(approximately 9:30am). We'll do a 12-mile route,  
stopping at Guardian Angel, Villa Marie Clare, St.  
Gabe's, Zion Lutheran, the Old Stone Church and  
the United Methodist Church. There is a shorter  
8½ mile route that will let you bail out as we loop  
back, if you want a smaller dose. There are a couple  
of hills on the route. At each stop, we'll  
reflect on several Stations of the Cross  
and the Liturgical architecture that the  
particular church emphasizes. Bring a  
bagged lunch for when we're done!



## THE TRIDUUM - A Three-Day Celebration

### Holy Thursday, April 17

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm  
(followed by Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament until 11:00pm)

### Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am  
Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30pm

### Good Friday, April 18

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Labyrinth Walk, 9:45am (after Morning Prayer)  
Bicycle Stations, 9:30am (see above)  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm  
Youth Ministry Living Stations, 7:30pm

### Easter Sunday Masses, April 20

**8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am, & 1:00pm**

*There is no 6:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday.*

## Easter Sunday Parking Help Needed!

Men & women high school age or older - we need you! If you can help, please contact Barry Ervin at 201-819-0891 (cell).



## "Play-'n-Worship"

**Our Sunday School for ages 3 through Kindergarten** during 10am Mass in the Gathering Room.



**Note: No Play 'n Worship on Easter Sunday.**

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.**

Questions? Email Catzel [catzel@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:catzel@churchofpresentation.org)

## Foundations in Faith

Please sign up on the [parish website](http://parishwebsite.org).

The next session is: **Thursday, April 24**  
9:30-11:30am or 7:30-9pm in the Community Rm.

### Embrace Your Spiritual Gifts

by Marilou Tenazas

+ The final session is "Synodality & the Synod on Thursday, May 1, by Fr. Rich Francesco

## 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](mailto:mbaron@churchofpresentation.org)*

## Easter Sharing

- † **Please remember to bring your Sharing Board items back to the parish by the end of this weekend. Thank you!**
- † Contributing **supermarket gift cards**; please bring them to the gift box in the Narthex.
- † **Tuesday, April 15**, at 10:00am: Sorting, packing, assembling food & carving hams (*RSVP to 201-327-1313 ext. 844. You **WILL NOT** get a call back.*)
- † **Holy Saturday morning, April 19**: Delivering food to three of our soup kitchens (*RSVP to 201-327-1313 ext. 871 & you **WILL** get a confirmation call back.*)
- † **Easter Sunday, April 20** at 7:30am: Serving meals in our Bronx soup kitchen. (*RSVP to 201-327-1313 ext. 871 & you **WILL** get a confirmation call back.*)

## Youth Ministry Happenings

[churchofpresentation.org/youthministry](http://churchofpresentation.org/youthministry)

**YM Gathering - April 27 after 6:30pm Mass.**

**IGNITE is back!** Are you looking to grow in your relationship with the Lord with a deeper "youth group" connection? Join us on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in the Antioch Rm. Come once, often, or weekly!

**Attn. All High Schoolers:** We are looking for Teen Lectors to read at mass. Contact Craig if interested.

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

## GRAND CAMP IS COMING!

**For Grandparents & their Grandchildren**  
(who are entering Grades K-5 in Sept.)

**"Celebrating God's Greatness!"**

**Tuesday-Thursday, August 12-14**

9:30am-noon (but we encourage you to begin each day with 9am daily Mass)

Join us for this special summer Bible Camp. Enjoy great quality time together and make special memories!

Fees: \$50 per pair / \$10 per extra child

Register on the [parish website](http://parishwebsite.org).

Registration deadline is June 30 but don't delay! Limited space available.

Questions? Email Patty at

[pdodwell@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:pdodwell@churchofpresentation.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR

The Franciscans helped popularize Holy Week with the Stations of the Cross. So many people in the old world were unable to get to Jerusalem because of the distance, expense and shifting political landscapes. Yet they wanted the grace available by "taking up the cross." They created special places for the faithful in Europe to locally access the Via Dolorosa. Of course it became so popular that you can't find a church today without the "Way of the Cross" on its walls or grounds. This devotion is a vibrant way for all of us to experience this special pilgrimage. Let's walk with the Lord in a special way this week.

All of our Holy Week offerings are on the cover, with some highlights below:

- † The **Easter Mass Schedule** is different than the regular weekend Mass schedule. *See the cover.*
- † **Pardon & Peace**, 7:00pm on Tuesday. What a great way to enter the week.
- † **Morning Prayer**, Thursday, Friday & Saturday mornings at 9:00am. During these three days, the Eucharist is suspended except for the evening services of the Triduum.
- † **Holy Thursday**, the Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.
- † **Good Friday**, Bicycle Stations with me, Labyrinth Walk (*both after Morning Prayer, weather permitting*); celebration of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the cross at 3:00pm & our Youth Ministry's Living Stations at 7:30pm.
- † **The Easter Vigil**, 7:30pm on Holy Saturday. Don't be afraid of it! It's one of the most exciting moments of the year, a great teaching tool for our families, and a great celebration welcoming our new members into our faith. We will be baptizing nine Elect at the Vigil.

Let's have a great Holy Week!

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**Annual Appeal Update:** 382 households have pledged \$162,000, 82% of our \$196,624 goal. We still need your support to reach our goal by June 30.

Fr. Bob

## the 2025 Annual Appeal

In addition to supporting the Catholic Church's mission in our Archdiocese, reaching this year's goal of \$196,624 will also result in a benefit to Presentation. If we meet our goal by June 30, our assessments to the Archdiocese will be lowered and we'll receive a rebate which greatly helps our annual budget. Donate on our [parish website](#).

## IT'S A CELEBRATION!!!

**Save the date for the celebration of Fr. Bob's retirement & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday, June 1 at the 11:30 mass, with a picnic reception (free of charge) on the back lawn to follow. We'll have food, a beer/wine tent, and live music by our favorite band, Group Therapy!**

**Volunteers needed to help with the picnic. Visit the [parish website](#) to RSVP for the Mass &/or picnic (by May 9 please), & to sign up to volunteer!**



### Notes to our Elect & Candidates

We invite our parish community to write notes of affirmation, hope, prayer or support as they anticipate celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (**by Holy Thurs. please**). The box for your notes is in the Narthex.

**Charles August, Linda Babcock, Benjamin Brady, Layla Crosby, Bradley Gutman, Molly Kalb, Tiffany Maher, Kiley Mont, Deborah Montone, Margaret Osei, Chloe Quinn, Lucas Ruocco, Danielle Schnapp, Peter Schnapp**

### Order of Christian Initiation Inquiry Gatherings

*This is for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or those wishing to convert to Catholicism &/or those interested in receiving Sacraments they have "missed." Call Diane Carr at ext. 831 for more info.*



### "Keeping in Balance"

**A Walking With Purpose Women's 9-Week Scripture Study**

Join us on:

**Tuesday mornings, April 29 through June 24  
9:30am-11:30am in the Gathering Rooms.**

Visit the [parish website](#) for more information & to register.



The CAREER MANAGEMENT GROUP's next session is on **Monday, April 14 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.** The topic is **Career Q&A: Bring Your Career & Job Search Questions.**

Our experienced volunteers are there to provide:

- ♦ Support with networking and contacts, resumes, interviews, job-related social media, AI tools, etc.
- ♦ One-on-one follow-up time for assistance.

**All are welcome!** If you **wish to join** our Career Management network, or have questions at any time, just email [presentation.cmm@gmail.com](mailto:presentation.cmm@gmail.com) with your name and a brief introduction and we will be happy to assist.

If you are experienced in this field and would like to contribute some time to work **with us as a volunteer**, please contact us at our email address listed above and let us know. Help is always appreciated!

## Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Our Wedding Anniversary Celebration held **here at the parish** for those celebrating one of the "fives" in 2025 is **Saturday, June 7**. Registration forms are available in the Narthex & may be downloaded & printed from the [parish website](#). **Deadline to sign up is May 18.**



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

All couples who will be celebrating **5, 25 & 50 years** of Christian marriage in **2025** are invited to participate in an anniversary mass celebrated by Cardinal Tobin on **Sunday, June 1 at 3:00pm.**

**RSVP FOR THE NEWARK MASS by May 8**  
to Nancy at ext. 839 or [nmierswa@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:nmierswa@churchofpresentation.org)



## PALM SUNDAY

### Journey with the Lord

Merciful Lord,  
humbling yourself,  
you came to us.  
You endured humiliation, suffering,  
and pain  
as your followers turned away.  
Today, we prepare to journey with you.  
Open our ears  
so that we may hear your voice.  
Guide us in radically  
accompanying you.  
Wash away our sin  
and lead us to paradise.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**  
**Radical Accompaniment**

*Today's readings: Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49.* Today we enter Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. At Mass, the procession will be different than other Sundays. The assembly will receive palms and gather at the church's doors. As the first Gospel is proclaimed, the assembled will hear of Jesus entering Jerusalem, greeted by a joyful crowd waving palms. At the end of the reading, all will wave palms and sing as the priest processes to the sanctuary. These actions commemorate Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During the proclamation of the passion, the horrifying story of Jesus' suffering and death is told. Not only do we hear of the crucifixion but also of Peter's denial of Jesus and of the

soldiers jeering at our Lord. Amid the betrayal and the mockery, though, women wept for him, a man carried Jesus' cross, a criminal asked to be remembered, and a righteous man wrapped the Lord's body and brought it to a tomb, where women prepared oils and perfume.

As a community, we contemplate the last moments of Jesus' life. Aware that Jesus is with us in our moments of desolation, we take seriously our journey with him through his passion. Entering Holy Week, consider how you might walk with Jesus—be it praying with Scripture daily, inviting a friend or family member into your prayer, or serving at a local shelter. Offer a prayer in gratitude for Jesus' relentless accompaniment.





## Monday & Wednesday Yoga Classes

at 9:30am. Wear loose clothing, and bring a mat, towel & water. Donations welcome.

### 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](mailto:kmartorano@churchofpresentation.org) for the Zoom link. Let's share the gift of faith together!

## Presentation Seniors

**Tuesday, May 13** - Back to the second Tuesday of the month. Our program is Ellis Island: **"Island of Hope, Island of Tears."** Historian Mario Medici will discuss the island's earliest days up to the present day, reliving some of our immigrants' experiences and stories along with their fears and disappointments.

Wednesday, May 14 trip: **"Swing"**, the Tony-nominated musical at the Hunterdon Playhouse. Enjoy the music & dancing of the big bands era & a full menu of luncheon choices including a roomful of desserts. Cost \$99. For tickets, call Barbara Salmieri 978-335-2233.



## Our Compost Bins Are Open!

Our compost bins are located next to the parish garden. Composting is a way of returning to the land what has come from the land.

### The following are compostable:

- ◆ all fresh fruits and vegetables
- ◆ coffee grinds (paper filters are also OK)
- ◆ egg shells and nutshells
- ◆ grass clippings from un-pesticide-treated grass (no bags please)
- ◆ paper towels
- ◆ leaves of any kind (fresh green, Fall brown, and even leaves from gutters)
- ◆ flowers (fresh, dried, or dead)
- ◆ saw dust and wood ash
- ◆ chopped twigs and chopped branches only

Please **NO** fats, oil, dairy or meat scraps; large branches, lumber, or invasive weeds.

## Knights' Corner Knights of Columbus



## Presentation Council #6033

Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wed between Sept and June. Our next meeting is this **Wed., April 16** at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Room. Come join us for fellowship, food, and drink & to hear about what we are doing.

Thank you to those who attended Pasta Night, and to all the volunteers who made it an astounding success. We hope that you had an amazing evening!

**Drive for Children with Disabilities:** May 10, 11, 17, & 18. This is open to all Knights, family, & friends. Sign up at [www.churchofpresentation.org/knights-of-columbus/](http://www.churchofpresentation.org/knights-of-columbus/)

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We are men serving our parish as friends and brothers. Our order's key principles 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 in someone's life. It might not sound like much, but your presence really makes a big contribution to our programs. Visit [kofc6033.org](http://kofc6033.org) or email us at [kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org) to learn more about the Knights.

## 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](mailto: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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**Information Desk:** Sun. 9am-12:45pm in the Narthex

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

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

**"Non-Summer" Office Hrs:** 9:30am-5pm Mon-Thu. | 9:30am-4pm Fri.

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

**Email Addresses:** Except as otherwise noted, all of our email addresses end with: [@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:@churchofpresentation.org)

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## This Week's Mass Intentions

*Bread & Wine: Emily Ginter, by the Mierswa Family*

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**

9:00am Lynn St. John Brew, by Brendan Brew & Geri Troast

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

9:00am Evelyn Coyle, by Sheila Keane

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

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

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

(See the cover for the Easter Sunday Mass schedule)

**We also pray for the following ill:** Pat Brunnock, Jared Bochicchio, Tom Napolitano, Justin Spillane, Carol Latargia Blake, Holly Holland, Patricia Lamoriello, Mary Lou Murphy, Patricia Carey, Danny Lauber, Michael Donovan, Jamie Brown, Althea Gardner, Thomasina Uzzi, Richard & Monica Castiglia, Ronald Volino, Keith Brew, Guy & Marion Gaudenzi, Ellen Bellias, Clara Willey, Kimberly Berardino, Christina Grenzer, Birgit "Ana" Borgman, Bernhard Freund, Veronica, Bill Partlan, Mike O'Donnell, Bob DePellegrini, Bobby Vandal, John & Wilma Mcmurren & family, Christopher Noel Hanna, Cornelius Hanna, Doreen D., Frances Gerbino, , Baby River Budesza, Marianne & Bill Hurley, Francis J. Neeson Jr., Rosemary Fuhrman, Patti Murray, Louis D'Amico, Ethan Benjamin Berkowitz, Marie Hiles, Michael Roger, Jon Rapkin, Steven Chakonis, Cathy Mostyn, Kevin Flood, Dirk & Donna Kinney, Mary Anne Nardini, Cathy Mueller, Susanne Knoepfle, Virginia Kondrat, Anne Downs, Seth Gopin, Adrienne Stephens, Karin Elliott, Frank Cirillo, John Nazzaro, Marie Kaspar, Cheyanne Emmons, Gloria Zoda, Bill Brown, Scott M. Koenig, Mary Goldberg, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi, Rosemary Tocci

**and recently deceased:**

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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 name is not kept on the list indefinitely. 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 for the deceased**, call or visit the parish front office, or visit the Information Desk in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

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

### Welcome to Jubilee 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope."

All are welcome to join us on a spiritual journey to celebrate the Jubilee & to deepen your understanding of God's mercy, rediscover hope, and share the joy of the Gospel in this extraordinary Holy Year of grace and renewal. The Bergen County pilgrimage site is St. Pius X Church, 268 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan, NJ The Rosary Ministry will be doing a pilgrimage to St Pius X on **Wed., April 16 at 10:30am**, where you can receive a Jubilee Indulgence. Please RSVP to Evelyn Paglieri at [epaglieri@verizon.net](mailto:epaglieri@verizon.net) if you would like to participate.

*We ask that you prayerfully consider using electronic donations through Faith Direct. Visit [membership.faithdirect.net/NJ854](http://membership.faithdirect.net/NJ854) or the parish website to enroll or make a one-time donation. Thank you for your support!*



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