

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 20, 2025** / *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

# Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We welcomed our Elect and Candidates into the Body of Christ at the Easter Vigil through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & First Eucharist. With great joy we congratulate those who responded to the call of God:

*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*

*Anyone seeking to inquire about the Catholic faith is always welcome any time throughout the year. For more info, please call Diane Carr at 201-327-1313 ext. 831.*



### **Catholics are always welcome to come home!**

The Lenten-Easter season evokes many memories for Catholics who are away from active participation. *Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter* - these powerful days remind us of our Catholic roots.

It is never too late to come home, you are always welcome here!

*If you would like to speak to someone about your spiritual journey, feel free to call anyone on our staff. We'd love to hear from you!*



*This year's collection of **First Communion Outfits** was a wonderful success! We were able to dress about 175 children with the beautiful dresses, suits, jackets, shirts, headpieces, shoes and monies that were so generously donated by all of you to make their day one to cherish! Outfits were first distributed to needy children in the local area. Then they were distributed in Newark to St. Rose of Lima Parish, and Sacred Heart Cathedral. Thank you for your wonderful support, caring, and generosity. You have made a **HUGE** difference in the lives of so many children. May God bless you!*

## Foundations in Faith

Please sign up on the [parish website](#).

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

### "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)

## Youth Ministry Happenings

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

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

**IGNITE!** 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!

Church of the Presentation is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.



The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! **The DMI is an important survey tool** that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Presentation. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- ◆ Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- ◆ Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- ◆ Help parishioners grow in their faith.

**The 10–15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link from April 26 – May 25** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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*Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

## 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](#).

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

**Happy Easter!** Let's not say that lightly!! The Resurrection puts all of life into perspective. We know that the numerous gifts we enjoy in this world: be they family, friends, jobs, sports, the shore, Broadway shows etc., will end at some point. But we've heard Jesus' promise: "If you eat my body & drink my blood, you will live forever." Death does not have the last word. We go home to a life beyond anything we can imagine. Talk about Good News!

**Many thanks** for the prodigious efforts it took for us to celebrate Holy Week - especially those involved in worship, environment, liturgy, music, hospitality, outreach and in catechizing our Elect and Candidates who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**We welcome** all our extended family and returning college kids to Presentation today. We're thrilled to have you! Stay connected with us on social media.

*Have a blessed Easter!*

*Fr. Bob*

### Alzheimer's & Dementia Support

Our **Support Group** is virtual on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm-8pm. The group will meet next on **April 30**. 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 at [mbaron@churchofpresentation.org](mailto:mbaron@churchofpresentation.org)



### 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!**



### "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.

### May Mass

A Celebration of  
Women

Jesus Calling

Speaker: Ruth Harrison  
Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm

*Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Ministry*



## 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.

## 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)



## EASTER SUNDAY

### New Life

God our Savior,  
you have defeated death,  
reigning immortal!  
Through your resurrection,  
you give us the gift of new life.  
In gratitude, we praise you.  
Embolden us to seek you.  
Grant us the strength  
to believe and to spread the news  
of our salvation!  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Sunday, April 20, 2025 See the Stone Removed

*Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9.* As a faith community, we have journeyed with Jesus through his passion. Imagine, however, living in Jesus' time and witnessing the traumatic event unfold. Imagine watching as Jesus is humiliated, mocked, tortured, and brutally killed in front of a large crowd. Mary and the disciples stood with him as he endured unimaginable pain and suffering, watching as their hopes in what Jesus had preached disappear.

On the first day of the week, after the Sabbath, Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Upon seeing the stone removed, she runs to the disciples. Two

disciples run to the tomb; imagine their hearts racing, still mourning and confused. They reach the tomb and see the burial cloths and the cloth for Jesus' face rolled up separately. Imagine their surprise! The beloved disciple "saw and believed," but "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

On this most glorious day, step into the experience of Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple. Run to the tomb, see that the stone is removed, and peek in. Look at Jesus' burial cloths and allow yourself to rejoice! Feel hope in new life! What does this Easter season hold for you? How can you live into the hope of resurrection of the Lord?

## Caring Stitches - Tuesday, April 22

We knit, crochet & quilt 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.*



On **Thursday, May 1 at 7pm**, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 600 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield NJ will have a **Family Mass for child loss**. To add your child's name, contact [John.Kalinowski@rcan.org](mailto:John.Kalinowski@rcan.org) or 973-497-4327. *Sponsored by the Office for Family Life Ministry of Healing & Loss of the Archdiocese of Newark.*



## Monday & Wednesday Yoga

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!*

## 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)*



## 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., May 21** at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Room. Come join us for fellowship, food, and drink & to hear about what we are doing.

**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.

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## This Week's Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light: Leonard Pursiano, by Patricia & George Erdman

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

9:00am Bernadette McGowan, by the Cinelli Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

9:00am Fr. Ed Ciuba, by the St. Francis Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00am Leonard Pursiano, by Patricia & George Erdman

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

9:00am Maureen Keane, by Sheila Keane

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

9:00am Doris Lombard, by David Lombard

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:00am Evelyn Lockwood, by Gail Battaglia & Terri Biggs

5:00pm Joan Sansone, by Joe & Audrey Verboys

Rev. Matthew Huber, by the Presentation Staff

Mary Ann Barone-Chapman, by Ginny DePalma

Sharon Moran, by Mary Ann & Jack Koluch

Bob Waring, from "your friends from Table 8"

Irene Haberstick, by Cheryl Morrissey & family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:00am Rosario Leonardi, by Dorothy Koski

10:00am Charles Ehinger, by Dorothy Ehinger

11:30am Anna Prunk, by her family

Emily Ginter, by the Sartori Family

Theresa Fallon, by the Sartori Family

Linda Lavelle, by Don & Fran Partlan

Edward Daly, by Marie Regalbuto

Fred Atienza, by his family

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

*We also pray for the following ill: Daniel Negron, Mary Urban, 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 McMurrin & 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.

*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!*

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

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