We are Church of the Presentation,

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

May 4, 2025 / Third Sunday of Easter



We Welcome Our Children to the Table of the Lord

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DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

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.

PLEASE TAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY!

- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15 minute survey with multiple choice questions can be accessed through an <u>online link on</u> <u>the parish website</u> through May 25. We ask that everyone in your household who is high school age or older each complete the survey. 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. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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.

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.

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The Presentation Rosary Ministry is having a Baby Shower collection in support of the mothers and babies at the Birthright of Bergen County crisis center. Please help these moms who have chosen life for their babies.

Needed Items (Only New Items please)

- Diapers (sizes newborn–6)
- Girls & boys clothing (newborn-2T)
- Onesies (newborn-12 mos)
- Blankets, Bibs, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo & Wash, Towel Sets, Bottles, Bottle Brush, A&D/Desitin Diaper **Ointment**, Diaper Bag, Sun Hats
- Socks (newborn -2T)
- Gift cards also appreciated!

There will be bins set up in the hallway outside of the kitchen and just outside the back doors of the parish center from May 4-18 for donations.

If you have any questions or would like pick up of your donations, please email epaglieri@verizon.net.

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

WE WILL CELEBRATE MAY CROWNING AT THE **10:00AM MASS** NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11



"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. Questions? Email Catzel catzel@churchofpresentation.org

Youth Ministry Happenings churchofpresentation.org/youthministry YM Gathering - May 18 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! 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.

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CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT Thursday, May 15, 6-8pm

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend the 7th Annual Catholic College Night to be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Parish Center, 1 Passaic St, Ridgewood, NJ.

Currently, twenty-two colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full list of schools attending please visit Mount Carmel's website at www.olmcridgewood.com

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FROM THE PASTOR

In today's Gospel, we see there's a little unfinished business between Jesus and Peter. Peter, for all his passion and impulsiveness, had denied the Lord three times and today, over breakfast, they're patching up their differences. The Lord asked Peter, "Peter, do you love me?" It's almost hard to listen as we hear Jesus have to ask him three times.

The Easter Season continues with new life! Congratulations on all those receiving their First **<u>Communion</u>** today (Sunday) and next Saturday. It's always a joy to welcome our children to the table of the Lord for the first time.

The **<u>Disciple Maker Index</u>** survey is open until May 25. The purpose of the survey is to invite you to reflect on your journey of discipleship, enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions, and to help you grow in your faith. Please take the time to complete the survey. You can access the survey link on the parish website.

Congratulations to Riley Coplin, Audrey Monks, and Kerry Prunk - our high school seniors who have been awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts on their accomplishments over the past 13 years. We're very proud of you!

Fr. Bob

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*************** IT'S A PARISH CELEBRATION!!!

We're celebrating Fr. Bob's retirement & 50th 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!

CARDS FOR FR. BOB

We have boxes for any cards you'd like to write to Fr. Bob in the Narthex & outside of Maureen Murphy's office.

Speaker: Ruth Harrison Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Ministry

May Mass

A Celebration of Women

Jesus Calling



An Invitation to All Men of the Parish! Join the Men's Ministry & our Knights of Columbus in a Farewell Celebration for Fr. Bob

Thursday, May 8 - Mass at 6pm followed by **Beefsteak Dinner in the Community Room**

\$40 per person

Payable as follows -Venmo: @Leonard-Ditomaso -Send check to Church of the Presentation -Pay at the door

Catered by the renowned Nightingale Caterers, "The Beefsteak Company since 1938"

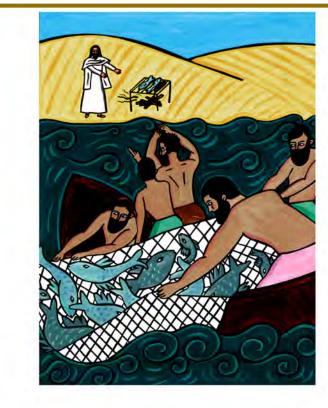
Hand-sliced Beef Tenderloin on French Bread **Golden Brown French Fries** Spring Mix Salad **Relish Tray of Olives, Pickles** Ice Cream Sundaes PLUS, Beer & Wine!

Please RSVP ASAP for Caterer Headcount to: LenDitomaso@gmail.com or 201-803-6510



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

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.



Third Sunday of Easter

Responding to the Lord God our Helper, you appear to us in average moments, in our daily routines. Grant us the courage to open our eyes, for the wisdom to see you. Guide us to show our love for you by singing your praises and caring for your people. You have rescued us! We give thanks to your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 4, 2025 Do You Love Him?

Today's readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 or John 21:1-14. Today, we hear about Jesus revealing himself to his disciples for a third time after the resurrection. He shows up on an average day, as the disciples do their work. They are struggling to catch fish, and he directs them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. After they do so, they are unable to pull the net because of the number of fish they have caught. So Jesus is recognized: "It is the Lord." He invites them to break bread with him.

When they finish their breakfast, Jesus asks Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter replies with a resounding "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus asks the same question twice more, perhaps because Peter denied him three times during the passion. Each time Peter replies yes, Jesus instructs the disciple to feed or tend the Lord's sheep.

It is a blessing to reflect on the many ways Jesus appears to us. We know he is present in the Word and in the Eucharist, but today we are reminded that he also appears to us in ordinary ways. When he appears to you in your day-today routines and asks you if you love him, what do you say to him? Is your response timid or resounding? How do you feed his lambs or tend his sheep?

The CAREER MANAGEMENT GROUP's next session is on Monday, May 12 at 7:30pm VIA ZOOM.



"Effective Use of LinkedIn for Job Seekers"

The Career Management Group is here for those who are unemployed, under-employed, looking to enhance their career or considering a career change. We meet in a welcoming, lowpressure setting. For a free ticket to this virtual session, visit https://COTP-CM-Linkedin-for-Job-Seekers.eventbrite.com.

LinkedIn is an important medium for professionals. Whether you are looking for a job now or plan to in the future, there will be something here for you!

Our presenter, Sandy Lukavsky, is a parishioner and an experienced HR executive. She is the founder of SLR Talent Consulting, which provides career services including coaching, job search strategies, resumes and LinkedIn advice.

If you wish to join our Career Management network, or have

questions at any time, just email presentation.cmm@gmail.com with your name and a brief

introduction and we will be happy to assist. If you are an experienced and would like to contribute some time to work with us as a volunteer, please contact us at that same email and let us know. Volunteers are always appreciated!



Monday & Wednesday Yoga at 9:30am. 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

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Women's Morning Group:

Thursdays at 7:30am vía 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 <u>kmartorano@churchofpresentation.org</u> for the Zoom link. Let's share the gift of faith together!

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The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission throughout the Archdiocese of Newark namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

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. We have a donation link on our parish website.

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

Knights' Corner Knights of Columbus



Presentation Council #6033 An An

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/

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 or email us at kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org to learn more.about the Knights.



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.

<u>Email Addresses</u>: Except as otherwise noted, all of our email addresses end with: @churchofpresentation.org

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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

Bread & Wine: Joe Stanziani, by Gerri & Matt Harold Sanctuary Light: Alfeo & Robert Feit, by the Feit Family

	MONDAY, MAY 5
9:00am	John Sapio, by Gail Battaglia & Terri Biggs
	TUESDAY, MAY 6
9:00am	David Allen, by Sonia Allen
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
9:00am	Donald C. Nash, by Gail Battaglia & Terri Biggs
	THURSDAY, MAY 8
9:00am	Timothy Franco, by Les Klein
	FRIDAY, MAY 9
9:00am	John Quagliarello, by Joan Mirabile
	SATURDAY, MAY 10
9:00am	Annabele Adonizio, by Susan Smith
5:00pm	All mothers, living & deceased
	SUNDAY, MAY 11
8:00am	All mothers, living & deceased
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11:30am	All mothers, living & deceased
6:30pm	All mothers, living & deceased

We also pray for the following ill: Jennifer Connelley, Claire Quinn, Peter Angelou, Jr., Fran Partlan, Evelyn Roberts, Michael Keane, 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, Guv & 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 Mcmurran & family, Christopher Noel Hanna, Cornelius Hanna, Doreen D., Frances Gerbino, Baby River Budesa, 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. 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 <u>mass cards & mass intentions for the deceased</u>, 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 <u>membership.faithdirect.net/NJ854</u> or the parish website to enroll or make a one-time donation. Thank you for your support!





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