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

May 11, 2025 / Fourth Sunday of Easter



## We Welcome Our Children to the Table of the Lord

Saturday, May 10

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May Mass

A Celebration of Women

Jesus Calling

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

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## **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

Our parish's gift to those couples celebrating one of the "fives" in 2025 is on **Saturday**, **June 7**. Join us for a memorable evening of renewing your vows, pictures, cocktails, dinner, & dancing.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex & may be downloaded & printed from the parish website. Please sign up by next Sunday, May 18.

Celebrate Life

# Baby Shower

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 <a href="mailto:epaglieri@verizon.net">epaglieri@verizon.net</a>.

# "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 <a href="mailto:catzel@churchofpresentation.org">catzel@churchofpresentation.org</a>

# Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

There is no YM Gathering on May 18 (as previously advertised) & no more until September. Sorry for any confusion!

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!

## Watercolor Paint Night Wednesday, May 21

7-8:45pm in the Gathering Rms. \$20- proceeds support our Youth Ministry RSVP via the <u>parish website</u>

## 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 <u>parish website</u>. Registration deadline is June 30 but don't delay! Limited space available.

Questions? Email Patty at pdodwell@churchofpresentation.org

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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.

For a full list of schools attending please visit Mount Carmel's website at <a href="https://www.olmcridgewood.com">www.olmcridgewood.com</a>

## 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

#### FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this, the **Conclave in Rome** is just beginning, so we pray for the Cardinal Electors as they decide who the next pope will be. By the time you read this, he may already be named. We pray for him and the heavy responsibilities he will have to bear. However, at the end of the day, it's Jesus Christ at the center of His Church no matter who the next pope is.

<u>Last week, I was in Rome on our pilgrimage</u> and was thrilled to be able to say Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. During previous pilgrimages, I've said Mass on the 2nd level at one of the many altars in the crypt. This time I was able to celebrate Mass at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter. (the large altar at the end of the long center aisle). It was both humbling and exhilarating to celebrate under Peter's Chair (designed by Bernini) which overlooks the altar. It made me want to get all my theology correct! I was also able to celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, in Santa Croce in Florence (where so many Italian worthies have been buried), and in St. Catherine of Siena's old church on her feast day (where parts of her body remain). Wonderful experiences I was blessed to have!

<u>Happy Mother's Day!</u> What a fitting day to honor our Blessed Mother with May Crowning at the 10:00am Mass today. We wish all our moms the best

of the day and we thank God for all the women in our community who do so much to nourish us, heal us and call forth our gifts.

The Easter Season continues with new life!

Congratulations to those visiting the

Eucharistic table for the first time this weekend; and congratulations also to our teens who will be celebrating Confirmation with Bishop Saporito next Saturday.

I'm happy to report that the **Annual Appeal** has raised \$184,000 donated by 423 households. We're almost at our goal of \$196,624! Let's keep going!

The **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**, the parish's gift to those couples celebrating one of the "fives" this year, is on Saturday, June 7. It's a memorable evening of vow renewals, photographs, cocktails, dinner, & dancing. Please RSVP by next Sunday, May 18, if you plan to attend.

The <u>Disciple Maker Index</u> survey is open until May 25. Thanks to those who have already participated and for those who haven't, please take the time to complete the survey. You can access the survey link on the parish website.

Fr. Bob

# IT'S A PARISH CELEBRATION!!!

We're celebrating 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. 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.

## 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.

#### PLEASE TAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY!

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 with multiple choice questions can be accessed through an online link on the parish website 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 are also available for those if you cannot take 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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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. Bus departure time is changed from 9am to 9:30am. For tickets, call Barbara Salmieri 978-335-2233.

Thursday, June 19 trip: Reservations will be taken at the meeting for the 1-1/2 hour cruise on the Manasquan River, lunch at the renowned SHRIMP BOX. \$105. Bus leaves at 9:30am & returns 5:30-6pm. Questions - call Lorraine O'Loughlin 631-259-1391.

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**



### Instruments of Salvation

God our Light, your kindness endures forever. You know us and grant us eternal life. Help us remain faithful to you. When our sights waver from being set on you, guide us back

to serve you with gladness. When we are persecuted, help us respond as instruments of salvation: give us strength to shake the dust from our feet and continue spreading your Word. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sunday, May 11, 2025 Shake the Dust from Your Feet

Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30. Today, we hear that Paul and Barnabas reach Antioch. They proclaimed the Word of the Lord and exhorted many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism "to remain faithful to the grace of God." A week later, the city gathers to hear the word of the Lord. Upon seeing the massive crowds gathered to listen to Paul and Barnabas, the Jews are "filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said."

But Paul and Barnabas continue to speak out boldly. They turn to the Gentiles, who are delighted to know that they, too, are worthy of eternal life. The Jews continue to persecute Paul and Barnabas "and expelled them from their territory." Paul and Barnabas shake the dust from their feet and resume their journey: filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, their mission to take the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth continues.

Paul and Barnabas teach an important lesson: despite being persecuted, they remain faithful to their call to share the new life that can be found in Christ's resurrection. They are filled with the Spirit and, thus, are strengthened to continue their mission. Where do you get your strength when you are feeling discouraged? How can you embrace the resurrection of our Lord and share that Good News with others?

### 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 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

#### Caring Stitches - Tuesday, May 13

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.

### 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/

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.

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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!

#### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

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We care for people who are **POOR** and vulnerable, before all else.

Workers have rights. WORK has dignity. We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call.

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We are for CREATION.

We live in interdependence with all God has made.

#### **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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Knights of Columbus: www.kofc6033.org kofc6033@

Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823

Prayer Tree Ministry: prayertree@

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#### This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Robert Homler, by the Women's Journey Team Sanctuary Light: Patricia M. Finucane, by the Finucane Family

MONDAY, MAY 12

9:00am Mary Russo, by Jeanette Hoffman & Jim Monks

TUESDAY, MAY 13

9:00am Gladys Mateo, by the Lagana Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

9:00am Lorraine Benderoth, by Joan Everson

THURŠDAY, MAY 15

9:00am Robert Kaiser, by Ted & Regina Williams

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9:00am Michael F. Monks, by Jim Monks

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9:00am Columbia Rusnock, by her family

5:00pm Graziano DiMeo, by Rosa & Anthony Grippa Jemma Graziano, by Mary Ellen & Anthony Vassallo Mary Ann Barone-Chapman, by Ginny DePalma Bob Waring, by the Funeral & Bereavement Ministries

Angela Barker, by the Machinga Family Daniel Henry, by Kevin Birdsall

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00am Michael McCrudden, by Barbara & Richard Spielmann

10:00am Josephine DeGregorio, by the Mehegan Family

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11:30am Jean Dooner, by Stephanie & Bill Janes
Albert Frassetto, by the Ruffolo Family
Robert Darienzo, by the Andricci Family
Tom O'Connell, by Pat Kolokowsky
Barbara Swierzawska, by her son & family
Tim Lawrence, by Marisa Russignan

6:30pm Stanley Kowieski, by the Kowieski Family

We also pray for the following ill: Mary Krugman, Judy DiDonato, Lauren Mounce, Allison Boucher Jarvis, Lorraine O'Loughlin, Joseph & Judy Schneider, Phyllis Clark, Dyan Hardy, Helga Scholton, Lucy Schneider, Henry Schneider, Melinda Carney, Lu St.Aubin, Graham W. King, Dale Walwark, Hope Gusmer, 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, Guy & Marion Gaudenzi, Ellen Bellias, Clara Willey, Kimberly Berardino, Christina Grenzer, Veronica, Bill Partlan, Mike O'Donnell. Bob DePellegrini, Bobby Vandal, John & Wilma Mcmurran & family, Christopher Noel Hanna, Cornelius Hanna, 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:

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 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.

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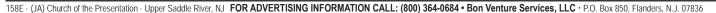












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