

We are **Church of the Presentation**,
a welcoming Catholic community leading people
into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
through **Word, Worship, and Outreach**.

*Our doors are open to EVERYONE - whatever your age or
circumstance, whether you are hurting & looking for healing,
or looking for a parish home, or returning to church.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

September 13, 2026 / 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Humility, Unity, and Joy in Christ **A Bible Study led by Fr. Anthony** **on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

Mondays: September 21, 28 & October 5
7:00pm-8:30pm

This three-week study will examine St. Paul's prison epistle to the believers in Philippi, exploring the profound interplay between Christ-like humility and Christian endurance. Together, we will discover how adopting the humble mind of Christ allows us to live as citizens of heaven, turning everyday anxieties and hardships into unshakable, communal joy.

\$20 fee covers materials. **Please register by Sept. 16** on the parish website.

Flu Shot (& other vaccines) Clinic

Saturday, September 19, 10am-12pm - Appointments recommended

The Presentation Knights of Columbus and Acme Pharmacy in Mahwah are hosting a flu shot (& other vaccines) clinic in the Gathering Rm. To obtain the flu shot, &/or covid, pneumonia (age 50+), shingles (age 50+), tetanus shots (every 10 years), &/or COVID booster, **please visit the parish website to schedule your appointment.**

Wills & Ways: Making Sense of Your Estate Plan **Tuesday, September 22** **10am & 7pm in the Jerusalem Room**



Strasser & Associates, P.C.* will give a presentation on Wills, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney and Guardianship.

They will also discuss Charitable giving and all aspects of Estate Planning. All are welcome to join us for this informative presentation. No RSVP required.

**William Strasser, Esq., principal of the firm, is a Trustee of Presentation. The firm provides legal services to the parish on a pro bono basis.*

The Bereavement Ministry: ***Companions on the Journey***

"We are told that time will heal the grief, but it is in taking the time to grieve that we are healed."



If you are experiencing pain following the loss of a loved one, whether the loss was recent or a while ago, support is available to you. As participants in an eight-week Bereavement Support group, we will examine the many facets of grief (anger, loneliness, guilt, healing) and we will receive spiritual and emotional support from one another. **The next sessions begin the week of September 21.** Groups run by trained and compassionate facilitators will be offered at either 10am or 7:30pm. To register, call 201-327-1313 ext. 872.

Children's Choir Members Wanted!

All rehearsals are in the
Bethlehem Room



Children's Choir (grades 3-8) rehearses occasionally on Tuesdays at 4pm & sings once or twice a month at the 10am mass.

To join or if you have any questions, contact Natasha at ext. 813 or nbellias@churchofpresentation.org

Attn: First Eucharist Parents

There is a **mandatory** First Reconciliation meeting **for parents only** in the Community Room on **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, at either 10:00am or 6:00pm for parents of children in our First Eucharist preparation program. **At least one parent must attend!** Contact Patty Dodwell at ext. 832 with any questions.

Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

YM Gathering for 10th Graders Only: TODAY, Sept 13 after 6:30pm Mass. Required for those in Year 2 Confirmation Preparation.

YM Gathering for 9th Graders Only: Sept 20 after 6:30pm Mass. Required for those in Year 1 Confirmation Preparation. **There will also be a meeting for freshman parents at the same time.**



"Play-n-Worship"
Our Sunday School for ages 3 through Kindergarten is 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

JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

jh.presentationfff.org

Monday, Sept. 14

Group A: 4:00-5:15pm
Group B: 5:30-6:45pm
Group C: 5:30-6:45pm

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Group F: 4:00-5:15pm
Group G: 5:30-6:45pm

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Group D: 4:00-5:15pm
Group E: 5:30-6:45pm

Saturday, Sept. 19

Group H: 3:00-4:15pm

REGISTRATIONS ARE OVERDUE FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS!

Visit the parish website to register online for:

- ♦ Family Faith Formation (grades 1-6),
- ♦ Junior High Faith Formation (grades 7-8),
- ♦ First Eucharist Preparation
- ♦ Year 1 Confirmation Prep (which includes registering for Youth Ministry)

All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are Invited to Join Us

SUNDAY NIGHTS AFTER
6:30PM MASS, WE WILL
MEET MONTHLY (THROUGH
MAY) FROM 7:30-9:00PM
IN THE ANTIOCH ROOM.



Our first gathering is
September 27

Visit churchofpresentation.org/jh-connect
for all of the gathering dates.

Our ministry boasts a welcoming vibe where all are welcome to join us and make new friends in a fun, chill, safe environment!

We have great discussions, play fun games and do some service projects.

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Email Marilou at

mtenazas@churchofpresentation.org

if you have any questions.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2027!

Admissions requirements as well as information on open houses being held by our local Catholic high schools may be found at www.catholicschoolsnj.org (& the schools' websites). *We receive requests to publish individual open house info in our bulletin but space limitations hinder our ability to accommodate them.*

*Schedule
Change*

The parish offices will be closed this Thurs. (Sept. 17) during the day. 9am Mass will be celebrated & evening meetings will take place as scheduled.



The movie, "Saint of 9/11," the true story of Fr. Mychal Judge, will be aired this Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7pm in the church.

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, low-pressure setting. Our next session is **Career Q&A: Bring your Career & Job Search Questions on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.**



Our experienced volunteers are there to provide:

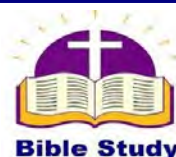
- ♦ Support with networking and contacts, resumes, interviews, job-related social media, AI tools, etc.
- ♦ One-on-one follow-up time for assistance.

All are welcome! If you wish to join our Career Management network, or have questions at any time, just email us with your name and a brief introduction and we will be happy to assist.

If you are an experienced in this field and would like to contribute some time to work with us **as a volunteer**, please email us and let us know. *Volunteers are always appreciated!*

Our email address is: presentation.cmm@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



On **Thursday, Oct. 15**, we will begin a study of the Acts of the Apostles. the meeting on Oct. 15 will be a "no obligation" orientation and series overview. The weekly program, from 7:30-9pm in the Jerusalem Rm., will run on Thursday evenings from **Oct. 22 through Nov. 19**. Cost of the program is \$25 per person, which includes all materials. For more info and to register, email Clara Allen at claraallen97@yahoo.com. New members are always welcome. Come and join us!

Presentation Ambassadors Needed!

Are you a parishioner who loves our parish? We need volunteers to help represent Presentation at Upper Saddle River Day!

We will be participating at USR Day this year on **Saturday, Sept. 26 from 12-5pm** (rain date is Sept. 27, 12-5pm) **Can you spare an hour or two to sit at our table?** We're looking for friendly volunteers to spend a little time greeting neighbors, sharing information about our parish and ministries, and helping us welcome people from our community.

No experience needed, just a smile. We will provide handouts about our ministries. Can we count on you?

To sign up, please email Kathy Costello at KCostello@churchofpresentation.org

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY

Walking With Purpose Scripture Study of Women of the Bible



**Tuesdays,
Sept. 22 through Nov. 17
9:30am-11:30am in the
Gathering Rooms**



Use the QR Code or visit the parish website for more info & to register.

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**

Women's Cornerstone - A New Chapter!

This year, Women's Cornerstone is opening its doors wider than ever!

We're excited to welcome back all past Cornerstone participants to our monthly gatherings, no matter when you attended your retreat. Whether it's been a few years or many, we'd love to reconnect with you.

To celebrate this new chapter, we're kicking things off with a Cornerstone Reunion on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30pm** - a special opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and learn about what's ahead for our Cornerstone community.

If you've ever been part of Cornerstone, you're invited back—and we hope you join us!

Walking Spirituality Ministry's First Fall Walk is Saturday, Sept. 26 at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst

Our first walk for the Fall Season will take place at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst in the Meadowlands. We will be partnering with the St. Francis Ministry as we enjoy the trails in this park that was once a landfill. Our theme will be "Walk with Your Ears," based on the book, "52 Ways to Walk." We will meet in the church parking lot after the 9am



mass and carpool to DeKorte Park. More information will be provided after registration. RSVP on the parish website or by using the QR Code & you'll receive a description of the theme. Feel free to email walkinginspirit2026@gmail.com with any questions.



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*To those who supported
this Appeal & helped us
reach our goal, thank
you for your generosity!
Fr. Anthony*

August 26, 2026

Reverend Anthony Randazzo
Church of the Presentation
271 W Saddle River Road
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Dear Father Randazzo,

I write to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the faithful of Church of the Presentation for successfully reaching your parish goal for the 2026 Annual Appeal. The sacrifice from your parishioners is a wonderful testament to the faith among your parish family. Everyone's collective generosity enables our Archdiocesan ministries to remain vibrant and helps bring Christ to those that need Him and seek Him.

Through your leadership and the support of your parishioners, Church of the Presentation has met its goal and has also qualified for a 2% rate reduction in the parish's assessment rate for the coming year. I hope and pray that the adjusted assessment rate results in savings that can be used for other areas of need at the parish.

Please know how grateful I am for your unwavering support and the commitment you inspire within your parish community. Please share this great news with your parishioners so that they know their efforts support the vital ministries funded through the Annual Appeal and that the parish received a benefit also. Thank you for providing the resources necessary to ensure that the Church's mission continues to flourish and bear fruit throughout our Archdiocese.

May God continue to bless you in your priestly ministry, and may He reward you and your parishioners abundantly for your faithfulness and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Season of Creation - *Immersion in Living Water* No One Lives for Oneself in Ecological Justice

by Amy Rini, Parish *Laudato Si* Intern



We are in week two of Season of Creation (Sept 1- Oct 4), celebrated by ecumenical Christians every year to honor the planet God created for us to steward. It is also the start of the school year, and our Jewish neighbors observe their new year, Rosh Hoshana. This weekend, St. Paul reminds us that “none of us lives for oneself” (Romans 14:7), a message that extends directly to how we care for God’s Earth and our neighbors. Just as the servant in the Gospel withheld compassion after receiving great grace, we fail in our Christian witness when we allow environmental injustices to deprive vulnerable communities of God’s life-giving creation, especially water. Water is a sacred symbol of baptismal rebirth and an essential need for physical survival, yet pollution and degradation disproportionately threaten the most vulnerable among us. Reflecting God’s infinite mercy shown in Psalm 103, in this new year, let us move beyond self-interest and protect our shared waters so that all of God’s children may flourish in justice and peace.

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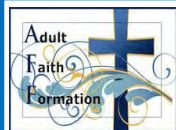
Season of Creation Offerings

Sat., Sept. 26: “Walk with Your Ears” - with the Walking Spirituality Ministry (see page 4 for details)

Fri., Oct. 2: Movie Night - “Signs & Contradictions - the Life of St. Francis” - 7pm in the church

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 3-4: Season of Creation masses

Visit churchofpresentation.org/st-francis for a list of all offerings during the Season (& beyond!)



Save the Dates! A flyer of our Fall 2026 Adult Faith Formation Programs is posted on the parish website.



Monday & Wednesday Yoga

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

Green Thumb Ministry - Tuesdays 8-10am

Help us maintain the outside grounds of the church, i.e. by gardening, weeding etc. Come when you can. No commitment necessary. We'll meet in the parking lot opposite Mary's Grotto at 8:00am on Tuesday mornings.

Questions? Email Michele Baron at mbaron@churchofpresentation.org

Presentation Seniors

Tuesday, Oct. 13 (9:45am): Nina LeBarre & her father Robert Sturtz will delight us with joyful selections of beloved musicals. Nina is an accomplished vocalist and performer with local theater companies. Robert will accompany her with his skillful accordion playing. It will put a smile on your face!

Weekly Justice Challenge



Today’s Gospel challenges us to treat others as we want to be treated. The example which Jesus uses to illustrate this teaching is the one of debtors and forgiveness of debt. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear God challenging us to forgive debt and give people a second chance. Your challenge this week is to focus personally or globally on debt forgiveness. If you go the local route, ask yourself who most needs a second chance in your life. Whose “debt” can you forgive? If you want to meet the global challenge, ask who most needs a second chance, or a chance to start over, in the world. Is it victims of a natural disaster? Could it be those who have suffered from political persecution? Pay attention to what is happening in the world, then choose a group or individual in need of a second chance. How you can help them get it?

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church’s social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

Each person is SACRED,
made in God’s image, equal in dignity.

Each person is SOCIAL,
called to participate in family & community.

All people have RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES.
The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

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’ & sisters’ keepers.

We care 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 church.



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Website: www.churchofpresentation.org

Information Desk: Sun. 9am-12:45pm in the Narthex

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

Summer Office Hrs: June 5 through Sept. 7: 9:30am-4pm Mon-Thu

"Non-Summer" Office Hrs: 9:30am-5pm Mon-Thu. | 9:30am-2pm Fri.

Confession: Mon.-Sat. after 9am Mass, Sat. 1-2pm, or by appt.

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Funerals: ext. 899

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Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823

Parish Envelopes Kathleen Martorano

Prayer Tree Ministry: [prayertree@](mailto:prayertree@churchofpresentation.org)

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, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00am Fr. Victor Velasco, by Agnes, Mark & AJ

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00am William McGowan, by Maureen Cinelli

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00am Dr. Nestor Jacobo, by his wife & children

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00am Paul Lipson, by Clare, Victoria & Michael

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am Ernest Zima, by the Zima Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00am Dennis Murphy, by Jane & Frank Vitale

5:00pm Phyllis & Ed Hanratty, by their family

Anthony Marra, by Katherine Grasso

MaryAnn Cabibbo, by Lynne & Chris Sabatello

Ellen DeGrazia, by the Connolly Family

Sr. Maeve McDermott, by Patricia & George Erdman

Robert Fischer, by Mary & Bill Kirchner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00am Kathleen Corcoran McCarrick, by Mary McCarrick

10:00am Ann Cassidy, by Patrick Lyons

12:00pm Kelvin M. Briones, by Agnes, Mark & AJ

Guy Gaudenzi, by Carol Giordano

Richard Barnes, by Pat Boffa

Jean Marie Barnes, by Pat Boffa

Brenda Barnes, by Pat Boffa

Jordan Barnes, by Pat Boffa

6:30pm Peggy Aris, by Peggy Smith

We also pray for the following ill: Kelly Tomaino, Walker Tomaino, Lou Baptiste, Judy DiDonato, Andrew Laurino, Barbara Boucher, Nicole Halligan, Baby Maria Bole, Carmen Di Bartolomeo, Cathy Mueller, Darlene Kent, Melie Tiburcio, Tony Monks, Bob & Anthony DePellegrini, Leona DeBrock, Jill DeBrock, Gloria Zoda, Baby Hallie Rose, Lou Comarato, Robyn Fingerman, Nicole Armellino, Nicole Spanedda, Jane Martinson, Grace Christakos, Herman Balles, Mickey Leonard, Maria Hernandez, Miklos Henni, Vito Gerbino, Grace Warren, Barbara Murphy, James O'Connor, Monica Castiglia, Michael Martini, Kimberly Morris, Beverly Blauvelt, Emily B., Chris Friedlander, Bonnie Krentzman, Frank Pinto, Cynthia Castro, Jean Giovino, Joe, Judy, Henry, Fred, & Lucy Schneider, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi, Rosemary Tocci

and recently deceased: Ann DeCoste (aunt of John, Sharon & Elizabeth Connelly), James P. Cullinan (father of Tom)

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.

No Longer Using Offertory Envelopes?

Are you signed up for envelopes but no longer need or use them? Please contact Kathleen at ext. 835 or kmartorano@churchofpresentation.org to have them discontinued. Help reduce paper waste & help us reduce unnecessary costs!