

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!*

October 11, 2026 / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Join Fr. Anthony on a Digital Pilgrimage to Germany & Austria



Fr. Anthony, Sr. Terry Rickard, & 45 others will be leaving tomorrow for an 11-day pilgrimage exploring Medieval Mystics & Saints with a focus on Hildegard of Bingen. On Tuesday or Wednesday this week (Oct. 13 or 14), he will begin sending daily videos of the pilgrimage to us, which we will post on the parish website. Next Sunday, Oct. 18, he will give the homily at the 12pm mass virtually (on our big screen) from Germany. In addition, he will be with us virtually at the 9am mass on Tuesday, Oct. 20. We pray they have a safe and Spirit-filled journey!

Discernment for a Parish Pastoral Council

Each Advent our liturgical life is renewed as the scriptures invite us to ponder anew the story of our salvation in Christ. This Advent, our Parish Pastoral Council will be renewed as new members join, having been invited to ponder the possibility of becoming council members. This is a discernment process. It begins with personal reflection, and it bears fruit at a **facilitated discernment workshop after the Sunday morning masses on Nov. 1.**

At the workshop parishioners who are discerning membership will gather with present council members, the pastor, and a facilitator. The pastor will present his vision for the parish. The facilitator then begins the process, inviting participants to consider the pastor's vision, reflecting on where the parish is and where it needs to go in service of its mission. While all the discerning parishioners bring gifts, in the process they discover together which of them has the gifts to serve the parish best at this time.

Importantly, this is about discernment, with all who are in the discernment process recognizing the array of gifts in the room. There is no campaigning. There is no vote. There is no appointment by the pastor. The decision about who will serve as new council members will be made by those who are discerning.

This model is distinctly different from what some may know from experience in business and industry or in a variety of secular organizations. We are Church, and as Church we take our lead from the movement of the Spirit, leading us where we need to be, at times to our surprise.

This discernment process for renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council is a response to input from parishioners offered during the Synod of many months ago. Please keep this process in your prayers, as the Parish Pastoral Council is the pastor's primary advisory group, meeting regularly to reflect on how the parish is carrying out its mission.

At this time, parishioners are asked to think about members of our faith community who have gifts to bring for service as council members. You may be thinking about yourself. If so, then know that the discernment workshop is about your continued discernment, open to the movement of the Spirit and the wisdom of the group.

If you would like to nominate someone &/or have any specific questions about serving on the council, please feel free to contact me. **I will also be sharing a brief message at the masses next weekend & will be available for questions.**

Wally Kennedy, Pastoral Council member
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Special Event This Week!

Our Family Faith Formation team has invited **Potter Ray Boswell** to join us this week. **All parishioners are invited** to join our Family Faith Formation families at one of the October Family Faith gatherings on:

Tuesday-Thursday, October 13-15, 6-7:30pm
or **Saturday, October 17, 3-4:30pm**



Ray has shared his unique merging of creativity and spirituality with thousands of adults and children. In his interactive presentations, he uses his potter's wheel, clay and a multimedia

presentation to share messages of creativity, a gentle call to relationship, and Jesus' message to love the Lord and one another. Please join us!



"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.
Contact Patty Dodwell with any questions.



Watercolor Paint Night
Wednesday, Oct. 14

7-8:45pm in the Gathering Rms.

Cost is \$20. Proceeds support our Youth Ministry.

Please RSVP on the [parish website](#)

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

Our next gathering is **October 25** at the parish mission. Parents are encouraged to attend also!



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

Email Marilou at

mtenazas@churchofpresentation.org if you have any questions.

Youth Ministry Happenings
churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

Next YM Gathering for all H.S. Students:

Sunday, Oct. 25 at the parish mission (parents are encouraged to attend also! There will be a sign-out sheet at the end of the evening.

Discipleship Weekend Retreat (Nov. 6-8)

Registration is NOW OPEN for teens in grades 9-12. Visit the YM webpage for the registration link.

Email Craig cjohnson@churchofpresentation.org if you are not getting his YM Minute email.



We Remember Our Deceased

Our All Souls' Liturgy is a special Mass on **Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm**, offered in memory of those who have died since last year's All Souls' Day. If you are planning to attend and would like the name of a family member *who died since last November 2* read at the Mass, **RSVP to 201-327-1313 ext. 874 by Oct. 23**. When leaving a message, please say and spell the name of the deceased slowly and clearly and how many people will be attending with you & will be joining us for a light reception. Please arrive between 7pm & 7:15pm & bring a framed photo, no larger than 5x7, of your loved one to place in the memorial area on the altar before Mass begins.

This mass will also be streamed at www.churchofpresentation.org/presentationtv/

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!

MEDICARE

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Thursday, October 15

7:00pm in the Community Room

Whether you are currently enrolled in **Medicare** or will be, this presentation will help you better understand how the program works and what your options are. **Greg Tarris**, a parishioner for over 30 years, will cover **Original Medicare, Medicare Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Drug Plans**. Bring your questions!

Walking Spirituality Ministry's

Next Walk is Saturday, Oct. 17

at Palisades Interstate Park in Alpine NJ

The themes for this walk are "Climb Hills" & Walk With Your Eyes" from *52 Ways to Walk*, by Annabel Streets. We will walk on the Cape Fly Away trail, which begins with a generous uphill walk that is rocky and uneven. It levels out to a wide path of packed dirt, gravel, rocks, and leaves. It is fairly level with some rolling inclines. It is a 3-mile "out and back" trail, and it should take approximately an hour and a half. Please bring walking poles if you have them, and wear supportive hiking shoes.



Because it will be a busy area on a beautiful fall day, we will meet at 8:30 am and carpool to the Alpine Boat Basin. Alternatively, people who live in Rockland can meet near the CitiMed near Kohl's in Nanuet to carpool.



Sign upon the [parish website](#) or scan the QR code so we can send you specific details & updates. If you have any questions, email walkinginspirit2026@gmail.com.



OCTOBER 24-25 WEEKEND

We showcase the ministries and activities that make Presentation the vibrant parish that it is. Stop by the auditorium after mass that weekend and check out the displays. Meet our volunteers, ask questions, or just browse. Come and see where the Spirit may be calling you!

Parish Mission: Sunday & Monday, October 25-26 at 7:30pm

Ambassadors for Peace:

Led by Brother Émile from Taizé, France, we will meditate on being a sign of peace, unity, and hope for the world. Come experience the power of praying in community and learn from Brother Roger - friend of Popes and Saints, and most of all, friend of young people and the poor.

Sunday Oct. 25 at 7:30pm: Taizé Prayer Service: Through song and Scripture, together with Brother Émile and the Presentation Music Ministry, we will seek the heart of God within us, listen to our community's youth, and cultivate inner peace so we can carry the peace of Christ to all we meet.

Monday Oct. 26 at 7:30pm: Brother Émile will present "Learning from Brother Roger, the Founder of the Taizé Community – Key Words in His Life."



The Taizé Community, a monastic community in the Burgundy region of France, was founded in 1940 by a young Swiss man named Brother Roger to shelter refugees during World War II and promote reconciliation and unity among different Christian denominations. Today, the Taizé community comprises approximately 80 brothers from diverse Christian traditions and geographical backgrounds. Each year, tens of thousands of teens and young adults travel to Taizé to share in prayer, silence, and fellowship. They then bring the ethos of unity and peacemaking back to their own communities.

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 Coaching, Support & Networking on Monday, Oct. 19 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.**



Our experienced volunteers are there to provide:

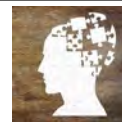
- ♦ Support with networking and contacts, resumes, interviews, job-related social media, AI tools, etc.
- ♦ One-on-one follow-up time for assistance.

All are welcome even if you don't have specific questions! 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!*

Alzheimer's & Dementia (& other Memory Loss) Support

Facilitated by Debby Montone, R.N.*



For Caregivers Only:

In-Person Meetings in the Jerusalem Rm: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am.

Zoom Meetings: The last Wed. of the month at 6:30pm.

Please RSVP to Michele Baron at ext. 847 or mbaron@churchofpresentation.org for both the in-person & Zoom meetings for caregivers (she'll also send you the Zoom link).

Memory Café: Our Memory Café is a social gathering of individuals with memory loss along with their caregivers in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment. **We have a special gathering on Thursday, Oct. 15** at 11:45am in the Jerusalem Rm. We are hosting a pizza & bingo party (& prizes too!) for our caregivers & loved ones. **Please RSVP by 8am on Oct. 15.** We'll need a head count for the pizza.

**Debby Montone, R.N., is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, & Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator from the Greater NJ Alzheimer's Assn.*

Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Collection Saturday, Oct. 24, 9am-noon in the parking lot, rain or shine!

We are working with Pedals for Progress & Sewing Peace (p4p.org) to help them put used bikes & sewing machines to good use in the developing world. A donation of \$20 per item will help offset shipping costs overseas. Bikes should be rust-free but those with flat tires or needing some repair are accepted. Portable sewing machines should be in working condition with pedal. **Please do NOT bring these items to the parish before the collection date, they will be collected by p4p in the parking lot that morning.** We have no place to store them ahead of time. Contact Maureen Murphy with any questions.

All are invited to a **Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass for Bishop Michael Saporito** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow in the Archdiocesan Center Auditorium. Please join us in wishing Bishop Saporito well as he concludes his service in the Archdiocese of Newark and begins his new ministry in the Diocese of Metuchen.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOV. 21 at 7:30pm



COMES TO PRESENTATION!

A Concert featuring Richard Todd Adams (*Phantom in Phantom of the Opera, Valjean and Jarret in Les Mis, Deuteronomy in Cats*) and Catherine Brunnell (*Eponine in Les Mis, Millie in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Mary in Mary Poppins, Porta in Something Rotten*)

Opening Act - St. Joseph Regional HS Performing Arts

Admission is FREE, but donations are encouraged to support Presentation and St. Joe's Performing Arts.

Post-Concert Reception to Meet and Greet the Stars.

Be Still For Once by Karl Rahner, S.J.*

Rahner's reflection below encapsulates his call for a purposeful retreat from the constant intellectualizing and busy mental noise that often consumes us. He believed that the human spirit naturally reaches toward the infinite mystery of God. However, this "reception" requires intentional quiet.

Be still for once. Don't try to think of so many complex and varied things. Give those deeper realities of the spirit a chance now to rise to the surface: silence, fear, the ineffable longing for truth, for love, for fellowship, for God. Face loneliness, fear, imminent death. Allow such ultimate, basic human experiences to come first. Don't go talking about them, making up theories about them, but simply endure these basic experiences. Then, in fact, something like a primitive awareness of God can emerge.

*Karl Rahner (1904-1984) was a German Jesuit priest and one of the most influential Catholic theologians who helped shape the Second Vatican Council.



NOVA Hope for Haiti (which arose out of the parish's Haiti medical missions) is conducting a fundraiser to expand the medical care they provide to the people of Cavaillon, Haiti. To learn more about their mission and to make a donation, visit novahope.org



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

Green Thumb Ministry - Tuesdays 8-10am through Oct. 27 (then we're on winter break)

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

Caring Stitches - Tuesday, Oct. 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 Maureen Murphy with any questions.



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.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Today's Gospel describes the wedding banquet to which the groom's father invited his family and friends. But the invited guests chose not to come. In frustration, the father welcomed people beyond his immediate circle, even reaching out to people on the fringes of society. And they came! Jesus' message is clear: through him, God has given us a new understanding of who the Chosen People are. They are not only people born into the Jewish community. The chosen people include anyone who says yes to God's call. Your challenge this week is to look at someone who is not Catholic. It might be a neighbor, someone you pass on the street or in the grocery store, a co-worker, or perhaps a person whom you consider different or wrong. Can you view the person through God's eyes, seeing them as part of God's chosen people? Can you name one way in which the person has said yes to God? In the coming week, commit yourself to a change of attitude or heart about this person.



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Eucharistic Exposition

Come anytime on Wednesdays from **noon-6pm** to spend time with our Lord in the church.



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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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Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823

Parish Envelopes Kathleen Martorano

Prayer Tree Ministry: prayertree@

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

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!

This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Mary Jo Keenan, by Carol & Ron Davi

Sanctuary Light: Nikki Mezzatesta, by Nick, Maria, & Matthew Morin

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am Mary Russo, by the Monks Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00am Dr. Olimpio Velasco, by Agnes, Mark & AJ

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00am Joseph Laufenberg, by Ruth Harrison

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00am Vincent Russo, by the Monks Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00am Patti Lippman, by Kyle & Hannah Lippman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00am Madie Nicpon, by the Nicpon Family

5:00pm Ann Marie Graziano, by Mary Ellen & Anthony Vassallo

Joseph Stanziani, by Laura Stanziani

Sam Anzalone, by Patricia Anzalone

John Giudice, by Lee Giudice

Karen Crisafulli, by Gerri Kearns

Laura O'Brien, by Sean & Ellen Farley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00am David Tintle, by Carol Sileo

10:00am Theresa Mathews, by Gerri & Matt Harold

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

Deceased friends & relatives, by the Coudriet Family

Dan Priddy, by Angela Swords

Ronnie Brunnock, by Clare Lipson

Carole Lee Crowley, by Michael & Julie O'Brien

William & Anne LaPietra, by Lars & Maureen Larsen

6:30pm Marion Hoke, by Joan & Richard O'Donnell

We also pray for the following ill: Bobbie Brito, Margaret Dolson, Baby Mila Rae Dolan, Marielena Merzeau, Geraldine McMahon, Baby Boy Graham, Louis D'Amico, Matt Toter, Kelly Tomaino, Walker Tomaino, Lou Baptiste, Judy DiDonato, Andrew Laurino, Barbara Boucher, Nicole Halligan, 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 Fingerma, Nicole Armellino, Nicole Spanedda, Jane Martinson, Grace Christakos, Herman Balles, Mickey Leonard, 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 Giovinco, Joe, Judy, Henry, Fred, & Lucy Schneider, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi, Rosemary Tocci

and recently deceased: Eleanor "Ellie" Wagenti

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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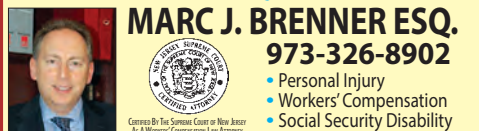


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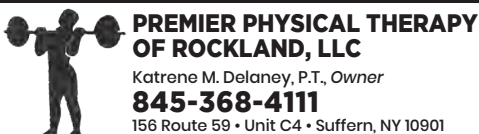
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