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!



November 22, 2026 / *Feast of Christ the King*

Fr. Anthony,

On behalf of the entire parish family of Presentation, we offer you our warmest congratulations as you celebrate the 40th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. We thank the Lord for the gift of your vocation and the opportunity He has given for you to serve as our pastor.

May God continue to bless you with good health, deep joy, and continued strength as you continue to labor in His vineyard.

With our love & prayers,
The Parishioners, Staff, & Councils of Presentation

We Are a Mission-Driven Parish Responding to the Call to Serve Others

As Fr. Anthony mentioned during the State of the Parish last weekend, we are offering five mission trips in 2027 for various age groups. Please see the inserts in this bulletin for details. Applications for each mission may be downloaded from the parish website.



Sponsorship Opportunities: Those attending these missions will be fundraising to help support the cost. If you would like to help sponsor one or more our missions, or if you'd like to help cover the cost of any mission where needed, or if you know someone who is attending and would like to sponsor their mission trip, contact Maureen Murphy at 201-327-1313 ext. 844 or **mmurphy@churchofpresentation.org**.



Breakfast with St. Nick!

Saturday, Dec. 5
8:30am or 10am

Tickets ($12) are being sold online this year on the parish website.

churchofpresentation.org/st-nick-breakfast/

Sell out risk...HIGH!



Mondays: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Visit the parish website for more info & to sign up

ONE SUMMER 20 FIVE 27 MISSIONS ONE CALL TO SERVE

5/22 - 5/29

6/27 - 7/2

9/16 - 9/23

6/27 - 7/2

7/3 - 7/10

TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE

[Taize, France]

www.taize.fr/en/

Step back from daily life to pray, reflect, live in community with pilgrims from all over the world, learn from one another and do simple acts of service.

AGES: YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

mstrayton@churchofpresentation.org

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

[Royersford, PA]

heartworkcamp.com

Spend a week together with hundreds of teens from all over as you serve the poor and vulnerable at different work sites. Have evenings of prayer, worship and fun activities!

AGES: TEENS 14-18

cjohnson@churchofpresentation.org

BETHLEHEM FARM

[Alderson, WV]

bethlehemfarm.net

mmurphy@churchofpresentation.org

Serve neighboring rural communities through hands-on home repair projects and assiting farmers while learning about sustainable living practices and care for creation.

AGES: ADULTS 25+

ANAWIM MINISTRIES

[Frenchville, PA]

anawimministries.com

alisoncorcoran8@gmail.com

Work together as you serve the poor and vulnerable through various work projects at a beautiful retreat center.

AGES: ADULTS 25+

Mustard Seed Communities

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

[Moneaque, Jamaica]

mustardseed.com

Love and care for children and adults with a spectrum of disabilities. Missionaries will also work on the property and support the staff.

AGES: YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

nmierswa@churchofpresentation.org

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE TRIPS AND MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Missions and Sponsorship

Taizé Pilgrimage

LOCATION
Taizé, France

DATES
May 22–29, 2027

AGE GROUP
Young adults 18–35

PARTICIPANTS
10–12

$2,500
per person

Catholic Heart Workcamp

LOCATION
Royersford, PA

DATES
Jun 27 – Jul 2, 2027

AGE GROUP
Teens 14–18

PARTICIPANTS
17 teens / 6 chaperones

$800
per person

Anawim Ministries

LOCATION
Frenchville, PA

DATES
Jun 27 – Jul 2, 2027

AGE GROUP
Adults 25+

PARTICIPANTS
8 or 10

$450
per person

Mustard Seed Ministries

LOCATION
Jamaica

DATES
Jul 3–10, 2027

AGE GROUP
Young adults 18-35

PARTICIPANTS
12-24

$2,000
per person

Bethlehem Farm

LOCATION
Alderson, West Virginia

DATES
Sept 18–23, 2027

AGE GROUP
Adults 25+

PARTICIPANTS
8 or 10

$450
per person

*Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale after all the Masses on **December 5 - 6** to benefit our Youth Ministry.*



Nativity Story
Saturday, December 19
during 5pm Mass



***ALL CHILDREN IN 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADE** are invited to participate in the Nativity Story which will take place during the homily. **Mandatory rehearsal is Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 4-6pm.** Please contact Patty at pdodwell@churchofpresentation.org or ext. 832 to sign up.*



Did you notice the picture of a monstrance* on the auditorium wall? Our Family Faith students share what they are grateful for in the rays of the monstrance in true Thanksgiving spirit! Stop by the auditorium & check it out!

**A monstrance is the sacred vessel used to display the consecrated Eucharist host.*



"Play-'n-Worship"
Our Sunday School for ages 3 through Kindergarten is during 10am Mass in the Gathering Room

Note: No class on Nov. 29.

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.



Thanksgiving Sharing

Thanksgiving Sharing Board: Take a tag and bring the items and bring your items back to the parish by the requested date.

+ Cook the stuffing on **Monday, Nov. 23** at 6:30pm.
+ Sort, pack food & slice turkeys on **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at 10am.
+ Cook yams or slice turkeys on **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at 6:30pm.
+ **Drivers** are needed on **Wednesday, Nov. 25** to deliver food to the Bronx , Harlem or Newark. A van or truck would be helpful but not necessary.
+ **Serve** the Thanksgiving Day meal in the Bronx (meet in Presentation's kitchen - van leaves Presentation early morning).

*Please leave your name & phone no. at 201-327-1313 ext. 871 & leave a message on how you'd like to help out. **Please note: only drivers & servers will receive a call back** confirming your participation.*

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

Our next gathering is Sunday, Nov. 22 after the 6:30pm Mass. We will meet from 7:30-9pm in the Antioch Rm.

JH Connect

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: Nov. 29 after 6:30pm Mass

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



Here is an easy way to help bring a smile to a needy child in our area this Christmas Season……just bring any **NEW unwrapped toy** to the parish by **Sunday, December 6.** Any toy is appreciated, ***although*** toys and games for **school-aged children** are most in need. *Collection Bins are located in the Narthex or outside of the glass doors by the Community Room.*



Women's Christmas Tea
Wednesday, December 2 at 7pm

Speaker: Catzel LaVecchia
Topic: The Gifts We Carry

Join us as a single guest or with a group!.

Contact the parish office or womensspiritualitypresentation@gmail.com for reservation information.

Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Ministry.

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS

Share the Joy of Christmas

The Christmas season is a time for love, hope, generosity, and coming together as a community. While many of us look forward to the joy of the holidays, we know that some families in our community are facing financial challenges and may be struggling to make Christmas special for their loved ones. **This year, we invite you to join us once again in sharing the true spirit of Christmas by helping make the season a little brighter for a family in need.**

There are many ways to participate – you can as a family, SCC or group of friends "Adopt" a family and we will supply you with the family's "Wish" list so you can shop for them. It is up to you and your budget on what to choose from the lists we send to you. **We understand that shopping for a family can be challenging and so as always gift cards and/or a donation towards this program is a big help.**

Gift Drop-Off Details: Dec. 12 (1-5pm) & Dec. 13 (10-6pm) at the parish. (specific room and delivery instructions will be provided upon registration, along with gift-buying and packaging guidelines).

If you are interested or would like more information, please email Phyllis Discioscia at aafchristmas17@gmail.com. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Holiday

The parish staff is on holiday over Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 26-29). Please call ext. 899 if you have a hospital or funeral emergency requiring urgent, immediate assistance.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Did you know that it was Abraham Lincoln who, in the midst of the Civil War, established the annual celebration of Thanksgiving? Lincoln had learned how important it is to stop and thank God in the midst of great difficulties.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that [God's blessings] should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

~Abraham Lincoln, Oct. 3, 1863

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

FFF Families, a reminder that you are required to attend one of the following special events in December:

Let's Celebrate St. Nick*: Sun., Dec. 6, 10am Mass*
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: *Sun. Dec. 13, 10am*
Christmas Concert: *Sun., Dec. 13, 3pm***
Pardon & Peace Service: *Tues., Dec. 15, 7pm*
Nativity Story: *Sat., Dec. 19, 5pm Mass*

***The Christmas Concert is the only event that requires a ticket to be purchased (see below).*

Please remember to sign out of the event which you attend.

Monday & Wednesday Yoga

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

Walking Spirituality Ministry's Final Walk of 2026 is Saturday, Dec. 12



We're heading to the Cabrini Shrine & Tryon Park in Upper Manhattan, together with the St. Francis & Justice and Peace Ministries. Our theme is "Walking as Meditation" based on the book "52 Ways to Walk" by Annabel Streets. We will meet in the parish parking lot to carpool at 8:15am. You may register on the parish website or by using the QR Code below. For more info, email walkinginspirit2026@gmail.com.

Presentation Seniors

Tuesday, Dec. 15 is our **Christmas Celebration** beginning with Mass at 11am; followed by a delicious luncheon of eggplant rollatini, penne vodka, sausage & peppers, meatballs, chicken francese, salad, & dessert. Join us for music, singing, & dancing!

Tickets available in the parish office during the week or at the Information Desk in the Narthex after the Sunday morning masses.



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 **AI Job Search 101 - Meet Your New Job Search Asst. on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.**



This session is the first in a series on how AI can help you prepare, apply and interview with confidence. Watch AI turn a resume into a stronger one, match it to real job postings, and prepare for the toughest interview questions. No experience needed, and nothing to bring. Everyone will take hope some tips to try on their own. **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

ADVENT AT PRESENTATION. Pick up the one-page flyer in the Narthex or print a copy from the parish website. It has Mass schedules (including Christmas), Reconciliation opportunities, & Events. A great resourcef or the Season!

New Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one?
Do you ask yourself, what do I do?
How do I do it?



Please join us:
Dec. 10 at 10am - Support Team.
Do you have a team in place? Who should be on it?

10:00am Registration & Coffee
10:15am Introduction
10:30am Presentation followed by a Q & A

Please RSVP to Michele Baron 201-327-1313 x 847
mbaron@churchofpresentation.org



Time to Plan for Your 2027 Retreat!

Men's Cornerstone
January 29-30
A 26-hour overnight retreat at the parish center.

Women's Journey: **February 19-21**
at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ

Women's Cornerstone: **March 5-6**
A 26-hour overnight retreat at the parish center.
Registration info coming soon!

For Men's Cornerstone & Women's Journey, visit
www.churchofpresentation.org/2027-retreats
for more information &/or to register.

Dear Fr. Anthony,



*On behalf of the entire **St. Joseph Regional H.S**. Community, & especially the young men we serve, our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of our Celebrating the Knight Gala held on Nov. 12. Your gift of $250 makes this evening possible & we are deeply grateful for your generosity & partnership in supporting our mission.*

Gratefully yours,
Reginald Sainte-Rose '92

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 proclaims the famous story Jesus told of the sheep and goats. The way we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is so important to our faith that it actually determines our eternal destiny. Your challenge this week is to go on a mini-retreat (10 minutes is fine). Read Matthew 25:31-46 slowly and prayerfully. Then close your eyes and ask God to help you identify the least of *your* brothers and sisters. Who are the people whom Jesus wants you to feed, clothe, visit, or minister to in some special way? Now hold these people in your heart as you ask God to help you discern which person or group you are called to help right now. What do they need that you can provide? Live out the Gospel call to feed or shelter or clothe or visit them.

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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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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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This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Maureen Rickard, by the Mierswa Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
9:00am Edwin Roy, by Ann & Ali McDonald

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
9:00am Martha D'Amico, by her family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
9:00am Frank Battaglia, by Gail Battaglia & Terry Biggs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
9:00am Evelyn Pavese, by the Paglieri Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
9:00am Madeline & John Gurry, by Eileen Rodda

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9:00am Leslie T. Giblin, by the Zima Family
5:00pm Maureen Rickard, by Jerry, Joan & Chris Lynch
Nilza P. Lopes, by Lori & Howard Force
David Sansone, by the Sansone & Darby Families
Rudy Buliavac, by Gerri & Matt Harold
Jeanne Walsh, by Gerri & Matt Harold
Laurie O'Brien, by Gerri & Matt Harold

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29
8:00am Danilo Nuque Mendoza, by Anne Malloy & James Lee
10:00am Nikki Mezzatesta, by Tamara & Jeff Morin
12:00pm Marino Santo, by Lucretia Santo & family
Ellen Hart, by Sarah Levine & Greg Hart
Laurel Ann O'Brien, by Irene & Charles Gutmann
Rudy Paul Buliavac, by Irene & Charles Gutmann
Paul Noonan, by Mary Anne Molnar
Helen Guarriello, by Carolyn Seibel
6:30pm Bob Smith, by Peggy Smith

We also pray for the following ill: *Vincie Coudriet, Kathleen Johnson, Cornelius Hanna, Christopher Hanna, Fr. Dermot Meehan, Joe Mulvihill, Hailey Potenski, Camille Cenicola, Bobbie Brito, Margaret Dolson, Baby Mila Rae Dolan, Marielena Merzeau, Geraldine McMahon, Baby Boy Graham, Louis D'Amico, Matt Totero, 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 Fingerman, 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: *Isabella Pellicano (granddaughter of Marie & Joseph Pellicano), Patricia McMaster (aunt of Cara Martin), Marie McCoo (mother of Joan Lusko), Marie Kasper, Fr. Jim McKenna, SDB (Salesian of Don Bosco)*

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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 **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.

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

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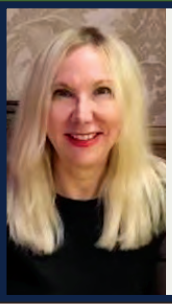
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