

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

November 17, 2024 / 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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. 25** at 6:30pm.
- + Sort, pack food & slice turkeys on **Tuesday, Nov. 26** at 10am.
- + Cook yams or slice turkeys on **Tuesday, Nov. 26** at 6:30pm.
- + ***We have enough drivers to deliver the food on Wednesday. Thank you!***
- + **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.***



In years past due to the incredible generosity of many of our parishioners we were able to bring much needed Christmas cheer to many needy families in our Community. We are again asking for your help this year.

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 (further details will be provided). **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.**

The Gifts and/or Gift Cards need to be dropped off at the parish any time between **Dec. 13-14** between 9am and 6pm (*exact room delivery details will be provided along with instructions on gift buying*).

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



Celebrate the Warmth of Christmas with Friends (old & new!) at the Parish's Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 7, 7-11pm - Advance Reservations Required

Don't miss out on one of the most enjoyable social events of the year! Enjoy great food, beer, wine, & music by a super DJ who plays music to suit all tastes. \$65 per person.

Space is limited, so please reserve early. Come on your own or reserve a table for eight. Your reservation will be your check, payable to "Knights of Columbus #6033." Please be sure a phone number is on the check and put it in the Knights' mailbox in the parish office. You may also make your reservation & pay by Venmo, simply scan the QR code (*the Knights' Venmo account is @presentationknights*)



Questions? Call or text Pete Finlay 908-656-5005 or Jerry Lynch at 201-264-6792



Watercolor Paint Night
Wednesday, November 20
 7:00pm in the Gathering Rms.
 \$20- proceeds support our Youth Ministry.
 RSVP via the [parish website](#)



Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline
 The deadline for **both** the
 November 24 & December 1 bulletins
 is this Tuesday, November 19.



Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

YM Gathering - Discipleship Weekend
 Reunion - Nov. 24 after 6:30pm Mass

Parents will have their own gathering
 at the same time, with an opportunity
 to hear Reg Grant of Holy Name
 Hospital speak on "The Habits that
 Build Resistance."

Family Nativity Story
Saturday, December 21
 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. 17, from 4:00-5:30pm. Please visit the [parish website](#) for more info & to sign up. Deadline to sign up is December 2.

Music Ministry

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00pm

General Admission Tickets
\$20 per person



You may purchase tickets at the piano after mass & in the parish office during the week.



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 Church by **Sunday, Dec. 8.**

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 4 at 7pm
*"Blessed is the Hill Country,
 Blessed are You"*

Speaker: Dr. Marilyn Kravatz-Toolan

Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis after the 10am Mass this morning, Nov. 17. Join us as a single guest or with a group!

Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Ministry.



"Play-n-Worship"
No Play-n-Worship on Dec. 1

Our popular Sunday school for **ages 3 through Kindergarten** is during Sunday 10am Mass. This allows our parents to have a more meaningful worship experience with fewer interruptions while the young ones learn in a fun environment with games, crafts & songs.

Parent(s) must sign their children in and out of the program, sign-in time starts at 9:45am. If you have any questions, feel free to email Catzel LaVecchia at catzel@churchofpresentation.org

FROM THE PASTOR

Our liturgical year is slipping through the hourglass. Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King which is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. Where does the time go? Be prepared! These are the strong messages of these next few weeks. Pay attention to the signs of the time and trade with the gifts that the Lord has given you. That's clearly the thrust of Jesus' message today he gives his disciples a heavy dose of reality - *"Wake up sleepers...heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not!"*

How do you keep one foot firmly planted in eternity?

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We're blessed to celebrate the **Rite of Welcoming & Acceptance** at the 10am Mass this morning for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them (*listed above*) and the OCIA team in your prayers.

We welcome our new parishioners at the 11:30am Mass this morning. Over 300 families have joined our parish since January 2023, a wonderful sign for the future of our parish. We are delighted that you have chosen Presentation as your parish home and community.

The number of people on **retreats last weekend** may have set a new record for the parish! 175 of our teens & young adults were at Discipleship Weekend (formerly known as Freshman/Sophomore Retreat) here at the parish center. 75 men planned & made an overnight retreat in Garrison NY (*photo on pg. 4*). Also, we hosted a retreat on Thursday for St. Joe's in Montvale.

We had a reception for **Fr. Ed's Endowed Fellowship** and I'm happy to report that \$95,000 has been raised so far. The interest on that principal will be awarded to a faculty member at Seton Hall University who will work with a parish in the archdiocese to further its evangelization efforts.

Next weekend, we will host a group of Israeli Christians from Bethlehem who will be selling **olive wood carvings** of the creche and other craft pieces to help them survive in that troubled land.

Fr. Bob

Rite of Welcoming & Acceptance

This weekend at the 10am Mass, we joyfully welcome those who were formally accepted into the **Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)** process. In the months to come they will prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith through the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation &/or Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers on their journey to the Easter Vigil:

Charles August, Linda Babcock, Benjamin Brady, Layla Crosby, Bradley Gutman, Molly Kalb, Tiffany Maher, Kiley Mont, Deborah Montone, Margaret Osei, Chloe Quinn, Lucas Ruocco, Danielle Schnapp, Peter Schnapp

Anyone seeking to inquire about the Catholic faith is encouraged to call Diane Carr at ext. 831.

Gifts from Bethlehem

**Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land
November 23-24 after all
Masses in the Narthex**

**A Traditional Art and
Livelihood for
Holy Land Christians**



The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty-five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

ENCOUNTERING EMMANUEL



Just as God desired to make a home for Himself within the womb of Mary, the Savior wants to come to you, to be born in every area of your life. Emmanuel desires to come into every part of you - into your heart, your mind, your life, your brokenness, your pain - and bring His light, His love, His peace, His hope, and his healing.

God will not force - He asks - and we have a choice. Will you open wide your heart this Advent and give your "YES" as Mary did?

**JOIN US FOR A 3 WEEK SERIES ON TUESDAYS
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DECEMBER 3, 10 AND 17
9:30-11:00AM OR 7:00-8:30PM**



*To register, scan the QR Code or
visit the [parish website](#) (where you
can also view a promotional video)*



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**Men's group at the *Second
Half of Life Retreat:
Embracing Transitions as
Men of Faith*
November 8-9, 2024**



Presentation Seniors

Christmas Program - Tues. Dec. 10: Mass at 11am, followed by a delicious lunch in the Community Room. Entertainment by Anthony Duke Claus, Actor, Singer, Entertainer - returning by popular demand for a fabulous Christmas Show! Tickets, \$18, while they still last, are available in the parish office.



Knights of Columbus Presentation Council #8133

The **Knights' Memorial Mass** is next **Sunday, Nov. 24, at 11:30am**. We will remember & honor all Knights who have passed and are now with the Lord. Please come and support our brothers & their families.



Monday Yoga Classes

at 9:45am in Gathering Room North. Wear loose clothing, and bring a mat, towel & water. Donations welcome.

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 next **Wed., Nov. 20** at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Room. **Please join us** for fellowship, food and drink and to hear about what we are doing. We will provide a recap of the golf outing and upcoming events this fall & winter.

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive - Wed., Nov. 20

7:30pm: Our council is again encouraging you to consider donating a turkey in support of our annual Thanksgiving parish donation program and bring it to our upcoming meeting on Nov. 20. If you are able, please email Jerry Lynch of your plans rathmore43@gmail.com and he will help coordinate. If you prefer to make a cash donation that can be submitted to Jerry at the meeting.

Knight's Memorial Mass - Sun., Nov. 24

11:30am: We will be honoring all of our brothers who have passed. Please join us at mass and a reception to follow afterwards.

Serving Dinner at Covenant House - Tues., Nov. 26 : Each year, we serve dinner at Covenant House. We have a full group going but we may be able to fit one more if you are interested and haven't attended before. It is a great experience.

Visit www.churchofpresentation.org/knights-of-columbus to sign up for our events.

We are men serving our parish as friends and brothers. We are looking for 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. It might not sound like much but this small amount makes a difference. To learn more, visit kofc6033.org or email us at kofc6033@churchofpresentation.org

The **CAREER MANAGEMENT GROUP's** next session is **Career Q&A & Networking Discussion** on **Monday, Nov. 18 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.**



We are 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. All are welcome! Email presentation.cmm@gmail.com with any questions &/or to join our network.

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!

Support Alpha with your Baked Goods!

We are looking for donations of baked goods to support our Alpha ministry! If you are

Wanted Baked Goods!



interested in supporting us in this way, you can drop off your freshly baked goods at the parish center through November. We will serve them to our Alpha participants as a sign of hospitality! Thanks so much! If you have any questions, please contact Maureen at mmurphy@churchofpresentation.org.



Eucharistic Exposition

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



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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.

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Joan Murray, by Ron & Carol Davi

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00am Leslie T. Giblin, by Melody Zima & family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00am Bill Molnar, by the Molnar Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00am Barton Slutsky, by Margot Slutsky

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Cullen McCann, by the McCann Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00am Edwin Roy, by Ann McDonald

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00am John LaVecchia, Sr., by Gene & Marilyn Berta
5:00pm Donna & Rose D'Aquino, by Cynthia D'Aquino
Gilbert & Evelyn Coyle, by Sheila Keane

John LaVecchia, Sr., by Jerry & Joan Lynch

Vincent Zannino, by the Lagana Family

Tom Parkes, by Michelle & Paul Shinners

Bernice Mackey, by Phil & Siobhan Keating

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00am Sylvia & Anthony Manzi, by Joanne & Frank Leanza
10:00am Joseph Ciborowski, by Gail Clark

11:30am Joseph Criscione, by the Criscione Family

Bert Coudriet, by the Coudriet Family

Vincent & Maria DeFilippo, by Dr. Joanne Florio

Eileen Bucher, by Henry Bucher

Rick Britton, by the Russo Family

Emma Fernandez, by Maria & Janelle Caso

Emily Ginter, by the Music Ministry

6:30pm Marge DeLitta, by Denise Rover

We also pray for the following ill: Bobby Vandal, John & Wilma Mcmurrans & family, Christopher Noel Hanna, Cornelius Hanna, Tracey Huff, Doreen D., Mary Louise Gallagher, Frances Gerbino, Doug Quackenbush, Kathie McKinless, Charlie Aiello, Charlie Cerullo, Joyce Somers, Robert Doidge, Helga Scholton, Lucy Schneider, Raymond Richardson, Jose Ruiz, Mary Lou Murphy, Theo Hanson, Evelyn Roberts, Michael Keane, Phil Kipnis, Segundo Coloma Cahuaza, Jose Ruiz, Elizabeth Van Nostrand, Charlie Musumeci, Jerry Crean, Margaret Taylor, Marie Egan, Phyllis Clark, Graham N., Lisa White, Edison Sangama, Joe & Judy Schneider, Marie Egan, Baby River Budesa, Marianne & Bill Hurley, Holly Holland, Salvatore Telesco Jr., Ronnie Mojo, Francis J. Neeson Jr., Michele Pesanello, Jamie Brown, Jane Jannelli, Rosemary Fuhrman, Patti Murray, Ray McSherry, Clara Willey, Lorraine O'Loughlin, William Hardy, Louis D'Amico, Ethan Benjamin Berkowitz, Marie Hiles, Michael Roger, Jon Rapkin, Guy Gaudenzi, 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, Ken Genalo, Mary Goldberg, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi, Rosemary Tocci

and recently deceased: Joe Stanziani, John G. Troast (brother-in-law of Gerri Troast)

To request prayers **in the bulletin** for the **ill or recently deceased**, email LizC@churchofpresentation.org. The bulletin deadline is Tuesday at noon. 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.

We ask that you prayerfully consider using electronic donations through Faith Direct. Visit membership.faithdirect.net/NJ854 or the parish website to enroll or make a one-time donation. Thank you for your support!

For **mass cards & mass intentions**, call or visit the parish front office, or visit the Information Desk in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

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