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

November 24, 2024 / Feast of Christ the King



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
THIS ADVENT**

**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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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.



Thanksgiving Sharing

We are still in need of cooked turkeys for our three soup kitchens. We can slice them here if needed.

Please drop off the cooked turkeys by this Tuesday, November 26.



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*).

For more information, please email Phyllis Discioscia at aafchristmas17@gmail.com.

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale after all the Masses on December 7-8 to benefit our Youth Ministry.



Please bring in any **NEW unwrapped toy** 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.

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 Resilience."

YM Gathering - Dec. 1 after 6:30pm Mass

Parents will have their own gathering at the same time, with an opportunity to hear Dr. Justin Graber speak on "Student Athlete Mental Health Issues & Solutions."



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. 1, 10am Mass
Breakfast w/ St. Nick: Sat., Dec. 7, 8:30am or 10am* (Sold Out)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: Sun. Dec. 15, 10am

Christmas Concert: Sun., Dec. 15, 3pm*

Pardon & Peace Service: Mon., Dec. 16, 7pm

Nativity Story: Sat., Dec. 21, 5pm Mass

**Breakfast with St. Nick & the Christmas Concert are the only events that require tickets to be purchased.*

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

FROM THE PASTOR

This is the last weekend of the liturgical year, crowned by the **Feast of Christ the King**. By naming Jesus as the King and focus of our lives, it puts everything else in perspective. He's even the Lord of the sky and the sea. Once you can raise yourself from the dead, that beats all natural laws and clearly, that's the centerpiece of our faith. We celebrate Christmas but everyone has a birthday. Only one person rose from the dead and stayed risen. Because of that, we're all offered the promise of everlasting life. Wow!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you this week! Whether you're able to get home or not, or able to be with loved ones or not, it's still a good time to get down on our knees and thank the Lord for our blessings. As I get older and time becomes more compressed, I'm always grateful for the parishioners of Presentation and for the community that lives here. Every day I'm presented with examples of good discipleship and stewardship. Thank you for that. We'll start the celebration here with a 9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday morning. A great way to kick off our national holiday!

This weekend, our youngsters preparing for First Eucharist will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Let's keep them in our prayers as they prepare to join us at the Lord's table during the Easter Season.

We welcome **Israeli Christians from Bethlehem** this weekend. Their olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area for these Christians and your support is much appreciated.

This year's "**Alpha**" program wraps up this week. This is the second year we've run this program and it continues to be very popular. Many thanks to staff members Marilou Tenazas and Maureen Murphy for spearheading this initiative, and to those who donated baked goods, which the participants surely enjoyed!

To launch the Advent/Christmas season, we'll be **celebrating St. Nick** next Sunday at the 10am Mass. We're also going to **light our big tree** on the front lawn after the 6:30pm Mass next Sunday. Weather permitting, come join us!

Fr. Bob

Women's Christmas Tea
Wed., Dec. 4 at 7pm
"Blessed is the Hill
Country,
Blessed are You"

Speaker: Dr. Marilyn
Kravatz-Toolan



For reservation info, email
womensspiritualitypresentation@gmail.com
or contact the parish office. We can fit a few
more tables or seat single attendees.
Hosted by the Women's Spirituality Ministry.




Celebrate the Warmth of Christmas
with Friends (old & new!) at the
Parish's Christmas Dinner Dance
Saturday, December 7, 7pm-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)



 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Questions?
Call or text Pete Finlay 908-656-5005
Presentation Council #6033 or Jerry Lynch at 201-264-6792

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.

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 heaven."

~Abraham Lincoln, Oct. 3, 1863



Thanksgiving Holiday
The parish staff is on holiday over Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 24-27). Please call ext. 899 if you have a hospital or funeral emergency requiring urgent, immediate assistance.

Join us for Centering Prayer Saturday, December 7 at 9:45am in the Antioch Room

Advent is the perfect time to take a break from the hustle & bustle of the season and spend some time with the Lord. All are welcome to join us in this ancient contemplative practice.



"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

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT...

Mass Celebrating St. Nick: Dec. 1, 10am

Tree Lighting on 1st Sun. of Advent:

Dec. 1 after 6:30pm Mass

Women's Christmas Tea: Dec. 4

Breakfast with St. Nick: Dec. 7 (sold out)

Poinsettia Sale: Dec. 7-8 after all masses

Christmas Dinner Dance: Dec. 7

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses:

9am, 12:15pm, 7:30pm on Monday, Dec. 9

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: Dec. 15, 10am

Christmas Concert: Dec. 15

Pardon & Peace: Dec. 16

Nativity Story: Dec. 21 during 5pm Mass



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses - Tues., Dec. 24
4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm & full choir at 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses - Wed., Dec. 25
9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

- * If the attendance at the 4pm Mass exceeds the church's capacity, we will accommodate the overflow by live-streaming the mass into the community room.
- * Our Christmas collection makes up a large portion of our budget. We ask that you prayerfully take this into consideration when making your Christmas offering.

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., Dec. 18** at 7:30pm in the Community Rm. **Please join us** for fellowship, food and drink and to hear about what we are doing.

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

11:30am: This morning, 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.

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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

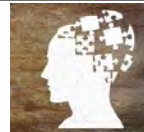


Monday Yoga Classes
at 9:45am in Gathering Room North.
Wear loose clothing, and bring a mat,
towel & water. Donations welcome.

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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support



Our Support Group is (usually) virtual on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm-8pm.

Because of Thanksgiving, the group will meet next on **Tuesday, Nov. 26.** Facilitated by Debby Montone, RN, Certified Dementia Practitioner, & Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator from the Greater NJ Alzheimer's Assn.

To receive the Zoom link, email Michele at mbaron@churchofpresentation.org

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THURS., DEC. 5
10am in the Jerusalem Room or via Zoom

Debby Montone will be hosting a program on **How to Manage Stress** for those caring for persons with **cognitive impairments** caused by Dementia, Alzheimer's, Stroke, Parkinson's, brain injury & more. You may attend in person or join us via Zoom. Please RSVP to Michele at mbaron@churchofpresentation.org or ext. 847 & let her know whether you'll be attending in person or via Zoom. She'll send you the Zoom link.

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!

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



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.

Email Addresses: *Except as otherwise noted, all of our email addresses end with: @churchofpresentation.org*

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Funerals: ext. 899

Knights of Columbus: www.kofc6033.org kofc6033@

Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823

Prayer Tree Ministry: prayertree@

This Week's Mass Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00am Frank Battaglia, by Gail Battaglia & Terri Biggs

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00am Edith Wager, by Donna Sisti

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Patti, Sr.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00am Gretchen Giblin, by Melody Zima & family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00am Ken Gardner, by Althea Gardner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00am Mary Lou Golier, by Cheryl Morrissey

5:00pm Palma Giustino, by Lee Giudice

Helen Keane, by Sheila Keane

John LaVecchia, Sr., by Stephanie & Joe Coyne

Alton Bruso, by Anne Marie Bauman

Mary Lou Golier, by Gerri & Matt Harold

Col. Don Anthony Phillips, by Cheryl Morrissey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00am Barbara Ann Koski, by Ann & Alison McDonald

10:00am Charles Ehinger, by Dorothy Ehinger

11:30am MaryAnn Barone-Chapman, by Ginny DePalma

Stephen Jaskot, by Karen Sommers

Eileen Sforzi, by Teresa Keaveny

Donna D'Aloisio, by Deb & Bill Wiese

Millie Demarest, by Maureen Bergan

Msgr. Ed Ciuba, by the Tasman Family

6:30pm Bob Smith, by Peggy Smith

We also pray for the following ill: Mike O'Donnell, Bob DePellegrini, Bobby Vandal, John & Wilma Mcmurrin & 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 Budesca, Marianne & Bill Hurley, Holly Holland, Salvatore Telesco Jr., Ronnie Mojo, Francis J. Neeson Jr., Michele Pesanello, Jamie Brown, 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: Louis Morisi, father of Mark

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.

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

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!

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