



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 9, 2018

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Corner of 6th & Raritan Avenue
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Guardian Angels Church
37 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Paul the Apostle

Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday – 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Eucharist Chapel Parish Center

Mon. through Fri. – 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment

Guardian Angels

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass Tues. – 7:00 p.m.

Weds. Through Sat. 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.



**Come and Celebrate
Our Lady of Guadalupe
on December 12th
at St. Paul's Church, Highland Park**

Morning Worship: 4:00 AM to 7:00 AM

Breakfast: 7:00 AM

Rosary: 6:30 PM

Mass: 7:00 PM

Dinner: 8:00 PM



**COME CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN YEAR
OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

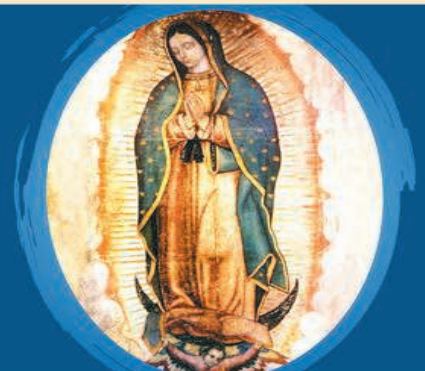
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:30PM

**EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

with

Bishop James F. Checchio
presiding

CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 10

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Carol Theresa Rakoncza (birthday)

Requested by: Geralyn Evanowski

Guardian Angels Worship Site

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 11

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Nicole Rakoncza (birthday)

Requested by: Geralyn Evanowski

Guardian Angels Worship Site

7:00 p.m. Ed Flanagan†

Requested by: Geri Flanagan

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. John D. Garvey†

Requested by: Alice Marie Sloss

Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Cesar Castro†

Requested by: Maria Virrey & Family

Thursday, December 13 - St. Lucy

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Elimanco (birthday)

Requested by: Grandparents

Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Roland Hannah†

Requested by: Alice Sloss

Friday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. John D. Garvey†

Requested by: Mary Ann Day

Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Kenneth O'Connor & Siblings†

Requested by: John O'Connor

Saturday, December 15

Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Sr. Helen Collins, SC†

4:00 p.m. Serafina Vega†

Requeste by: Marta Vega

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Nelson Queiroz†

Requested by: Andriea & Carlos Andrade

10:00 a.m. Kimberly Kennedy†

Requested by: Melanie O'Connell

12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Concetta & Vincent Spadoria†

Requested by: Rose, Mark & Michael

11:15 a.m. People of the Parish

Donations for Memorial & Intentions 2019

Parishioners are invited to consider donating for the following items for 2019.

Wine—\$1,500—in memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Hosts—\$1,000—(anonymous)

Hosts (Low Gluten)-\$75.00

Palm Leaves—\$250 (anonymous)

Candles & Candle Oil—\$1,500 (taken)

These are estimated prices for next year and may be subject to change. You may want to consider sponsoring a portion or part of items.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Worship Site

Saturday, December 15 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Alice Sporer

Eucharistic Minister: M. Pickett, M. Carro

V. Reyes, N. Padernal

Ushers: J. Leonard, R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, December 16 9:00 a.m.

Lector: G. Falconi, G. Ciotta

Eucharistic Minister: Gene Tardiff, Rodel Santos

Ushers: A. Damone, A Cabo, C. Suzberic

Sunday, December 16 11:15 a.m.

Lector: Elise Abramik

Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada, Hermie Tenchavez

Ushers: J. Donnelly, S. Garruto, H. Melendez, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, December 16 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Eva Szmuto

Eucharistic Minister: Anna & Joachim Pak

Ushers: J. Garlatti, Peter Hackett

Sunday, December 16 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Ann Margaret

Eucharistic Minister: Shawn & Melanie O'Connell

Ushers: G. Emmett, J. Adadevoh, J. Swamy

Please pray for the sick and homebound,

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Peggy Abecker | Adam Lubonski |
| Ben Andrulewich | Joan McArdle |
| Rita Beckhorn | Joshua McArdle |
| Barbara Bilinski | Brenda McGrath |
| Alfred Broderick | Paul Millar |
| Carol Byrne | Suzanne Neiderland |
| Charles Byrne | Stephanie P. |
| Harriet "Peggy" Criss | Paul Pachucki |
| Pat Daley | Ellen Pelosi |
| Migdalia Diaz | Kathy Young Phillips |
| Dee Donnelly | Antonia Sacristan |
| Felipe Elimanco | Robert F. Santoro |
| Agnes Glova | Jack Santos |
| Doris Kasian | Mickey Schiavone |
| Betty Kiss | Frank & Marge Shirley |
| Brittany Knapp | Camille Silverman |
| John Kriegl | Cathy Roesinger Sloane |
| Kathy & Joseph Lamela | Steve & Alice Marie Sloss |
| Anthony Lepore | Christina Stevenson |
| | Frank Valendo |
| | Joe Valendo |
| | William B. Zalek |

Prayers for Military Personnel

- Rear Admiral David G. Manero, Navy
 Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines
 Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines
 First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force
 Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines
 SPC. Brandon D'Souza
 Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services and would like to be included.

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or a special intention. Contact the parish office.

Christmas Giving Trees

This year, the **Giving Tree** at St. Paul's is organized by the Youth Group, and the one at Guardian Angels by St. Vincent de Paul. Please help make Christmas better for those in our parish who are in need. Here are 5 easy steps.

1. Remove an ornament/tag from the tree.
2. Purchase a gift card at a store for any amount of money.
3. Place gift card and ornament/tag in an envelope.
4. Mark envelope Giving Tree 2019.
5. Place envelope in the collection basket during Mass.

Thank you for your generosity.

Part-Time Positions Available

Our Parish is looking for the following part-time positions beginning January 2019.

Part Time Secretary: Afternoons 2-4p.m. Monday through Thursday. Skills required; Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher. Bi-lingual (English and Spanish)

Part Time Bookkeeper: 4 Hours a week. Skills required; Quick Books and accounting.

Salary negotiable. Send application by email to transfiguration.parish@verizon.net. For more information call the office at 732/572-0977.

Youth Mass

The youth are the future of the Church and our parish. We are keen on helping the youth in their spiritual growth. Currently the parish youth group meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. In order to provide more opportunities for the youth, the 11:15 a.m. Mass at Guardian Angels every third Sunday of the month will be designated as the youth mass. The first youth mass will be on December 16th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. All families are requested to encourage the youth to attend the youth mass.

Thank You!

The **Breaking Bread 2019** is donated by The Day Family in memory of Roy Day. Our prayers and thanks to The Day Family for their generosity.

Coat Drive—Thank You!

A heartfelt "Thank You:" and our expression of gratitude to all our parishioners who donated a record breaking amount of winter costs, gloves, hats and scarfs for the Edison Job Corp students. Your outpouring showed an exceptional display of charitable gift-giving, while also helping those in need. Everyone who participated in this Community Outreach made the campaign a true success story. Please note that no more clothing should be left at either Church.

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas

Prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ with this popular and inviting annual guide. During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Through Sister Genevieve Glen's fresh and meaningful reflections on Lectionary readings from the weekday and Sunday Masses, readers will grow in their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Thank you to John O'Connor for sponsoring this book for the parishioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 16, 2018: Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 29, 2018: Year End Party

Sunday, January 6, 2019: Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, February 23, 2019: First Reconciliation

Sunday, May 5, 2019: First Holy Communion

Friday, June 7, 2019: Confirmation

OFFERINGS

Offertory 12/2/18 — \$7,320

Shop Rite: \$2,660—Profit \$100

Bring a Dollar to Church: \$105

Other Donation: \$100

Religious Retirement: \$1,997

As of 12/2/18

Bring a Dollar 1,784

Shop Rite 1,300

Other Donation 550

Total \$3,634

Guardian Angels Bell Tower Repairs

Provide man-lift to access Bell Tower to investigate source of roof leaks. Goal: \$4,200.00

Christmas Pageant

3rd and 4th Graders of our Religious Education Program will present a Christmas Pageant on December 16th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's, Highland Park. All are invited.

Parish Mass Headcount—November 2019

	<u>3-4</u>	<u>10-11</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sat. 4pm	206	202	193	206	807
Sun. 8 am	55	42	58	56	211
Sun. 9 am	112	60	96	85	353
Sun. 10 am	125	123	128	90	466
Sun. 11:15 am	109	110	162	123	504
Sun. 12:30 pm					
(Spanish)	105	130	120	130	485
Total	712	667	757	690	2,826

Christmas Tree Lighting



Saturday, December 15th,
after 4:00 p.m. Mass

We will gather outside our church for the blessing and lighting of the trees. They will remain lit each evening from 5:00 p.m. until midnight throughout the entire Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany in January.

Please consider memorializing one of these beautiful trees. The cost to memorialize a tree will be \$150 each. This will cover the cost of the tree, lighting of the tree, and the memorial gift for the church.

Question for Children: What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Question for Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry meets each Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall. All high school age students are invited to the meeting.

Amoris Laetitia: Love is not boastful

97. The following word, *perpereúetai*, denotes vainglory, the need to be haughty, pedantic and somewhat pushy. Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention. The word that comes next – *physioutai* – is similar, indicating that love is not arrogant. Literally, it means that we do not become "puffed up" before others. It also points to something more subtle: an obsession with showing off and a loss of a sense of reality. Such people think that, because they are more "spiritual" or "wise", they are more important than they really are. Paul uses this verb on other occasions, as when he says that "knowledge puffs up", whereas "love builds up" (1 Cor 8:1). Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak. Elsewhere the word is used to criticize those who are "inflated" with their own importance (cf. 1 Cor 4:18) but in fact are filled more with empty words than the real "power" of the Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 4:19).

Evening Prayer to launch Diocesan year of awakening

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30pm. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully.

Advent Humor

Going the wrong way in the "Advent Rush"

While a man had gone out driving to do some Christmas shopping, his wife had been watching TV when she heard the announcer say, "be very careful and watch driving on I5 today, there is a motorist driving the wrong way"! His wife got hold of him on the cell phone to warn him, and his reply was: "You tell me, there are hundreds of them here"

PARISH MINISTRIES AND STEWARDSHIP

Called to Ministry & Service: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10. Transfiguration of the Lord Parish offers various ministry opportunities to grow in faith and service. We encourage all of our parishioners to serve in some way as part of their faith. Please call the parish office at 732-572-0977 if you want to volunteer for any of the following areas of parish life:

Development Committee: The Development Committee works in close coordination with the Pastor. Members identify parish needs and find the necessary resources to fulfill them to be able to expand the mission of our parish.

Social Committee: Members help organize social events of the parish.

Decoration Committees (Guardian Angels and St. Paul's): These Committees are responsible for decorating Guardian Angels and St. Paul's churches for Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and other important days during the year.

Grounds Committees (Guardian Angels and St. Paul's): Committee members look after gardening and landscaping parish grounds at Guardian Angels and St. Paul's.

Liturgy Committee: Members plan and organize common liturgical functions on important days such as Easter Vigil Mass, Parish Feast, etc.

Ushers: The Ushers greet parishioners coming to celebrate the Eucharistic celebration. They are responsible for seating the congregation, guiding them at times of movement, preparing the Offertory procession, taking up the collection, and distributing the Church bulletin.

Sacristans: Prepares for liturgical celebrations.

Altar Servers: Children (grades 4 and up) serve at Sunday and Holy Day Masses in Church. Training is provided. Adults are welcome to serve at the Sunday Masses.

Lectors: Proclaim the Word of God at the Sunday Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation and read announcements. Young people grades 5 to 12 are invited to join the Lector ministry.

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers aid the clergy in distributing the body and blood of our Lord during Mass. They also bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass because of illness or advanced age.

Ministry to the Homebound: Extraordinary Communion Ministers bring Communion to homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

Music Ministry/Choir: Serve God and the parish community through music leadership at the liturgies. Encourages participation of musical persons of all ages and musical talents.

Counters: These volunteers assume the responsibility of counting and banking the Sunday and Holy day collections.

Catechists for Religious Education: Our catechetical program is designed to support parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children. The catechists are dedicated volunteers, who are committed to the Church and want to share their faith with young people. You can volunteer as a catechist, aide, or office helper.

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH
Iglesia St. Paul the Apostle - 9 diciembre 2018

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parróquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una fé mayor en Él.

Las ofrendas del domingo 2 diciembre fueron \$375 de acuerdo a la posibilidad de sus recursos y medios.

Coordinadores

Lectores: Nestor Collazo

Ministros eucarísticos: Maria Pinelo

Servidores de altar: Elizabeth Martinez

Membresia Parroquial

Nuevos residents de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. Tambien les pedimos que cualquier cambio de direccion, correo electronico o numero de telefono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

Virgen Peregrina

El dia 20 de noviembre del 2012 recibimos esta linda imagen de nuestra virgen de Guadalupe por parte del vaticano, para toda la comunidad hispana de la iglesia de san Pablo, ahora es nuestra virgen peregrina que va de casa en casa por una semana, si usted desea tenerla en su casa favor de hablar con Maria Pinelo.



ven a celebrar
a nuestra virgen de Guadalupe
el 12 de diciembre

mañanitas: 4:00- 7:00 am
desayuno: 7:00 am

Rosario:6:30 pm
Misa: 7:00 pm
Cena: 8:00pm

Arboles de navidad

Para aquellos que todavia no han ordenado un árbol de navidad aún queda tiempo para hacerlo. El costo de conmemorar a un ser querido con un árbol será de \$150. Los formularios de reserva se encuentran en la parte posterior de la iglesia.

PRÓXIMOS eventos:

domingo, 16 de diciembre 2018: desfile de Navidad

sábado, 29 de diciembre, 2018: Fiesta de fin de año

domingo, 6 de enero de 2019: fiesta de la Epifanía

sábado, 23 de febrero de 2019: primera reconciliación

domingo, 5 de mayo de 2019: primera sagrada comunión

viernes, 7 de junio de 2019: confirmación

Materiales escolares—Una benedición que se nos presenta:

Los niños que viven en pobreza, tienen la dificultad de pagar los materiales necesarios para el año escolar. Favor de considerar en la ayuda de estos materiales indispensables para el aprendizaje. Si deseas ayudar, favor de dejar los materiales en la Iglesia de Highland Park.

Becoming an Altar Server!

Parishioners in fourth grade and older and who have made their First Communion are invited to become Altar Servers. Serving is an opportunity for children to grow in faith while sharing their time and talent. The typical commitment is to serve one Mass per month. For more information, contact Christopher Cuevas at 732-675-4126 or the Parish Office.

Ministerio Hispano

Saludos Hermanos, La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano invita a laicos católicos a un Curso de Liderazgo. El objetivo del curso es formar laicos católicos que actualmente sirvan a nivel parroquial en áreas de formación en fe, catequesis, RICA, consejo parroquial, entre otros y que deseen convertirse en líderes y agentes transformadores en la Iglesia y en la sociedad. Entre los temas a elaborar se encuentran: modelos y estrategias de liderazgo, manejo de conflictos, destrezas comunicativas, habilidades para planificación y manejo de reuniones. Las clases se ofrecerán en horario de 8:30am-1:00pm los siguientes sábados: Septiembre 15, Octubre 15 y 22, Noviembre 10 y 17. Se realizará una entrevista con los interesados para identificar su perfil y disponibilidad horaria, a cargo de la Hermana Ruth Bolarte y del Padre Juan Carlos Gaviria. Siéntanse libre de con-

Misa juvenil

Como aquí todos sabemos: Los jóvenes son el futuro de la Iglesia y de nuestra parroquia. Nosotros estamos interesados en ayudar a los jóvenes en su crecimiento espiritual. Actualmente, el grupo de jóvenes de la parroquia se reúne todos los miércoles a las 7:00 p.m. en San Pablo. Con el fin de brindar más oportunidades para la participación de nuestros jóvenes, la misa de las 11:15 a.m. cada tercer domingo del mes en la iglesia de los Ángeles Guardianes se designará como la misa para jóvenes. La primera misa juvenil será el 16 de diciembre, el 3er domingo de Adviento. Se solicita a todas las familias que alienten a los jóvenes a asistir a la misa juvenil.

Secretaria a tiempo parcial

Nuestra parroquia está buscando una secretaria o secretario a tiempo parcial al igual que a un contable. Para mayores detalles, favor de leer el boletín.

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