



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 16, 2018

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St. Paul the Apostle Church
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.

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Fr. Pauly Thekkan, in Residence

Deacon Edward Krupa

Carol Terzino, Administrative Assistant

Carol Mascola, Parish Catechetical Leader

Parish Center Office Hours—Monday through Friday—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

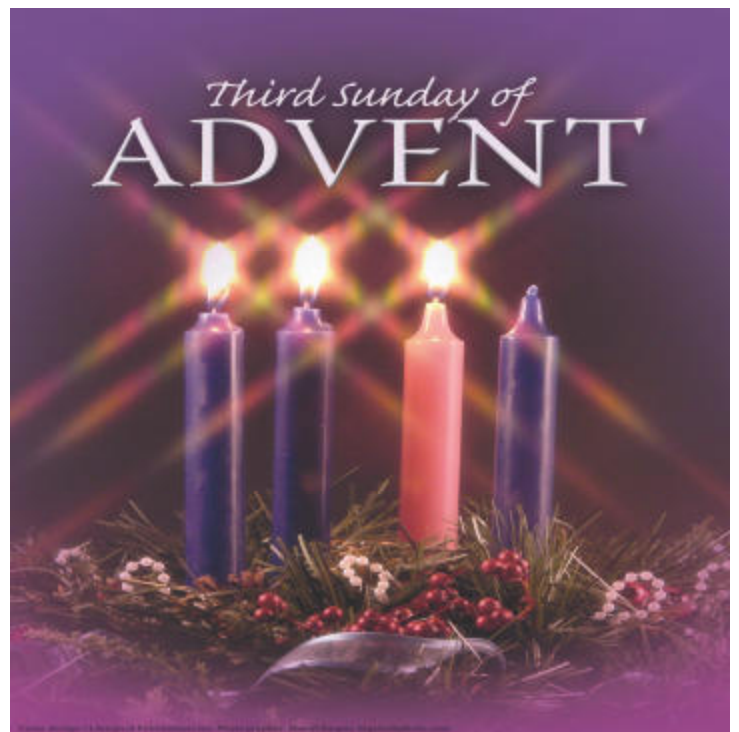
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Worship Site

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.

Parish Membership: We and request welcome new members to our Parish family you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office. Emergency sick calls at any time.



MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 17
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. John D. Garvey†
 Requested by: Geri Flanagan
Guardian Angels Worship Site
No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 18
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. Joseph Palust†
 Requested by: Cousins
Guardian Angels Worship Site
7:00 p.m. Kenny O'Connor†
 Requested by: Alice Marie Sloss

Wednesday, December 19
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. Zhuangbo Tang†
 Requested by: Andriea & Carlos Andrade
Guardian Angels Worship Site
9:00 a.m. Stanley Evanowski†
 Requested by: Evanowski Family

Thursday, December 20
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. The Petronella Family
Guardian Angels Worship Site
9:00 a.m. Julien Guanco (birthday)
 Requested by: GERALYN EVANOWSKI

Friday, December 21
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. 62nd Anniversary of the Birthday of the O'Connor Family
 Requested by: John O'Connor
Guardian Angels Worship Site
9:00 a.m. Garvey & McComiskey Family†
 Requested by: Cathy McComiskey

Saturday, December 22
Guardian Angels Worship Site
9:00 a.m. John & Alice Riordan†
 Requested by: Geri Flanagan
4:00 p.m. Natividad, Sisinano & Juanito Atienza†
 Requeste by: Eleanor Zoleta

Sunday, December 23- Fourth Sunday of Advent
St. Paul's Worship Site
8:00 a.m. Donald Terzino†
 Requested by: Carol Terzino
10:00 a.m. Janet Grillo†
 Requested by: Family
12:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Guardian Angels Worship Site
9:00 a.m. Francis John Kosztynt†
 Requested by: Teresa Kotlinska
11:15 a.m. Anthony J. Pojnar†
 Requested by: wife, Jennie

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 22 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Katie Farrar
Eucharistic Minister: V. Reyes, N. Padernal
 M. Carro, A. Hoey
Ushers: J. Leonard, R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, December 23 9:00 a.m.
Lector: G. & Sergio Ramirez
Eucharistic Minister: Mike White, Grace Ciotta
Ushers: A. Damone, A Cabo, C. Suzberic

Sunday, December 23 11:15 a.m.
Lector: Karen Mohamed
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta, Carla Guerreiro
Ushers: J. Donnelly, S. Garruto, H. Melendez, P. Weir
St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, December 23 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Lou Rafter
Eucharistic Minister: John Reeth, Allen Shirley
Ushers: J. Garlatti, Peter Hackett

Sunday, December 23 10:00 a.m.
Lector: J. Jobbins, Claire Fabito
Eucharistic Minister: Jackie Rhein, Isabel Swamy
Ushers: G. Emmett, J. Adadevoh, J. Swamy

Please pray for the sick and homebound,

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

Flu Season

During the flu season, if you have a cold or the flu, please refrain from taking the Precious Blood.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 22nd 3:00 PM
at Guardian Angels Church

Monday, Dec. 24th.

St. Paul's Church, Highland Park
Regular 8:00 AM Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec. 24th. Vigil Masses

4:00 PM and 10:00 PM at Guardian Angels Church
9:30 PM Christmas Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY, Tuesday, December 25th

St. Paul's Church, Highland Park

10:00 AM (English)
12:30 PM (Spanish)

Guardian Angels Church, Edison

9:00 AM and 11:15 AM.

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.

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 Sunday, December 16th at 11:15 a.m. All families are requested to encourage the youth to attend the youth mass.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree Project at Guardian Angels and St. Paul's. Special thanks to the committee members and special thanks to Emily Fisco, a junior at Warren High School and her dad Matt who helped putting all the lights on the trees at St. Paul's and Guardian Angels.

Thank you to our Social Committee and all those who helped to make our Ministry Appreciation a great success.

Thank you to Herman Santos for donating a sound system to the Church Hall at Guardian Angels.

Christmas Trees

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.

St. James Episcopal Church

A donation of \$1,000 from the proceeds of the Christmas Tree Project has been given to St. James Episcopal Church as a Christmas Gift for their recent church repairs. If you would like to make a personal donation to them, please place in the collection basket.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 12/9/18 — \$7,130
 Shop Rite: \$3,225—Profit \$150
 Bring a Dollar to Church: \$149
 Other Donation: \$215

As of 12/9/18

Bring a Dollar	\$1,933
Shop Rite	1,450
Other Donation	765
Total	\$4,148

Guardian Angels Bell Tower Repairs

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

Projects Completed:

St. Paul's Air Conditioner and Compressor

Total \$16,116. Complete payment yet to be made.

Parish Mass Headcount—November 2019

	3-4	10-11	17-18	24-25	Total
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

Year-End Party

Come celebrate God's Blessings for 2018 and welcome in the new year with music, dancing, entertainment and food. Time: 6-10 p.m., Guardian Angels Hall. Tickets are on sale at all Masses. Cost \$25.00

Our Parish Community

From this weekend onward, we will have a bulletin insert of "Our Parish Community" Leaflet that contains reflections for the Sunday readings and Q&A about our faith. We hope you enjoy reading them.

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.parity@verizon.net. For more information call the office at 732/572-0977.

Question for Children: Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

Question for Youth: What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?

Question for Adults: How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

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

98. It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure in their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant. Love, on the other hand, is marked by humility; if we are to understand, forgive and serve others from the heart, our pride has to be healed and our humility must increase. Jesus told his disciples that in a world where power prevails, each tries to dominate the other, but "it shall not be so among you" (Mt 20:26). The inner logic of Christian love is not about importance and power; rather, "whoever would be first among you must be your slave" (Mt 20:27). In family life, the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful destroys love. Saint Peter's admonition also applies to the family: "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble'" (1 Pet 5:5).

State of New Jersey

Under a new law signed in July, the Division of Taxation has been authorized to implement a tax amnesty program, providing taxpayers with the opportunity to file past tax returns and/or pay back taxes along with only half of the interest due as of November 1, 2018. The 2018 Ne3w Jersey Tax Amnesty begins November 15, 2018 and ends January 15, 2019. Amnesty will only apply to outstanding tax filings or aments that are reportable on a tax return due on or after February 1, 2009 and prior to September 1, 2018. For additional information please visit TaxAmnesty.nj.gov.

Church Humor - The Lost Purse

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it Now there are twenty \$1 bills." The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

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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.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH
Iglesia St. Paul the Apostle - 16 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 9 diciembre fueron \$354 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.

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El árbol del Regalo

Este año, el árbol del **Regalo** en San Pablo ha sido organizado por el Grupo de Jóvenes de ambas iglesias. Por favor ayude a hacer mejor la Navidad para aquellos en nuestra parroquia que están en necesidad.

Fiesta de fin de año

Ven y celebra la bendición de Dios para 2018 Y bienvenidos al año nuevo con música, baile, comida y entretenimiento. Hora: 6-10 pm. Guardian Angels Hall. Las entradas están a la venta en todas las misas. Costo: \$ 25.00

Arboles de navidad

Para aquellos que todavía 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:

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 desea 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.

Film para la Apelación Anual del Obispo

Este domingo, Laura Allen vendrá a filmar en la misa en español a las 12:30 pm para la Apelación Anual del Obispo.

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