



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



**December 23, 2018**

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**Corner of 6th & Raritan Avenue**  
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*Guardian Angels Church*  
**37 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817**

## **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.**

## ***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, Mon. through Fri. – 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Eucharist Chapel Parish Center

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.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Transfiguration Chapel, Guardian Angels

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Fr. Pauly Thekkan, in Residence

Deacon Edward Krupa

Carol Terzino, Administrative Assistant

Carol Mascola, Parish Catechetical Leader

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

**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 and resources to this community of faith. **The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a person is not an active parishioner.**

**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.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

**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.



# Merry Christmas

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## MASS INTENTIONS



**Monday, December 24**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

No Morning Mass

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil-Intention of Parishioners

10:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil-Intention of Parishioners

**Tuesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

10:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners (Spanish)

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

11:15 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 26 - St. Stephen**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. No Morning Mass

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Sr. Anthony Mary Cillo, SSND

**Thursday, December 27 - St. John**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Jimmy Richter†

Requested by: Dee Donnelly

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Terry McComiskey†

Requested by: Cathy McComiskey

**Friday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. John D. Garvey†

Requested by: Monica Foulkes

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. All miscarriages in the O'Connor family

Requested by: John O'Connor

**Saturday, December 29**

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. Sr. Frances Smith, SC†

4:00 p.m. Mary & Ronald Thompson†

Requeste by: Mary Ann Day

**Sunday, December 30 - The Holy Family**

### St. Paul's Worship Site

8:00 a.m. Jose Bilico†

Requested by: Andrea & Carlos Faria

10:00 a.m. Bob McArdle†

Requested by: Joan and Family

12:30 p.m. Joseph Cranley

Requested by: Family

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

9:00 a.m. John D. Garvey†

Requested by: Jean Bertolotti

11:15 a.m. Angelina Garutto†

Requested by: Sam Garutto

### 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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Guardian Angels Worship Site

**Monday December 24 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Mary Anne Day

**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Carro, A. Hoey  
V. Reyes, H.Tenchavez

**Monday, December 24 10:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Anissa Varkoly

**Eucharistic Minister:** N. Padernal. Gloria Rada

**Tuesday December 25 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Grace Ciotta

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mike White, Rodel Santos

**Tuesday December 25 11:15 a.m.**

**Lector:** Michelle Pickett

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta, Carla Guerreiro

**Saturday, December 29 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** John Melnick

**Eucharistic Minister:** V. Reyes, N. Padernal

M. Carro, A. Hoey

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

**Sunday, December 30 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Mike White

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodel Santos, Gene Tardiff

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

**Sunday, December 30 11:15 a.m.**

**Lector:** Joseph Cranley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Pada, Hermie Tenchavez

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

### St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

**Tuesday December 25 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Maureen & Jon Cranley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carol Terzino, Kathleen Joraskie

**Sunday, December 30 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Tim Miller

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carol Terzino, Judith Hackett

**Ushers:** J. Garlatti, Peter Hackett

**Sunday, December 30 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Irene Emmett

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Joraskie, Joan McArdle

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

### *Please pray for the sick and homebound,*

Peggy Abecker

Ben Andrulewich

Rita Beckhorn

Barbara Bilinski

Alfred Broderick

Carol Byrne

Charles Byrne

Harriet "Peggy" Criss

Pat Daley

Migdalia Diaz

Dee Donnelly

Felipe Elimanco

Agnes Glova

Doris Kasian

Betty Kiss

Brittany Knapp

John Kriegl

Kathy & Joseph Lamela

Anthony Lepore

Adam Lubonski

Joan McArdle

Joshua McArdle

Brenda McGrath

Paul Millar

Suzanne Neiderland

Stephanie P.

Paul Pachucki

Ellen Pelosi

Kathy Young Phillips

Antonia Sacristan

Robert F. Santoro

Jack Santos

Mickey Schiavone

Frank & Marge Shirley

Camille Silverman

Cathy Roesinger Sloane

Steve & Alice Marie Sloss

Christina Stevenson

Helen Szaranowski

Jean Toth

Frank Valendo

Joe Valendo

William B. Zalek

**From the Pastor**

My dear brothers and sisters,  
A very Happy Christmas to you and your families!

During the Christmas season, people throughout the world enjoy activities such as gathering with friends and coworkers, holiday festivities and music, shopping, gift-giving and family dinners. Many non-Christian areas of the world have also adopted some of these Christmas celebrations decorating trees and streets with fancy lights. Yet when these customs are not grounded as expressions of deep religious faith, there can be a certain emptiness to them. They lack a soul. Jesus Christ alone gives meaning and perspective to all Christmas celebrations. As we rejoice in Christmas once again, may Jesus remain the center of our attention. God bless!

Fr. Abraham

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**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.

**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



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, December 29, 2018:** Year End Party

**Sunday, January 6, 3019:** Feast of the Epiphany

**Saturday, February 23, 2019:** First Reconciliation

**Sunday, May 5, 2019:** First Holy Communion

**Friday, June 7, 2019:** Confirmation

**OFFERINGS**

Offertory 12/16/18 — \$5,773

Shop Rite: \$2,680—Profit \$100

Bring a Dollar to Church: \$143

Edison Pizza: \$689

Special Donation Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Spanish Community): \$1,572

**Guardian Angels Bell Tower Repairs**

Thank you to our parishioners for their generosity. We have reached our goal for this project. Our next project through the middle of March, will be to cover the cost of snow removal.

**Snow Removal**

As of 12/16/18

Bring a Dollar \$ 143

Shop Rite 100

Edison Pizza 689

Total \$ 932

**Donations for Memorial & Intentions 2019**

Thank you to those parishioners for 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 (anonymous)

Palm Leaves—\$250 (anonymous)

Candles & Candle Oil—\$1,500 (taken)

**Projects Completed:**

**St. Paul's Air Conditioner and Compressor**

Total \$16,116. Balance of \$7,560 yet to be paid.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The Diocese has given our parish Our Lady of Guadalupe Kits for Family Prayer. A family may take home a kit on a Sunday and return the following week. Contact for Guardian Angels—Grace Ciotta 732 763 6888, Contact for St. Paul's—Carol Terzino 732 572 0977 and Contact for Spanish Community—Maria Pinelo 732 354 3336

**Flu Season**

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

**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.

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**Question for Children:** How does the Blessed Virgin Mary help you to follow Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** When have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

**Question for Adults:** What role does Mary play in your own spirituality? If you were Elizabeth, how would you greet her at your doorway, if she were to arrive there?

### **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 rude***

**99.** To love is also to be gentle and thoughtful, and this is conveyed by the next word, *aschemonéi*. It indicates that love is not rude or impolite; it is not harsh. Its actions, words and gestures are pleasing and not abrasive or rigid. Love abhors making others suffer. Courtesy "is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness" which requires a person "to develop his or her mind and feelings, learning how to listen, to speak and, at certain times, to keep quiet". It is not something that a Christian may accept or reject. As an essential requirement of love, "every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him". Every day, "entering into the life of another, even when that person already has a part to play in our life, demands the sensitivity and restraint which can renew trust and respect. Indeed, the deeper love is, the more it calls for respect for the other's freedom and the ability to wait until the other opens the door to his or her heart".

### **Shades of Ireland**

October 28-November 6, 2019

Our parish is organizing a tour to Ireland in October 2019 through Collete. Highlights: Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford, Choices of Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Jaunting Car Ride, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay.

**Price:** Double \$2,999, Single \$3,799, Triple \$2,969

**Included in price:** Round Trip Air from New York, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers. **Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person. For more information contact Dee Macdougall at 732/662-5870

### **Church Humor - The Gift**

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got." "That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?" "Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night

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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.

**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 16 diciembre fueron \$291 de acuerdo a la posibilidad de sus recursos y medios.**

**Coordinadores**

**Lectores:** Nestor Collazo

**Ministros eucarísticos:** Maria Pinelo

**Servidores de altar:** Elizabeth Martinez



***Feliz Navidad***

**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.

**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



**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 bendicion 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 contactarnos a su conveniencia para aclarar dudas (732-243-457 amatos@diometuchen.org).

**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.

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