



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



March 29, 2020

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*Guardian Angels Church*  
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## 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., 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Daily Mass: Mon. Wed. through Fri. – 8:00 a.m.,

Tuesday: No Mass

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment

### **Guardian Angels**

Saturday Vigil—4:00 p.m. Sunday – 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon., Weds. through Sat. 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: No Mass

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

## **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN**

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help are prayed at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass each

Wednesday in Our Lady of the Eucharist Chapel, Parish Center.

Novenas – Miraculous Medal and St. Jude – Monday 9 a.m. Transfiguration Chapel, Guardian Angels

## 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

Parish Office Hours—Monday through Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Friday—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Parish Membership:** We welcome new members to our Parish family and request 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.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 30**

**St. Paul's Worship Site**

**8:00 a.m. Myles McDonough†**  
Requested by: Theresa Byrne

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. People of the Parish†**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site**

**No Mass**

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**No Mass**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**St. Paul's Worship Site**

**8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Antonelli†**  
Requested by: Family

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. Ann McManus**  
Requested by: Bonhamtown Seniors

**Thursday, April 2**

**St. Paul's Worship Site**

**8:00 a.m. Francesca Cali†**  
Requested by: Milicia Family

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. Dorothy Proietti†**  
Requested by: Jean Bertolotti

**Friday, April 3**

**St. Paul's Worship Site**

**8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Antonelli†**  
Requested by: Sr. Ann Casserly

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. Manny Carro†**  
Requested by: Family

**Saturday, April 4**

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. Thomas Keefe†**  
Requested by: Alice & Stephen Sloss

**4:00 p.m. Mary Garvey†**  
Requested by: Anne Belsky

**Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**St. Paul's Worship Site**

**8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Antonelli†**  
Requested by: Family

**10:00 a.m. Gladys Leoniy†**  
Requested by: Dolores Levan

**12:30 p.m. People of the Parish**  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**9:00 a.m. Christtine Suchne†**  
Requested by: Family

**11:15 a.m. Kevin Riordan†**  
Requested by: Geri Flanagan

**Saturday, March 28 4:00 p.m.**  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**Lector:** John Melnick  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Carro, A. Hoey  
V. Reyes, G. Ciotta

**Ushers:** R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon  
**Sunday, March 29 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Katie Farrar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Gene Tardiff, Mike White  
**Ushers:** A. Damone, J. Markano, C. Suzberic  
**Sunday, March 29 11:15 a.m.**

**Lector:** Elise Abramik  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta, Carla Guerreiro  
**Ushers:** J. Donnelly, H. Melendez, P. Weir

**St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site**  
**Sunday, March 29 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Lou Rafter  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Maureen Cranley, Judith Hackett  
**Ushers:** J. Garlatti, Peter Hackett

**Sunday, March 29 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Irene Emmett  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Isabel Swamy, Lilly Ramirez

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

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

Peggy Abecker	Joan McArdle
Ben Andrulowich	Paul Millar
Ruth Bach	Dolores Neumann
Rita Beckhorn	Stephanie P.
Barbara Bilinski	Paul Pachucki
Alfred Broderick	Ellen Pelosi
Robert Broderick	Kathy Young Phillips
Carol Byrne	Antonia Sacristan
Charles Byrne	Robert F. Santoro
Pat Daley	Jack Santos
Steven Dempsey	Mickey Schiavone
Migdalia Diaz	Arthur Schnarr
Dee Donnelly	Marge Shirley
Felipe Elimanco	Camille Silverman
Martha Gutierrez	Joseph Skalla
Mark Iannacone	Cathy Roesinger Sloane
Sr. Donna Kane	Steve & Alice Marie Sloss
Brittany Knapp	Christina Stevenson
John Kriegl	Helen Szaranowski
Kathy & Joseph Lamela	Jean Toth
Nicholas Lawrence	Frank Valendo
Anthony Lepore	Joe Valendo
Adam Lubonski	William B. Zalek
Donovan Mak	

**Father Abraham will say private Masses for these intentions.**

**† - Rest in Peace— Maria Robinson**

**May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Donations for Memorial & Intentions 2020**

We thank the donors for their generosity towards these needs of the parish for 2020.  
Breaking Bread Hymnals—Garlatti Family  
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 anonymous

**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  
Captain Michael Asprocola, Marines  
Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army  
Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy  
SR Cullen McArdle, Navy  
Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services and would like to be included.

**Coronavirus: Directives by Bishop James F. Checchio**

The Catholic faithful of the Diocese — priests, religious and lay faithful — are advised to keep informed and updated regarding the progress of the coronavirus pandemic during this global, national and state emergency.

**Temporary Suspension of Public Masses:** All public Masses throughout the Diocese of Metuchen will be temporarily suspended beginning no later than March 18 and resume no earlier than April 3, 2020, when the situation will be reevaluated as circumstances unfold. Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily at 7 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi and televised on [www.stfranciscathedral.org](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org).

**Adoration and Private Prayer:** Churches should remain open for prayer, private devotion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pastors are asked to consider Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time during the day. Praying in large groups, however, should be avoided. In all situations, participants should be encouraged to observe social distancing practices, recommending 3-6 feet of space between participants, for any event inside church spaces.

**Temporary Suspension of Penance Services:** The Sacrament of Penance should remain available according to need, but public Penance Services are not to be conducted. Priests are to take reasonable precautions between the penitent and confessor.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** The celebration of baptisms, funerals and weddings may continue at the discretion of the local pastor. Every effort should be made to follow the guidance regarding appropriate crowd size as suggested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and mandated by the State of New Jersey.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should remain available for true emergencies.

**First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Since the celebration of First Penance, First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation draws large crowds, these sacraments will be temporarily postponed in the Diocese of Metuchen until after Easter and will be re-scheduled after that time.

**Temporary Closure of Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs:** All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen will remain closed as mandated by the State of New Jersey. Our principals and faculty members have prepared extensive plans for remote learning. All religious education programs are suspended with at-home work provided by the local parish leaders where possible.

**Parish Offices:** A pastor may decide to alter or limit his parish office staff during this time, however the faithful will still have needs that may need to be addressed right away, so parishioners should easily be able to reach the Pastor. The Church is not "closed," even though Masses are suspended, classes being taught remotely, etc.

**Continuation of Catholic Social and Charitable Outreach:** Catholic social and charitable outreach programs and services in the Diocese of Metuchen should continue, but be adjusted as needed to meet directions mandated by the State of New Jersey.

**Holy Week and Sacred Triduum:** Any decisions in regard to the celebration of Holy Week, the Chrism Mass and the Sacred Triduum will be made as we monitor the situation. Pastors and parishes will be notified in due time.

Please note that this is a fluid situation. We do not know how long the restrictions imposed on New Jersey residents will be in effect. Please be patient and look for regular updates from the Diocese of Metuchen. [diometuchen.org/coronavirus](http://diometuchen.org/coronavirus).

**Upcoming Events 2020**

- Saturday, April 11:** Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, May 3:** First Holy Communion. 10 AM Mass, St. Paul's.
- Saturday, May 9:** International Food Festival, 5 PM to 8 PM
- Friday, May 15:** Confirmation 7 PM, Guardian Angels.
- Saturday, May 23:** Flea Market
- Saturday, June 13:** Summer Raffle
- Sunday, June 14:** Parish Picnic. 1 PM to 5 PM
- September 13 to 22:** Tour to Fatima and Lourdes
- Sunday, October 4:** Annual Communion Brunch. 12N
- Friday, October 9:** Tricky Tray. 6 PM to 9 PM
- Saturday, November 14:** Square Dancing
- Saturday, November 28:** Christmas Trees arrival.
- Sat., December 5:** Christmas Trees Lighting. 4:45 PM
- Sat., December 5:** Ministries Appreciation Dinner. 5 PM

**OFFERINGS**

Sunday Offertory 3/22/20 - \$2,986

Bring a Dollar to Church - \$32

**Guardian Angels Stove Project**

**Total Cost-\$ To Be Determined**

As of 3/22/20

Shop Rite:	\$1,000
Bring a Dollar to Church	\$2,116
Anonymous Donation	1,000
Altar Rosary	1,000
Other Donation	1,005
Seniors Group	50
Legion of Mary	50
Total	\$6,221

**Lenten Projects - Goal—\$10,000**

**First Sunday in Lent - \$1,965**

**Second Sunday in Lent - \$1,606**

**Third Sunday in Lent - \$1,034**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent - \$1,590**

**Total - \$6,195**

***From the pastor***

Dear brothers and sisters,

The diocese has sent a directive that all parish and school offices are to be closed to the public. As a measure to protect communities from the increasing spread of COVID-19, our parish office is closed until further notice. I am available for sacramental needs. I and the parish staff are available by phone, 732-572-0977, or email: [transfiguration-parish@verizon.net](mailto:transfiguration-parish@verizon.net)

COVID-19 is causing many economic hardships and other casualties. Our hearts and prayers reach out to our parishioners and their families who are already losing jobs. The Parish feels this impact. The Finance Council continues to investigate possibilities for sending your donations online for those among our parishioners who want to send their contributions through electronic funds transfers. We will keep you updated on this online giving option. At this time when we must observe social distancing and stay at home in the interest of public health, please be safe. If you're able, please send any parish contributions by check in the mail.

Please continue to visit our parish website for updates.

<http://transfiguration-parish.com/>

My prayers for you all. God bless.

Fr. Abraham

**Spring Clean Up**

Postponed to a later date.

**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 15 de marzo fueron \$213 de acuerdo a la posibilidad de sus recursos y medios.**

**Coordinadores**

**Lectores:** Nestor Collazo  
**Ministros eucarísticos:** Maria Pinelo  
**Servidores de altar:** Elizabeth Martinez

**Fecha**

03/29/20  
04/05/20

**Lectores**

Tony Martin  
Sergio Pinelo, Yadira Madera, Amber Ortega

**Ministros eucarísticos**

03/29/20 Rene Sanchez and Tony Martinez

**El sacramento del bautismo**

El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados a asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su parroquia.

**Membresía Parroquial**

Nuevos residents de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. También les pedimos que cualquier cambio de dirección, correo electrónico o número de teléfono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

**RICA**

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RICA. Una serie de instrucciones y ceremonias litúrgicas diseñadas para dar buena información en la fe católica.

**Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos**

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.

**Misa Intención Especial**

Favor de tener presente que usted puede ofrecer una misa para sus seres queridos o una intención especial. Vea el boletín para las fechas disponibles en abril.

**"El Manantial" - Edición Digital**

Visita el link <https://www.catholicspirit.com/e-edition> y entérate en español de las noticias de nuestra comunidad en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Apoya esta publicación y comparte este link con tus amigos, en tu parroquia, en los grupos de oración, en los ministerios y con toda la comunidad.

**Educación Religiosa**

Las clases se reúnen de 11:00 am a 12:10 pm en el centro de la parroquia aquí en Highland Park. Se requiere asistencia consistente.

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Madre de Dios y de la gente de Metuchen**

Tú resplandeces siempre en nuestro camino como signo de salvación y esperanza.

Recurrimos a ti, salud de los enfermos, Tú que a los pies de la cruz te uniste al dolor de Jesús, manteniendo firme tu fe. Tú, que eres salvación del pueblo de Dios sabes lo que necesitamos y confiamos en que nos lo proveerás, como lo hiciste en Caná de Galilea, para que después de la adversidad de estos días, regrese la alegría y la celebración.

Ayúdanos, Madre del Amor Divino, a aceptar la voluntad del Padre y hacer lo que nos pide Jesús, quien ha tomado como suyo nuestro sufrimiento y ha cargado con nuestras penas para guiarnos a través de la cruz, al gozo de la resurrección.

Amén

**Medidas preventivas de la Diócesis de Metuchen para evitar la propagación del coronavirus.**

**Suspensión Temporal de Misas Públicas**

Todas las misas públicas en las iglesias de la Diócesis de Metuchen se suspenderán temporalmente a partir del 18 de marzo y no se reanudarán antes del 3 de abril de 2020.

Dado que la Eucaristía es la fuente y la cumbre de la vida cristiana, todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Metuchen deben celebrar la Misa en privado ofreciéndola por el bienestar de todos los fieles cristianos confiados a su cuidado, por la humanidad durante este momento crítico y por las intenciones de aquellos que han hecho una ofrenda por la misa, pero sin la presencia de los fieles.

**Adoración y Oración Privada**

Las iglesias pueden permanecer abiertas para la oración, la devoción privada y la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Se les pide a los párrocos que consideren la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento por un período de tiempo durante el día. Sin embargo, se debe evitar rezar en grupos grandes. En todas las situaciones, los fieles deben ser alentados a observar las prácticas de distanciamiento social, recomendando 3 a 6 pies de espacio entre los asistentes para cualquier evento dentro de los espacios de la iglesia.

**Suspensión Temporal de Servicios de Penitencia**

El Sacramento de la Penitencia debe permanecer disponible según las necesidades, pero los Servicios públicos de penitencia no podrán llevarse a cabo. Los sacerdotes deben tomar precauciones necesarias entre el penitente y el confesor.

**Bautizos, Bodas y Funerales**

La celebración de bautizos, funerales y bodas puede continuar a discreción del párroco. En todo caso, se debe hacer lo posible para acatar las medidas respecto al número máximo de personas que pueden asistir según lo sugerido por los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades y lo establecido por el Estado de Nueva Jersey. Los sacerdotes estarán atentos a responder a las necesidades pastorales de su pueblo, incluidos la celebración de matrimonios, a quienes se encuentran en peligro inminente de muerte, y a quienes deben ser bautizados de urgencia.

**Unción de los Enfermos**

El Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos debe permanecer disponible para verdaderas emergencias.

**Primera Confesión, Primera Comunión y Confirmación**

Dado que la celebración de la Primera Confesión, la Primera Comunión y el Sacramento de la Confirmación atrae a grandes multitudes, estos sacramentos se pospondrán temporalmente en la Diócesis de Metuchen hasta después de Pascua y se reprogramarán después de ese tiempo.

**Cierre Temporal de Escuelas Católicas y Programas de Educación Religiosa.**

Todas las escuelas católicas en la Diócesis de Metuchen permanecerán cerradas según lo ordenado por el Estado de Nueva Jersey. Todos los programas de educación religiosa se suspenden. Cada parroquia asignará a los estudiantes, cuando sea posible, actividades para hacer en casa.

**Oficinas Parroquiales**

El párroco tiene la facultad de decidir los cambios en el personal de la oficina durante este tiempo, sin embargo, en todo caso se debe garantizar la comunicación entre el párroco y los feligreses para atender los casos de emergencia anteriormente señalados.

**Servicios Sociales y Caritativos Católicos**

Los programas y servicios católicos de alcance social y caritativo en la Diócesis de Metuchen deben continuar, pero se ajustarán según sea necesario al cumplimiento de las instrucciones ordenadas por el Estado de Nueva Jersey.

**Semana Santa y Triduo Sagrado**

Cualquier decisión con respecto a las celebraciones de la Semana Santa, la Misa Crismal y el Triduo Pascual se tomará mientras monitoreamos la situación. Los párrocos y las parroquias serán notificados a su debido tiempo.

**Question for Children:** What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

**Question for Adults:** Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

#### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Ministry meets Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. Anyone who was recently Confirmed is welcome.

#### **Amoris Laetitia: Welcoming a new life**

167. Large families are a joy for the Church. They are an expression of the fruitfulness of love. At the same time, Saint John Paul II rightly explained that responsible parenthood does not mean “unlimited procreation or lack of awareness of what is involved in rearing children, but rather the empowerment of couples to use their inviolable liberty wisely and responsibly, taking into account social and demographic realities, as well as their own situation and legitimate desires”.182

#### **Prayer in Time of our Common Need**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mother of God  
and of the people of Metuchen  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We rely on you, Health of the Sick,  
you who, at the cross, united with Jesus' pain,  
keeping steadfast your faith.  
You, Salvation of God's people,  
you know what we need  
and we are sure that you will provide for us,  
as at Cana of Galilee,  
after the adversity of these days,  
may joy and celebration return.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do what we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken our suffering upon Himself  
and has burdened Himself with our sorrows  
to lead us through the cross,  
to the joy of resurrection. Amen.

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE /Pending**

4/5 **Palm Sunday** : Masses at usual times  
4/9 **Holy Thursday**: No morning Mass at either church  
9:00 AM: Morning Prayers at Guardian Angels  
7:00 PM Mass at Guardian Angels  
4/10 **Good Friday**:  
9:00 AM: Morning Prayers at Guardian Angels  
3:00 PM Passion Service at St. Paul's  
7:00 PM Passion Service—Spanish  
4/11 **Holy Saturday**:  
12:00 Noon Food Blessing  
7:30 PM: Easter Vigil at Guardian Angels  
4/12 **Easter Sunday**: Masses at usual times  
4/13 **Easter Monday**: Only ONE Mass. 8:00 AM at St. Paul's. - No Mass at Guardian Angels  
*Parish Office Closed Thursday 4/9, Friday 4/10 and Monday 4/13*

#### **2020 Religious Education Calendar**

**Wednesday and Thursday, April 29th & 30th** - First Communion practice, 7:00-8:30PM at St. Paul's.  
**Sunday, May 3rd** - First Holy Communion Ceremony, 10AM Mass at St. Paul's  
**Monday and Wednesday, May 11th & 13th** - Confirmation Practice, 7PM at Guardian Angels Church.  
**Friday, May 15th** - Confirmation Ceremony, 7PM at Guardian Angels Church.

#### **2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

##### **Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal, to date, has reached 44% of the \$7.2 million goal. Overall, the average gift has increased and there are 693 gifts that were made in 2020 that were not made in 2019. This is exciting news considering it all came from the first mailing. We are very optimistic about the success we have achieved thus far and amidst the coronavirus situation that we are all faced with, it is important to remain prudent in our efforts. **Therefore, the In-Pew Weekend, which is scheduled for March 21/22 is going to be postponed.** A new date for the In-Pew Weekend has not been scheduled. Our office will keep you updated when a date is determined. Please pray for the continued success of our efforts as well as all that are impacted by the coronavirus.

#### **2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

##### **Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action**

**As of March 19, 2020**

**Goal - \$48,000**

**Pledges - \$21,003**

**Paid - \$14,267**

#### **Church Humor**

The preacher's Sunday sermon was Forgive Your Enemies. Toward the end of the service, He asked his congregation, "how many of you have forgiven their enemies"?. About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones?" inquired the preacher, Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?  
"I don't have any." she replied. smiling sweetly.  
"Mrs. Jones, That is very unusual. How old are you?"  
"Ninety-three," she replied.  
"Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world."  
The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived the old hags."



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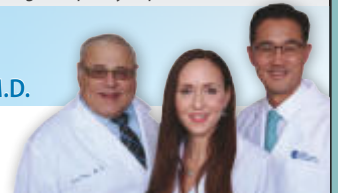
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