



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



January 16, 2022

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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

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 – 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Daily Mass: Mon. Wed. and Fri. – 8:00 a.m.

Guardian Angels

Saturday Vigil—4:00 p.m. Sunday – 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.
Daily Mass: Tues. Thurs. and Sat. 9:00 a.m.
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: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul's
Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude: Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Deacon Edward Krupa

Jacqueline Simone, Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours—Monday through Thursday—9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday—9:30 a.m. to 1:00 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:

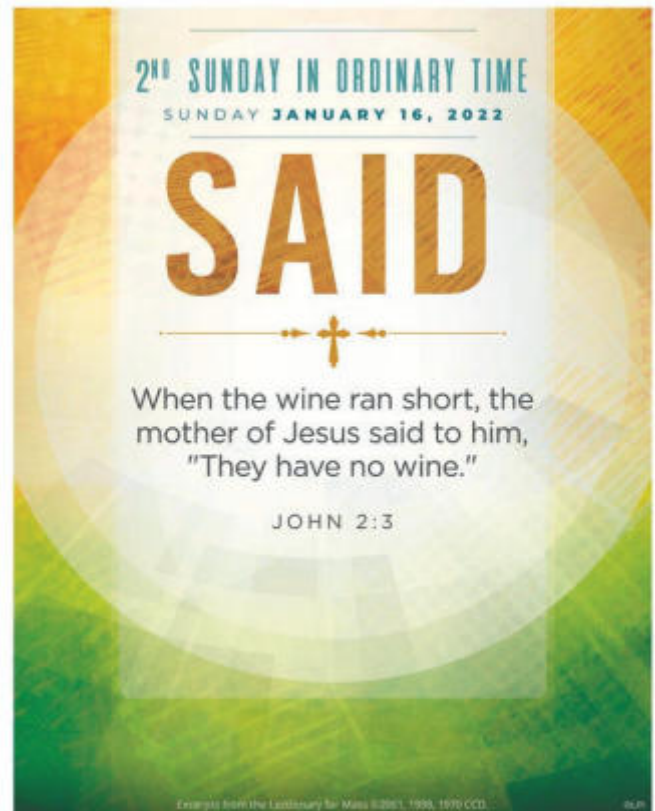
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

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.

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17

St. Paul's Church

Office Closed—No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Aratari†**
Helen Zukosky†

Requested by: **Frank & Lee Ann Burke**

Wednesday, January 19

St. Paul's Church

8:00 a.m. **Marie Robinson †**

Requested by: **Husband Jack**

Thursday, January 20

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **John & Alice Riordan †**

Requested by: **Geri Flanagan**

Friday, January 21

St. Paul's Church

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Milicic †**

Requested by: **Peter Milicic**

Saturday, January 22

Guardian Angels

9:00 a.m. **Bernadette Tardio**

Requested by: **Geri Flanagan**

4:00 p.m. **Joseph & Angelina Zanistowski**

Requested by: **Jean Bertollotti**

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. **Joseph Buddy Testa†**

Requested by: **Ron & Nelly Sorensen**

Diego Sanchez

Requested by: **Carla Guerreiro**

12:30 p. m. **Guadalupe & Martha Bravo**

38 years Wedding Anniversary

Guardian Angels Church

8:30 a.m. **John Suchanek†**

Requested by: **Family**

11:15 a.m. **William Propst, III†**

Requested by: **Maria Propst**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, January 22 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Catherine O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Reyes

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

Sunday, January 23 8:30 a.m.

Lector: E & S Ramirez

Eucharistic Ministers: Grace Ciotta & Rodel Santos

Ushers: Angelo Damone, J. Markano, C. Suzberic

Sunday, January 23 11:15 a.m.

Lector: Theresa Angelillo

Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada

Ushers P. Weir, J. Virrey, T. Sinker

St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, January 23 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Jobbins

Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada

Ushers: J. Adadevoh

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn Alfred Broderick, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Grace Ciot-ta, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Betty Dick, Dee Donnelly, Felipe Elimanco, Mary Jean Fresco, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Anthony Lepore, David Lightener Adam Lubonski, Donovan Mak, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Norma Padernal, Ellen Pelosi, Kathy Young Phillips, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Diane Schneider, Marge Shirley, Joseph Skalla
Cathy Roesinger Sloane, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Jean Toth, Frank

Mass for a Loved One

It is a good Catholic tradition to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for a person who is ill, for a special intention, for a celebration such as birthdays or anniversaries, and in thanksgiving. The normative offering for an announced Mass in the Diocese of Metuchen is \$10.00. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. Please call the parish office, 732-572-0977 for any questions.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Mon, Wed, Fri. at St. Paul's
9:00 AM Tue, Thurs., Sat. at Guardian Angels
Weekends: 4:00 PM (Vigil) Saturday, Guardian Angels
Sundays: 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM, Guardian Angels
10:00 AM and 12:30 PM (Spanish), St. Paul's

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the person for the intentions (deceased or living)

Or Special Intention (please specify):

Date, Time & Church for Mass

Prayers for Military Personnel

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. Sgt. Juan A. Alejandro, Army. Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

Sanctuary Candles

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or a special intention at either Guardian Angels or St. Paul's for a donation of \$25. Enclose your offering in an envelope with information and put in collection basket or mail or bring it to the Parish office.

MEMORIAL & INTENTIONS 2022

Thank you to the following donors for 2022:
Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,000—In Memory of Albert & Angelica Garlatti and Maria G. Harrison
Celebremos (Spanish Hymnal): \$900-(\$500 by anonymous)
Wine: \$500 In memory of William & Arlene Eichler
Hosts: \$1,500 - \$1000 by anonymous
Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100 - anonymous
Palm Leaves: \$250 - anonymous
Candles & Candle Oil: \$500
Please call the office if you have any questions.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Even as the pandemic continues to bring uncertainty, the new year is filled with hope and promise – we always seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ’s love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2022, Transfiguration of the Lord is reaching out to our parishioners.

Increased Giving Drive: Our Parish began a drive in June 2021 to increase the parish’s revenue through our weekly contributions. If you have not done so yet, please consider increasing your weekly contribution to the parish by 10% to 20% or even an increase of a couple dollars each week. Any increase will make a difference.

Faith Direct EGiving: Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2022. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ1058, or text ‘Enroll’ to (Text-to-Give Number)

New Year Donor Changes. With the start of the new year you may want to change (hopefully increase!) your recurring gift amounts. You can always contact Faith Direct Customer Service team at info@faithdirect.net or 866-507-8757 for these changes.

God Bless You.
Fr. Abraham

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022. There will be no 8:00 a.m. mass on Monday, January 17th.

<u>OFFERINGS 1/9/22</u>	
Sunday Offering:	\$5,107
Bring a Dollar	\$ 334
ShopRite	\$ 50
Together in Charity	\$ 987
Initial Offering	\$ 517
Sound systems for Halls at Guardian Angels and St. Paul's Halls. Estimated cost is \$6,000.	
Bring a Dollar	\$ 1,595
Shop-Rite	\$ 700
Donation	\$ 1,237
	\$ 3,532

Contribution Statements
Contribution statements for 2021 are now available at the parish office during business hours. You may either stop by the parish office, provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or your email address. Thank you for your generous support.

SECOND COLLECTION
The Second Collection this weekend will be for our parish Energy Costs. The Second Collection next weekend, January 23/24 will be for the Foundation for Catholic Education. The entire proceeds will benefit this foundation


Bishop Checchio’s Pastoral Visit
Bishop James Checchio is coming for a pastoral visit to our parish. He will say the 12:30 PM Spanish Mass on Sunday, January 16, 2022. All are welcome to join him for the Mass and greet him before or after the Mass.

Thank you Father
Because of your kindness and generosity of the parishioners, we were able to use the gift cards for 2 small space heaters. Our apartment doesn't have working thermostats, we had NO heat. Now we can use the shower and not feel like we were living in a toolshed. Thank you.
A parishioner

Needed Plastic Shopping Bags
St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of new or used plastic shopping bags. If you have any you can spare, please bring them to Guardian Angels Church and deposit in the food bins.

NJ COVID-19 Updates: Stay Safe During the Holidays
12- through 15-year-olds are now eligible for a Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot. In addition, the Center for Disease Control now recommends that everyone ages 12 and older get a booster shot at five months after their two-dose series instead of after six months.

- If you are sick, stay home and don't host any gatherings.
- Mask up in crowded indoor areas or around high risk people.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are in close contact with someone who has tested positive.
- Keep activities outdoors when possible.



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12/28/2021

Transfiguration of the Lord
23 S 5TH Ave
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Dear Transfiguration of the Lord Parish,

We are so thankful for your kindness and generosity towards our tornado response efforts in the Diocese. Please continue to pray for God's will in all our actions and decisions.


Our records show that you have contributed the following over the giving period: 12/28/2021 to 12/28/2021.

Fund	Amount
Tornado Relief 2021	5,000.00
Total	\$5,000.00

Please contact the diocese office at 270-583-1545 if you are in need of further details. The Diocese of Owensboro has not provided, in whole or in part, any goods or services to the above named donor in exchange for this gift. This statement is provided by the diocese in order to comply with the Internal Revenue Code. Retain this with your tax records.

Again, thank you for your support. May you be blessed in your generosity.

Sincerely,



Tom Lilly
Chancellor, Chief Administrative Officer

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.

Coordinadores

Lectores: Luisa Torres
Ministros eucarísticos:
Servidores de altar:

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.

RCIA

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.

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.

Educación Religiosa

Nuestro programa de educación religiosa parroquial ahora está aceptando inscripciones para el año escolar 2021-22. La clase comenzará el 12 de septiembre para nuestro programa de primer a octavo grado. Debido a que las pautas de seguridad de NJ Covid se han vuelto menos estrictas, podremos impartir clases en persona este año, lo cual es una gran ayuda para nuestro programa. Los formularios de inscripción se enviarán por correo en breve a las familias de nuestros estudiantes que regresan. Los formularios también estarán disponibles en nuestras iglesias, la oficina parroquial y en nuestro sitio web parroquial. Envíe cualquier pregunta por correo electrónico a edisonparish@verizon.net. ¡Esperamos un nuevo año enseñando y compartiendo nuestra fe con los niños de nuestra parroquia!

From the Pastor:

¡Durante este tiempo de incertidumbre, la Transfiguración del Señor necesita su apoyo ahora más que nunca! Quiero presentarles una forma nueva y segura de apoyar nuestro ofertorio parroquial y nuestras segundas colecciones: Faith Direct. Faith Direct permite a los feligreses hacer sus contribuciones a la Iglesia, incluso cuando no puede asistir a la iglesia. Ahora, a través de débito directo de su cuenta corriente / de ahorro o de su tarjeta de crédito / débito. Puede aplicar la conveniencia del débito directo a las ofertas de su parroquia de la misma manera que ahora puede usarlo para hacer sus pagos de hipoteca, automóvil o matrícula.

Faith Direct también le ofrece tarjetas de ofertorio personalizadas para reemplazar sus sobres para la canasta de recolección para cuando finalmente podamos reunirnos nuevamente para la misa. Para esta forma de dar seguirá siendo una forma estable y efectiva para que la parroquia reciba sus regalos

Únase a mí para inscribirse respondiendo al correo electrónico que recibirá o visite faith.direct/NJ1058 para inscribirse de forma segura en línea. ¡Dios te bendiga! Rev. Abraham Lotha



The Three Magi: Thank you to Ricardo Salcido, Martin Luevano and Park Pub for their generous gifts of toys for the Religious Education students.



¿Te gustaría registrarte en FORMED a través de tu parroquia u organización?

1. Visita FORMED.org
2. Presiona "Sign Up"
3. Selecciona "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Ingresa el nombre de tu Parroquia o Código Postal
5. Ingresa tu email, y listo ¡Ya ingresaste!

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Religious Education

Our religious education program is enjoying a great start for this year! Many wonderful volunteers have joined us in doing the important work of helping to form the faith in our parish's children! However, there are still a few openings that we need to fill. Currently we are in need of substitute teachers. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the wonderful experience of evangelizing to our students without making a big commitment. If you are interested please email our office at edisonparish@verizon.net or call the parish office during their weekday hours. Thank you and God bless!!

Amoris Laitia: Where are our Children?

265. Doing what is right means more than “judging what seems best” or knowing clearly what needs to be done, as important as this is. Often we prove inconsistent in our own convictions, however firm they may be; even when our conscience dictates a clear moral decision, other factors sometimes prove more attractive and powerful. We have to arrive at the point where the good that the intellect grasps can take root in us as a profound affective inclination, as a thirst for the good that outweighs other attractions and helps us to realize that what we consider objectively good is also good “for us” here and now. A good ethical education includes showing a person that it is in his own interest to do what is right. Today, it is less and less effective to demand something that calls for effort and sacrifice, without clearly pointing to the benefits which it can bring.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2022**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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Parish Registration Form

If you would like to become an active member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, we invite you to complete the Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send it to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Full Name: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (under 18):

Any areas in which family members may be interested to help?

Synod 2023 - Eucharistic Forty Hours

Sunday, January 23rd—Tuesday, January 25th, 2022

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our upcoming Synod Listening Sessions. Due to the current surge in Covid-19 infections, out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to postpone the in-person Deanery Listening Sessions until a later date.

at Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima Church
501 New Market Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Annual March for Life

Annual March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022

Information for parish bus trips to the March for Life in Washington DC will be posted soon on the Diocesan website. If you plan to run a bus to Washington DC and have not already done so, please email your information to amarshall@diometuchen.org as soon as possible.

St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Award

St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Award nominations are complete! We will be celebrating the Young Disciples of many of your parishes with a Mass with Bishop Checchio on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at St. Francis Cathedral at 7 pm**. We invite you to con-celebrate this mass. If you are interested and willing to, **please contact Megan Vantslot at mvantslot@diometuchen.org by January 19th.**

Church Humor

A Pastor in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. “It’s so beautiful here in the winter,” he said, “that heaven doesn’t interest them. And it’s so hot here in the summer that hell doesn’t scare them.”



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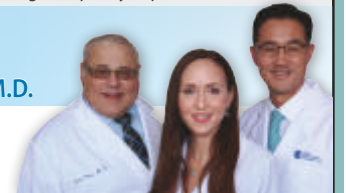
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