



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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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:**

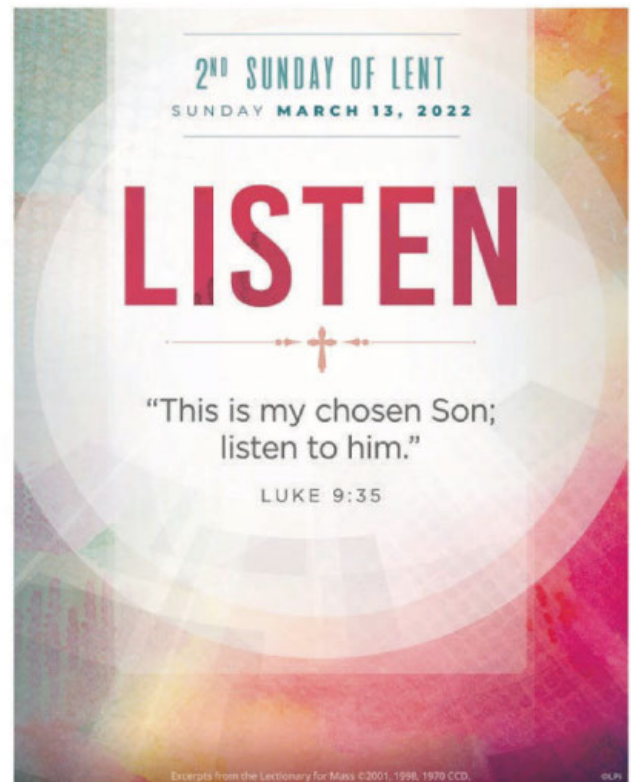
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

### **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, March 14**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m. Joseph Makavage**

*Requested by: Noreen Horvath*

**Tuesday, March 15**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m. Catherine O'Connor†**

*Requested by: John O'Connor*

**Wednesday, March 16**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m. Br. Patrick Doyle, CFC†**

**Thursday, March 17**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m. Joseph Milicic†**

*Requested by: Peter Micicic*

**Friday, March 18**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m. Arthur and Edith Mattie**

*Requested by: Tom & Debbie*

**Saturday, March 19**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m. Marie Robinson†**

*Requested by: Jack Robinson*

**4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of**

**Riordan & Flanagan Families**

*Requested by: Geri Flanagan*

**Sunday, March 20 -Third Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 a.m. Carl Schumacher**

*Requested by: Mom & Sister*

**12:30 a.m. Jonatan Rubiel Flores Rosales**

*Requested by: Karen Lizet Rosales*

**Guardian Angels Church**

**8:30 a.m. Katherine & Onofrio Damone†**

*Requested by: Jacqueline, James, Lorraine & Family*

**11:15 a.m. Angelika Howarth**

*Requested by: The Romeo Family*

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Guardian Angels Church**

**Saturday, March 12 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** John Melnick

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virgie Reyes & Michele Pickett

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

**Sunday, March 13 8:30 a.m.**

**Lector:** Matthew Grogan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gloria Ramirez

**Ushers:** Angelo Damone, Mark Mehalick

**Sunday, March 13 11:15 a.m.**

**Lector:** Christian Santos

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Rada

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

**St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site**

**Sunday, March 13 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Brittan Meklin

**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty Lou Varady

**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 Ciotta, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Betty Dick, Dee Donnelly, Felipe Elimanco, Mary Jean Fresco, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannaccone, 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 Valendo, Joe Valendo, William Vinczi, Bev Wagner, William B. Zalek

## **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.

## 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.

## **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 call the parish office, 732-572-0977 for any questions.

## **MEMORIAL & INTENTIONS 2022**

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,000—In Memory of Albert & Angelica Garlatti and Maria G. Harrison  
Celebremos (Spanish Hymnal): \$900 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  
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**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

**March 18/19**

**Place: Guardian Angels Church**

**Preacher: Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM**

**Friday, March 18**

**5:00 PM—6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper  
by the Knights of Columbus**

**6:30 PM Lenten Talk, Retreat Preacher**

**7:15PM Stations of the Cross.**

**Saturday, March 19**

**9:00 AM Mass**

**9:30 AM Breakfast**

**10:00 AM Lenten Talk 2**

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Adoration**

**12:00 PM Benediction**

**3:00 PM Lenten Confessions**

**4:00 PM Mass**

**ALL parishioners are WELCOME !**

*Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM, is a Franciscan Retreat Preacher, a resident of St. Anthony of Padua Friary in Butler, N.J., and a Chaplain for Poor Clares.*

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?**

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or [diaconate@diometuchen.org](mailto:diaconate@diometuchen.org).

**CAKE SALE**

Rosary Altar Society wishes to urge everyone to help with our Cake Sale that will take place the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> after all Masses at Guardian Angels Church. Please come and support the Parish by buying some home baked goods. The profit from this will pay for the flowers on the Altars of Guardian Angels Church and St. Paul the Apostle Church.

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm**

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at Guardian Angels (English) & St. Paul's (Spanish)

The following groups will lead the service:

Friday, March 18: Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 25: Religious Education Children

Friday, April 1: Parish Council

Friday, April 8: Lectors

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday to Saturday, March 18/19: Lenten Retreat

Saturday, April 16: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Food Blessing

Friday, April 22: Burgers and Bingo

Thursday, April 28 First Reconciliation

Saturday, May 21: Spring Raffle

Saturday, May 21: Flea Market

Sunday, May 22: First Communion

Tuesday, May 31: Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 26: Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 16: Tricky Tray

**OFFERINGS 3/6/22**

**Sunday Offering: \$ 6,186.00**

**Bring a Dollar \$ 166.00**

**Shop-Rite \$ 100.00**

**Ash Wednesday \$ 2,122.00**

**Lenten Project \$ 1,687.00**

**Ukraine \$ 1,731.00**

We have reached our goal of \$6,000. We hope to install the sound systems at St. Paul's and Guardian Angels in the month of March. **Thank you** for your generosity.

**Lenten Project**

Our Lenten Project will be to help two parishes in the diocese of Gallup: St. Anthony Mission and school in Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico, and Our Lady of Fatima, Arizona. Our goal is \$10,000. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Second Collection \$1,687.00**

**Bring a Dollar \$ 166.00**

**Shop-Rite \$ 100.00**

**Total \$1,953.00**

**Bishops Appeal Status as of 2/28/22**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 15,154.25 and payments totaling \$ 10,806.75 from 63 parishioners. This represents 31.6% of your \$ 48,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be for the Lenten Project. Thank you for your generosity

**Parish Lenten Challenge**

Spend one hour Adoration on Saturday mornings. Keep aside 40 items (one item a day during the 40 days of Lent) in a basket at home. Items can include gift cards or food for the needy, toiletries, new clothing and personal care items for veterans. Bring the baskets to church on Palm Sunday. Sharon and Karen will get items over to the veteran's home and St. Vincent de Paul pantry in our parish

**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)

**Spring Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish.

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Guardian Angels Church Hall.

Breakfast will be served from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Sunday March 27, 2022 at Saint Paul's Church Hall. Breakfast will be served from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be accepted.



**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 fe mayor en Él.**

**Coordinadores**

**Lectores:** Josefa Rivera Nestor

**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 residentes 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.

**Educación Religiosa**

La 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](mailto: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 Transfiguration of the Lord 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](http://faith.direct/NJ1058) para inscribirse de forma segura en línea. ¡Dios te bendiga! Rev. Abraham Lotha

**Sinodo 2021 –2023: Por Una Iglesia Sinodal  
DOCUMENTO PREPARATORIO**

6. Esta situación, que, no obstante las grandes diferencias, une a la entera familia humana, pone a prueba la capacidad de la Iglesia para acompañar a las personas y a las comunidades para que puedan releer experiencias de luto y de sufrimiento, que han encubierto muchas falsas seguridades, y para cultivar la esperanza y la fe en la bondad del Creador y de su creación. Sin embargo, no podemos escondernos: la misma Iglesia debe afrontar la falta de fe y la corrupción también dentro de ella. En particular, no podemos olvidar el sufrimiento vivido por personas menores y adultos vulnerables «a causa de abusos sexuales, de poder y de consciencia cometidos por un notable número de clérigos y personas consagradas»<sup>4</sup>. Continuamente somos interpelados «como Pueblo de Dios a asumir el dolor de nuestros hermanos vulnerados en su carne y en su espíritu»<sup>5</sup>: por mucho tiempo el de las víctimas ha sido un clamor que la Iglesia no ha sabido escuchar suficientemente. Se trata de heridas profundas, que difícilmente se cicatrizan, por las cuales no se pedirá nunca suficiente perdón y que constituyen obstáculos, a veces imponentes, para proceder en la dirección del «caminar juntos». La Iglesia entera está llamada a confrontarse con el peso de una cultura impregnada de clericalismo, heredada de su historia, y de formas de ejercicio de la autoridad en las que se insertan los diversos tipos de abuso (de poder, económicos, de conciencia, sexuales). Es impensable «una conversión del accionar eclesial sin la participación activa de todos los integrantes del Pueblo de Dios»<sup>6</sup>: pidamos juntos al Señor «la gracia de la conversión y la unción para poder expresar, ante estos crímenes de abuso, nuestra compunción y nuestra decisión de luchar con valentía».

**SÍNODO 2021-2023  
SESIONES DE  
ESCUCHA EN  
ESPAÑOL**

La sinodalidad es la forma de ser Iglesia hoy según la voluntad de Dios, en una dinámica de escucha y discernimiento del Espíritu Santo"  
— Papa Francisco

**PARROQUIA HOLY FAMILY**  
10 de Marzo  
7 pm – 9 pm  
Sacred Heart Hall  
56 Throop Avenue  
New Brunswick NJ

**PARROQUIA ST JAMES THE LESS**  
20 de Marzo  
3 pm – 5 pm  
Parish Center  
36 Lincon Ave,  
Jamesburg NJ

**PARROQUIA ST JOSEPH**  
21 de Marzo  
7 pm – 9 pm  
7 Locust Street  
Carteret NJ

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**Campaña Anual del Obispo 2022**

**Celebrando 40 años—**

**Continúa Avivando la Llama de la Fe en el Servicio**

Junto con otras oficinas pertenecientes a la Secretaría para la Familia y la Vida Pastoral, la Oficina de Formación de Discipulado para Niños se esfuerza por hacer que la formación en la fe permanezca en el centro de las parroquias de la diócesis al proporcionar a todos los niños oportunidades para experimentar el amor de Dios y la conversión del corazón a través de un creciente conocimiento de Jesús y el Evangelio. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo es una inversión para nuestra futura Iglesia.

### 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](mailto:edisonparish@verizon.net) or call the parish office during their weekday hours. Thank you and God bless!!

### Amoris Laetitia: Patient realism

273. In proposing values, we have to proceed slowly, taking into consideration the child's age and abilities, without presuming to apply rigid and inflexible methods. The valuable contributions of psychology and the educational sciences have shown that changing a child's behaviour involves a gradual process, but also that freedom needs to be channeled and stimulated, since by itself it does not ensure growth in maturity. Situated freedom, real freedom, is limited and conditioned. It is not simply the ability to choose what is good with complete spontaneity. A distinction is not always adequately drawn between "voluntary" and "free" acts. A person may clearly and willingly desire something evil, but do so as the result of an irresistible passion or a poor upbringing. In such cases, while the decision is voluntary, inasmuch as it does not run counter to the inclination of their desire, it is not free, since it is practically impossible for them not to choose that evil. We see this in the case of compulsive drug addicts. When they want a fix, they want it completely, yet they are so conditioned that at that moment no other decision is possible. Their decision is voluntary but not free. It makes no sense to "let them freely choose", since in fact they cannot choose, and exposing them to drugs only increases their addiction. They need the help of others and a process of rehabilitation.

### 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen 40 works of mercy – putting mercy into action during the Lent and Easter seasons in honor of this important anniversary. One Act at a Time

#### Admonish Sinners

- Offer to bring a friend, family member or fellow parishioner to receive the sacrament of reconciliation
- Set a good example for others by being an authentic witness of Christian joy and love.
- Remind others that the choices they make – good or bad – do not only affect them, but can affect many others around them
- Love others enough to be honest and truthful with them, in a kind way
- Be mindful of your own need for repentance and conversion before admonishing anyone else
- Pray first that you may hear the voice of God and follow it faithfully
- Pray that others will find the courage to turn away from their sins
- Show that you care about others by providing them with the truth of God.

#### Forgive Offenses

- Extend forgiveness to those who have hurt you
- Ask forgiveness from others
- Call or write to an estranged friend or family member
- Give someone a second, third or fourth chance, even if you may feel it is unwarranted
- Reflect on your own humility and place yourself in other people's shoes
- Cultivate a forgiving heart through a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Teach forgiveness to others, especially the children in your life or those in your parish
- Recognize your own need for mercy and receive it freely from Jesus, so it becomes easier to forgive the offenses of others.

### MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER for Lent 2022

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: "Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well" (2 Cor 9:6). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no "generous effort" will ever be lost (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. Mt 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. Mt 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. 2 Cor 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. Rom 6:22). In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, "one sows, while another reaps" (Jn 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God's own benevolent love: "it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others" (Fratelli Tutti, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan.

### Centering Prayer Group - Tuesday March 15 at 7 pm

Our monthly Centering Prayer group will meet at 7 pm on March 15 in the Parish Center Chapel in Highland Park. Centering Prayer is a contemplative method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Please contact Brian if you have questions or would like to join the group at 908-421-1242, or [brian.szura@gmail.com](mailto:brian.szura@gmail.com).

### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years—

#### Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Along with other related offices under the Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, the *Office of Discipleship Formation for Children* strives to make lifelong faith formation central in all parishes throughout the diocese by providing all children with opportunities to experience God's love and conversion of heart through a growing knowledge of Jesus and the Gospel. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an investment in our future Church.

### St. Matthew School

100 Seymour Ave. Edison, NJ 08817

We are open for enrollment in all grades Pre-K to 8. Our focus this year is on our Excellent Early Elementary Classes. Call Mrs. Schaefer or Mrs. Ambrosio at: 732-985-6633 for more information or to set up a tour!

### Church Humor

#### Marquee Sayings for Lent:

Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.  
It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.  
What part of "Thou Shalt Not" don't you understand?  
A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.  
The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.  
Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.



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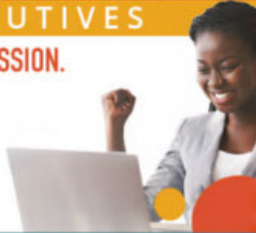
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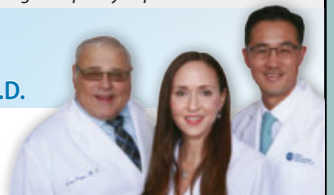
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