

# TRANSFIGURATION OF

## THE LORD PARISH

MARCH 20, 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.

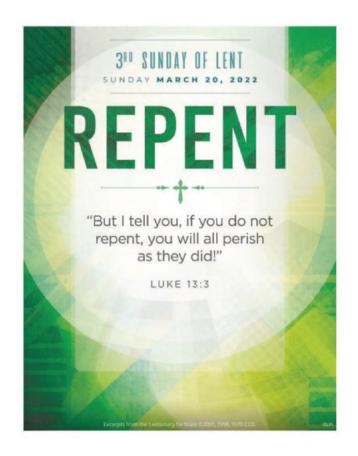
#### The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 21 St. Paul's Church

8:00 a.m. Eleanor & Edelberto Zoleta†

Requested by: Josie Subido

Tuesday, March 22

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Frank Durkint

Requested by: Barbara Durkin

Wednesday, March 23

St. Paul's Church

8:00 a.m. Lou & Betty Antonelli

Requested by: Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Thursday, March 24 Guardian Angels Church

Constance Campanelli 9:00 a.m.

Requested by: Jeff Frank

Friday, March 25 St. Paul's Church

8:00 a.m. Agnes Petrylak

Requested by: Noreen Horvath

Saturday, March 26 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Joseph Harrist

Requested by: Dan & Betty Lou Varady Joseph & Angelina Zanistowski

4:00 p.m. Requested by: Jean Bertollotti

Sunday, March 27 -Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. **Theodore Blaise** 

Requested by: Theresa Byrne 12:30 a.m. Leopoldo Martinez †

Requested by: Tina Schweyher

Guardian Angels Church

8:30 a.m. James & Mary Hannah

Requested by: Mary Hannah

11:15 a.m. Sylvia Gombita

Requested by: Anton Gombita

#### **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.

## **FORMED**

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Guardian Angels Church** 

4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 26

Mary Anne Day Lector:

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virgie Reyes & Michele Picket R Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Ushers: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 27

E & S Ramirez

Lector: **Eucharistic Ministers:** Gloria Ramirez

Angelo Damone, Mark Mehalick Ushers: Sunday, March 27 11:15 a.m.

Theresa Angelillo Lector: **Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Rada

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

St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, March 27 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Jobbins **Eucharistic Minister:** Betty Lou Varady Ushers: J. Adadevoh

#### Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Grace Ciotta, 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 Valendo, Joe Valendo, William Vinczi, Bev Wagner, William B. Zalek

#### 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 Felix Cabrera Thank you to the following donors for 2022

#### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal, *Celebrating 40 Years—Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service.* As faithful members of our diocesan family, we are invited to support the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries that serve more than 500,000 Catholics throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties.

In addition, \$1.7 million of the proceeds of the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal has been allocated to support Catholic Charities which provides services to the poor, vulnerable and all people in need, and partners with families and communities to improve the quality of life. Catholic Charities is also recognized as a major provider of emergency services—often the first on the scene in times of unforeseen tragedy or natural disaster, such as in the recent hurricane.

Next weekend, March 26/27, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen will be celebrating the **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is to reach 100% participation. I ask every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

As Christian stewards, we are called to share the blessings we have received. Your loving response through both prayer and a financial gift has a great impact when done out of gratitude to the Lord. As one faith, one family, one community, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an eloquent expression of our love for God and our stewardship of His gifts. Please prayerfully consider giving as your means allow.

#### 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

### **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.

#### 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 25: Religious Education Children Friday, April 1: Parish Council

Friday, April 8: Lectors

Good Friday, April 15: Combined Council

#### **MARCH 20, 2022**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

	<b>OFFERINGS 3/13/22</b>		
Sunday Offering:	\$ 4,550.00		
Bring a Dollar	<b>\$ 175.00</b>		
Shop-Rite	\$ 50.00		
Lenten Project	\$ 1,188.00		
Easter Flowers	\$ 190.00		

#### 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	\$2,875.00	
Bring a Dollar	\$	341.00
Shop-Rite	\$	150.00
Donation	\$	317.00
Total	\$	3,683.00

#### Bishops Appeal Status as of 3/14/22

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$17,796.25 and payments totaling \$13,123.75 from 84 parishioners. This represents 37.1% 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

#### **Commemorative Gift**

A donation of \$100 was made by Juanita L. Ceralde in memory of Hermino Santos. Thank you.

#### 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)

#### **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 Angles 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.

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#### 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.

#### Coordinatores

Lectores: Rene Sanchez 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.

#### Membresia Parroquial

Nuevos residents de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. Tambien les pedimos que cualquier combio de direccion, correo electronico o numbero de telefono 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

La clases se reunen  $\overline{\text{de}}$  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 por cualquier pregunta correo electrónico a edisonparish@verizon.net. ¡Esperamos un nuevo año enseñando y compartiendo nuestra fe con los niños de nuestra parroquia!

#### From the Pastor:

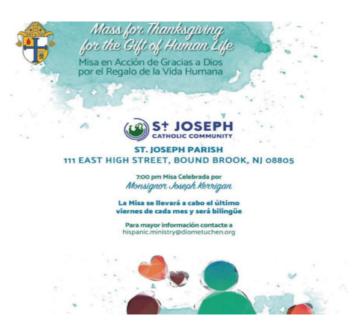
¡Durante este tiempo de incertidumbre, la Transfiguration of the Lord necesita su apoyo ahora más que nunca! Quiero presentar-les una forma nueva y segura de apoyar nuestro ofertorio parroquial y nuestras segundas colecciones: Faith Direct. Faith Direct permite a los feligreses hacer sus contribuciones 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

## Sinodo 2021 -2013: Por Una Iglesia Sinodal DOCUMENTO PREPARATORIO

7. No obstante nuestras infidelidades, el Espíritu continúa actuando en la historia y mostrando su potencia vivificante. Precisamente en los surcos excavados por los sufrimientos de todo tipo padecidos por la familia humana y por el Pueblo de Dios están floreciendo nuevos lenguajes de fe y nuevos caminos capaces, no sólo de interpretar los eventos desde un punto de vista teologal, sino también de encontrar en medio de las pruebas las razones para refundar el camino de la vida cristiana y eclesial. Es un motivo de gran esperanza que no pocas Iglesias hayan ya comenzado a organizar encuentros y procesos de consulta al Pueblo de Dios, más o menos estructurados. Allí donde tales procesos han sido organizados según un estilo sinodal, el sentido de Iglesia ha florecido y la participación de todos ha dado un nuevo impulso a la vida eclesial. Se confirman igualmente el deseo de protagonismo dentro de la Iglesia por parte de los jóvenes, y la solicitud de una mayor valoración de las mujeres y de espacios de participación en la misión de la Iglesia, ya señalados por las Asambleas sinodales de 2018 y de 2019. En esta misma línea se ha de considerar la reciente institución del ministerio laical de catequista y la apertura a las mujeres del acceso a los ministerios del lectorado y del acolitado.



#### Campaña Anual del Obispo 2022 Celebrando 40 años—

Continúa Avivando la Llama de la Fe en el Servicio Si aún no se ha comprometido con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana del 26/27 de marzo, que ha sido designado como el Fin de Semana De la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas. Por favor, considere en oración realizar su aporte a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar la meta. Si logramos superar nuestra meta, el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta será reembolsada a la parroquia. Tan importante como nuestro objetivo financiero es nuestro objetivo de alcanzar el 100% de participación. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias.

#### **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: Family life as an educational setting

274. The family is the first school of human values, where we learn the wise use of freedom. Certain inclinations develop in childhood and become so deeply rooted that they remain throughout life, either as attractions to a particular value or a natural repugnance to certain ways of acting. Many people think and act in a certain way because they deem it to be right on the basis of what they learned, as if by osmosis, from their earliest years: "That's how I was taught". "That's what I learned to do". In the family we can also learn to be critical about certain messages sent by the various media. Sad to say, some television programmes or forms of advertising often negatively influence and undercut the values inculcated in family life.

#### 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen 40 works of mercy – putting mercy into action during the

#### Comfort the Sorrowful

- Visit a friend or family member who is having a difficult time
- · Send someone a sympathy card or care package
- On an anniversary of a friend or family member's miscarriage or loss of a child or spouse, remember them by calling, emailing or sending them a card
- · Offer words of encouragement to those who seem discouraged
- · Walk with others through their pain
- Be present to those who are struggling or in emotional pain or disrepair
- Give comfort to and care to those with sick loved ones Attend wakes and funerals as a show of support.

#### **Bear Wrongs Patiently**

- Strive to give others the benefit of the doubt
- Pray to God for His help in carrying serious wrongs
- Practice with little acts of patience so that you are prone to be patient when the bigger upsets of life come your way
- Seek to be less critical yourself
- "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"
- $\bullet$  Be mindful of the things that make you impatient
- Before responding impatiently, take a deep breath and allow yourself to walk away
- Put small annoyances into perspective and find the positives When waiting, use your unexpected extra time wisely by saying a brief prayer or praying the rosary.

#### Give Drink to the Thirsty

Pass out water bottles to people in need

Bring a bottle or glass of water to a neighbor working in your neighborhood

Donate baby formula to a local pregnancy aid center Have a "donations only" lemonade stand and donate the funds to our local Catholic Charities or to Catholic Relief Services Watch for ways to save on water and to keep it clean

Learn more about the issue of water by reading Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si' (Praise be to you)

Pay for the coffee of the person behind you at a coffee shop Keep your fellow parishioners hydrated by offering to bring bottled water to those volunteering at a parish event

Volunteer to hand out water to those participating in a local charity race

#### MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER for Lent 2022

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. The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is "fruit for eternal life" (Jn 4:36), our "treasure in heaven" (Lk 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. Jn 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: "What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body" (1 Cor 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for "if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love "by dying a death like his" (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). "Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt 13:43).

# Parish Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 10 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus Council #v6306 along with Father Abraham will be hosting a Parish Easter Egg Hunt.. Bring your grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. All are welcome! In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, we will have coffee and refreshments. Watch for our flyers with more information in the coming weeks.

#### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years— Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 26/27, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

#### Church Humor: Bible

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly," It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



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