



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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## **St. Paul the Apostle Church**

Corner of 6th & Raritan Avenue  
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## **Guardian Angels Church**

37 Plainfield Avenue  
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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 – 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:**

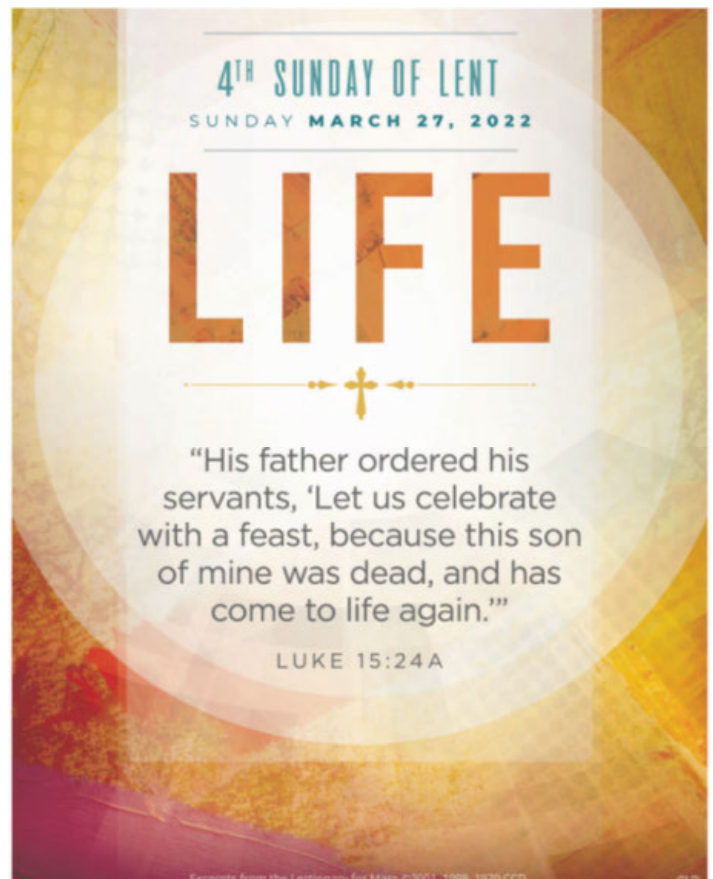
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

### **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 28**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m.** Geraldine and Joseph Farrell

**Tuesday, March 29**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m.** Grace Ciotta

*Requested by: Dan & Betty Lou Varady*

**Wednesday, March 30**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m.** Erlinda Salamante

*Successful Eye Surgery*

**Thursday, March 31**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m.** Scheryl Pintye and Mary Potznert

*Requested by: The Pintye Family*

**Friday, April 1**

**St. Paul's Church**

**8:00 a.m.** The Fornarotto Family

*Requested by: The Ness Family*

**Saturday, April 2**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**9:00 a.m.** Thomas & Jane O'Neill†

*Requested by: Mary Hannah*

**4:00 p.m.** Delores & Joseph Milicic

*Requested by: Peter Milicic*

*Deceased Class Mates of EHS Class of 1980*

*Requested by: Class of 1980*

**Sunday, April 3—Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 a.m.** Sam Giles & Anthony Nobile, Sr.

*Requested by: Family*

**12:30 a.m.** Eliceo Cortes Mexica†

*Requested by: Mrs. Socorro Cortes*

**Guardian Angels Church**

**8:30 a.m.** Lillian Stabach†

*Requested by: Grace Ciotta*

**11:15 a.m.** Alejandro "Hank" Melendez

*Requested by: Altar Rosary Society*

## **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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Guardian Angels Church**

**Saturday, April 2**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Catherine O'Neill

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

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

**Sunday, April 3**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Lector:** Mike White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rodel Santos & Angelo Damone

**Ushers:** Mark Mehalick

**Sunday, April 3**

**11:15 a.m.**

**Lector:** Peter Staples

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Rada

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

**St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site**

**Sunday, April 3**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Ellen Maughan

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carla Guerreiro

**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 Iannaccone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegel, Anthony Lepore, David Lightner 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.

In loving memory of Beverly Wagner requested by Joseph & Loretta Valendo

## **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  
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## 2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend, in all parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen, Catholics are celebrating In-Pew Weekend in support of the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal sustains the many ministries, programs and outreach services of the Diocese of Metuchen reaching thousands of people each day throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties.

I am pleased to announce that our parish has already pledged \$17,796. As this important effort continues, we now invite all families of our parish to participate and join us in making a sacrificial pledge that will assist countless individuals and families throughout our Diocese and help our parish earn a parish rebate. The rebate will be 50% of the amount collected over goal.

**Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of 100% participation.** Every gift, no matter the size, is important and appreciated. Moreover, this is an opportunity for each of us to show our gratitude to the Lord for the blessings we have received.

I ask **one representative from each family to complete an envelope.** Please clearly print your name and address and our parish name and city.

**If you have already given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal** either directly or through your payroll deduction, please take this time to write your prayer intentions on the pledge form.



Lenten Soup and Supper organized by the Knights of Columbus. THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Lenten Soup Supper and breakfast for the Retreat.

## Spring Pancake Breakfast

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

**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, April 1: Parish Council

Friday, April 8: Lectors

Good Friday, April 15: Combined Council

## 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

## OFFERINGS 3/20/22

<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,811.00</b>
<b>Bring a Dollar</b>	<b>\$ 154.00</b>
<b>Shop-Rite</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Lenten Project</b>	<b>\$ 1,486.00</b>

## 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.

<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$4,361.00</b>
<b>Bring a Dollar</b>	<b>\$ 495.00</b>
<b>Shop-Rite</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 317.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,373.00</b>

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

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 20,652.25 and payments totaling \$ 16,554.75 from 103 parishioners. This represents 43.0% 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

**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)

## 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.

## Palm Crosses for Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 6306 will be selling Palm Crosses after all masses on April 2nd and April 3rd. Please contact [Kofc6306@yahoo.com](mailto:Kofc6306@yahoo.com) to reserve your Palm Cross.

## BURGER BINGO

Dear Parishoners, we will have our Bingo/Burger night on April 22, at 6 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. We look forward to another funfilled evening of good food and plenty of prizes. There are sign up sheets at all the entrances to Guardian Angels and St. Paul's This is important so we have a good count to purchase supplies. We are asking for donations towards the cost of the food supplies. Thank you in advance and we will see you on April 22.

**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:** Guadalupe Diaz

**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.

**RCA**

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 –2013: Por Una Iglesia Sinodal**

**DOCUMENTO PREPARATORIO**

8. No podemos ignorar la variedad de condiciones en las que viven las comunidades cristianas en las diversas regiones del mundo. Junto a países en los cuales la Iglesia reúne la mayoría de la población y representa una referencia cultural para toda la sociedad, existen otros países en los cuales los católicos son una minoría; en algunos de estos países, los católicos, junto con los otros cristianos, experimentan formas de persecución, incluso muy violentas, y a menudo el martirio. Si, por una parte, predomina una mentalidad secularizada que tiende a expulsar la religión del espacio público, por otra parte, existe un integrismo religioso, que no respeta la libertad de los otros, alimenta formas de intolerancia y de violencia, que se reflejan también en la comunidad cristiana y en sus relaciones con la sociedad. No es infrecuente que los cristianos asuman estas mismas actitudes, fomentando también las divisiones y las contraposiciones también en la Iglesia. Igualmente, es necesario tener presente el modo en que repercuten, dentro de la comunidad cristiana y en sus relaciones con la sociedad, las fracturas que caracterizan a esta última, por razones étnicas, raciales, de casta o por otras formas de estratificación social o de violencia cultural y estructural. Estas situaciones tienen un profundo impacto en el significado de la expresión “caminar juntos” y en las posibilidades concretas de ponerlas en acto.

**SEMANA SANTA**

Reserve sus días para semana santa

Domingo de ramos 10 abril misa 12:30 pm  
Iglesia St. Paul the Apostle

Jueves santo 14 abril  
misa bilingüe 7:00 pm Iglesia Guardian Angels  
Adoración al santísimo en español 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Viernes santo 15 abril  
Via crucis 6:30 pm, iglesia St. Paul the Apostle  
Passion servicio 7:00 pm, iglesia St. Paul the Apostle

Sábado abril 16 12:00 pm bendición de los alimentos

Sábado abril 16 Vigilia pascual  
Misa bilingüe 7:30 pm Iglesia Guardian Angels

Domingo pascual abril 17

**Campana Anual del Obispo 2022  
Celebrando 40 años—**

Este fin de semana, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el **Fin de Semana de la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas**. Nuestro objetivo es que todas las familias participen. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos trabajando para ser leña encendida por el Espíritu Santo, permitiendo que el amor y el poder de Dios ardan más intensamente aquí en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Gracias por participar activamente con su apoyo financiero en esta misión. **Podrá encontrar el enlace al Video de la Campaña Anual del Obispo visitando <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.**

### 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: Family life as an educational setting

275. In our own day, dominated by stress and rapid technological advances, one of the most important tasks of families is to provide an education in hope. This does not mean preventing children from playing with electronic devices, but rather finding ways to help them develop their critical abilities and not to think that digital speed can apply to everything in life. Postponing desires does not mean denying them but simply deferring their fulfillment. When children or adolescents are not helped to realize that some things have to be waited for, they can become obsessed with satisfying their immediate needs and develop the vice of "wanting it all now". This is a grand illusion which does not favour freedom but weakens it. On the other hand, when we are taught to postpone some things until the right moment, we learn self-mastery and detachment from our impulses. When children realize that they have to be responsible for themselves, their self-esteem is enriched. This in turn teaches them to respect the freedom of others. Obviously this does not mean expecting children to act like adults, but neither does it mean underestimating their ability to grow in responsible freedom. In a healthy family, this learning process usually takes place through the demands made by life in common.

### 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

#### Pray for the Living and the Dead

- Keep a prayer list of intentions and list those you know are sick and pray for them every day
- Pray for those people who are listed in your parish bulletin
- Each day, pray for our seminarians, our bishop, our priests, our deacons and our religious brothers and sisters
- When you hear sirens, pray for the safety of others
- Knit, crochet or sew a prayer blanket or craft a rosary that can be given to some person who could find comfort and solace in the fact that someone else is praying for them
- Say a family rosary together with the intentions of all those in need
- Pray a Divine Mercy chaplet for those who will return to the Lord today
- Visit your local cemetery or one of our parochial or diocesan cemeteries to pray for the souls of the departed.

#### Feed the Hungry

- Support and volunteer at a local food pantry, soup kitchen, or agency that helps to feed the hungry
- Learn about global hunger and act in solidarity by participating in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl campaign
- Avoid wasting food
- Keep some granola bars on hand or make a few sandwiches to hand out as you walk through areas where you might encounter people in need
- Give to or host a food drive
- Print a list of local food banks and soup kitchens to hand out as you encounter people in need
- Share food with a friend, relative or co-worker
- Prepare and take a meal to someone in your community who is seriously ill or welcoming a child
- Help ensure proper nutrition for your loved ones
- Go grocery shopping for someone who cannot go to the store themselves

### MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER for Lent 2022

#### 2. "LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD"

Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the "great hope" of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, Spe Salvi, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: "Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall" (Is 40:30). Yet God "gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire" (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, "Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal 6:9). Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history;<sup>2</sup> and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).



Parish Lenten Retreat preached by Fr. Tom Hartle

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

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

**Bishop's Appeal Update** This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support. **You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>**

### Church Humor: Bible

After the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden, One of the boys asked, "What's that?" Adam replied, "Boys, that's here you mother ate us out of house and home."



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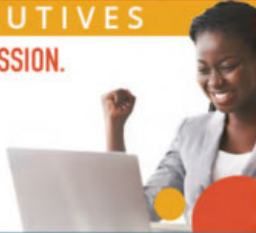
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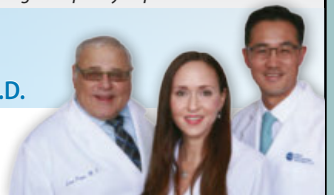
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