

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

APRIL 17, 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 $\overline{\text{Lord Parish}}$ is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Guardian Angels

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.

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.

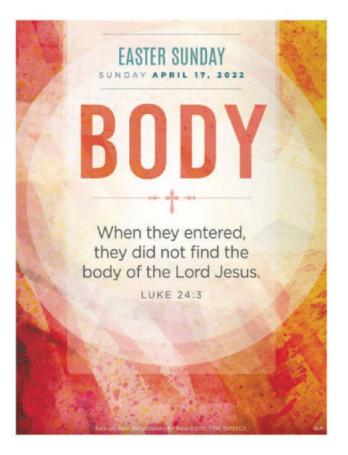
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.

<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:</u> 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

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Monday, April 18		
St. Paul's Church		
8:00 a.m. Office Closed -No Mass		
Tuesday, April 19		
<u>Guardian Angels Church</u>		
9:00 a.m. Marie Robinson†		
Requested by: Jack Robinson		
Wednesday, April 20		
<u>St. Paul's Church</u>		
8:00 a.m. Richard Horvath		
Requested by: Noreen Horvath		
Thursday, April 21		
Guardian Angels Church		
9:00 a.m. Peter Perla		
Requested by: Joanna Valeri		
Friday, April 22		
<u>St. Paul's Church</u>		
8:00 a.m. John Adadevoh, Sr.†		
Requested by: Joan and John Adadevoh		
Saturday, April 23		
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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?

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church		
<u>Saturday, April 23</u>	4:00 p.m.	
Lector:	Mary Anne Day	
Eucharistic Ministers:	Virgie Reyes & Michele Pickett	
Ushers: R Mar	low, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon	
<u>Sunday, April 24</u>	8:30 a.m.	
Lector:	E & S Ramirez	
Eucharistic Ministers:	Gloria Ramirez	
Ushers:	A. Damone, M. Mehalick	
Sunday, April 24	11:15 a.m.	
Lector:	Theresa Angelillo	
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Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church. We invite all our parishioners to take part in this special prayer time.

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

EASTER SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter! May Christ's resurrection continue to instill hope in you and your families.

Thank you to all the parishioners for your help in our parish's various Lenten activities. Thank you to the groups for leading us with the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, to the Knights of Columbus for the soup supper and breakfast during the retreat, the Liturgy committee, decorating committee, musicians, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, counters, and to all those who helped in different ways to make our Lenten season meaningful.

Our collective efforts gave us more power to achieve our 'Lenten Goals." Through your generous contribution, we reached our goal of \$10,000 for the Lenten Project to help two parish missions in the Diocese of Gallup, NM. The response towards the "40 Days of Lent, 40 items for almsgiving" was overwhelming. Thank you for your generous donation of medical supplies for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Every sacrifice we made has a meaning beyond us. Thank you for your generous offering to the Easter collection.

Spring is in full bloom. If you want to help Transfiguration of the Lord flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ1058.

Again, Happy Easter and thank you for your continued support of our parish family. Fr. Abraham



40 days of lent, 40 items almsgiving. Thank you for your generosity.

CAKE SALE

<u>Rosary Altar Society</u> requests that all Parishioners to help with our Cake Sale that will take place the weekend of April 23rd and 24th 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 the Parish Churches. Donations are gratefully accepted.

BURGER BINGO

Dear Parishioners, 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 fun filled 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 4/3/22

Due to early submission of the bulletin this week, the report for Offerings will be posted next weekend.

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. We have reached our goal of \$10,000 for the Lenten Project. **THANK YOU** for your support and generosity.

Second Collection	\$7,287.00
Bring a Dollar	\$1,621.00
Shop-Rite	\$ 400.00
Donation	\$ 547.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 200.00
Legion of Mary	\$ 200.00
Total	\$10,255.00

Our next project will be to repair the gutter and roof of the overhang above the main door at St. Paul's.

Bishops Appeal Status as of 4/8/22

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 28,822.50. and payments totaling \$ 22,246.25 from 128 parishioners. This represents 60.0% of your \$ 48,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years—

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <u>https://</u> diometuchen.org/BAA.

If you have any concerns for the Township, please contact Pat Coyle at the Mayor's Office at (732) 248-7224 or pcoyle@edisonnj.org.

Parish 50/50 Spring Raffle

Recently you should have received a 50/50 Spring Raffle chance book in the mail. Each raffle ticket is \$5.00 and a chance to w in 25%, 15%, or 10% of the gross ticket sales. The raffle will be held at Guardian Angels church hall on May 21, 2022 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Please try to sell or buy the raffle tickets as 50% of the gross sales will help to defray church expenses.

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)

<u>Nuestra Visión Parroquial</u>

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.

<u>Coordinatores</u> Lectores: dom pascua 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 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:

Felices Pascuas! La primavera está en plena floración: ¡la gloria de Dios está a nuestro alrededor! Si desea ayudar a Transfiguration of the Lord a prosperar, ahora es el momento perfecto para cambiar a eGiving. Puede registrarse desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta, y configurar una donación recurrente o hacer un regalo único; estarás haciendo crecer nuestros ministerios que comparten las Buenas Nuevas del amor de Dios.

Sus donaciones recurrentes sostendrán y fortalecerán nuestra parroquia. Nos brindará un apoyo constante que nos ayuda a estar siempre listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de nuestra iglesia y para los necesitados en toda la comunidad. Regístrese hoy visitando Faith.direct/NJ1058, o envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Enroll". Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial.

j.¡Dios te bendiga! Rev. Abraham Lotha

Sinodo 2021 –2013: Por Una Iglesia Sinodal DOCUMENTO PREPARATORIO

11. En el primer milenio "caminar juntos", es decir, practicar la sinodalidad, fue el modo de proceder habitual de la Iglesia entendida como "un pueblo reunido en virtud de la unidad del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo»12. A quienes dividían el cuerpo eclesial, los Padres de la Iglesia opusieron la comunión de las Iglesias extendidas por todo el mundo, que San Agustín describía como «concordissima fidei conspiratio»13, es decir, como el acuerdo en la fe de todos los Bautizados. Aquí echa sus raíces el amplio desarrollo de una praxis sinodal a todos los niveles de la vida de la Iglesia - local, provincial, universal -, que ha encontrado en el Concilio ecuménico su manifestación más alta. Es en este horizonte eclesial, inspirado en el principio de la participación de todos en la vida eclesial, donde San Juan Crisóstomo podrá decir: «Iglesia y Sínodo son sinónimos»14. También en el segundo milenio, cuando la Iglesia ha subrayado más la función jerárquica, no disminuyó este modo de proceder: si en el medievo y en época moderna la celebración de sínodos diocesanos y provinciales está bien documentada junto a la de los concilios ecuménicos, cuando se ha tratado de definir verdades dogmáticas, los papas han querido consultar a los obispos para conocer la fe de toda la Iglesia, recurriendo a la autoridad del sensus fidei de todo el Pueblo de Dios, que es «infalible "in credendo"» (EG, n. 119).

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



Compana Anual del Obispo 2022 Celebrando 40 anos

Gracias a todos los que han donado tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2022. Si aún no ha hecho su promesa de donación, todavía hay tiempo para participar. Envíe su aporte por correo a: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o realice su donación en línea en <u>https://diometuchen.org/</u>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 or call the parish office during their weekday hours. Thank you and God bless!!

Amoris: Family life as an educational setting

278. The educational process that occurs between parents and children can be helped or hindered by the increasing sophistication of the communications and entertainment media. When well used, these media can be helpful for connecting family members who live apart from one another. Frequent contacts help to overcome difficulties. 296 Still, it is clear that these media cannot replace the need for more personal and direct dialogue, which requires physical presence or at least hearing the voice of the other person. We know that sometimes they can keep people apart rather than together, as when at dinnertime everyone is surfing on a mobile phone, or when one spouse falls asleep waiting for the other who spends hours playing with an electronic device. This is also something that families have to discuss and resolve in ways which encourage interaction without imposing unrealistic prohibitions. In any event, we cannot ignore the risks that these new forms of communication pose for children and adolescents; at times they can foster apathy and disconnect from the real world. This "technological disconnect" exposes them more easily to manipulation by those who would invade their private space with

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 Visit those in Prison

- Donate bibles, a subscription to The Catholic Spirit, or other spiritual reading materials to those who are incarcerated
- Help to prepare a holiday meal or share gifts with a family and children of an imprisoned parent •Pray for the families of those imprisoned and for those families affected by the actions of the imprisoned
- Consider joining an anonymous pen pal program, such as the program offered through the Order of Malta
- Learn what the Church teaches and advocates for in the area of criminal and restorative justice
- Offer to mentor an at-risk teenager
- Support job-training and educational programs designed to rehabilitate prisoners
- Act with mercy and forgiveness towards everyone, but especially those who have made mistakes in their past

Bury the Dead

- Participate in a bereavement ministry
- Send a Mass card to families of those who have died
- Spend time with and offer help to those who have lost a loved one
- Offer daily prayers for those who are terminally ill and for those who have died
- Pray at an abortion clinic for the lives lost to abortion
- Visit the cemetery and pray for the dead
- Take friends and relatives to visit the grave of a loved one
- Contact your local cemetery to offer help with spring or fall cleanup around the cemetery grounds
- Remember our veterans who have died by offering to place flags around the cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day



NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY at Six Flags Great Adventure on+ May 15, 2022.



Relics of Saint Bernadette

From April to August 2022, the relics of Saint Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is organizing the pilgrimage of the relics in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, North American Volunteers, Hospitalité of Miami and the Order of Malta. The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Diocese of Metuchen, the only diocesan stop in New Jersey, from May 17-20, 2022. More details to be made available on our diocesan website in the coming weeks.

Quo Vadis Days July 19-22, 2022 Young Men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email <u>quovadis@diometuchen.org.</u>

Church Humor

My father was so cheap. Every Easter we'd wear the same clothes, but he'd take us to a different church. - *AJ Jamal*

