

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

#### November 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 – 9:30 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 – 8:00 & 11:00 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. Deacon Ubaldo Valdez (part-time)
Maria Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary
Parish Office Hours—Monday through Thursday—9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

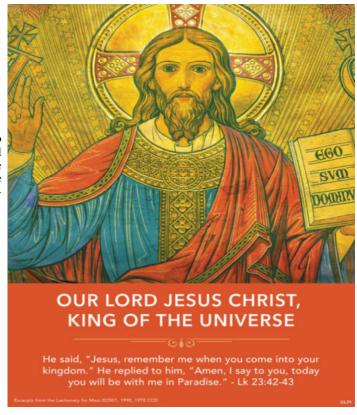
#### The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



#### TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

**MASS INTENTIONS** 

Monday, November 21

St. Paul the Apostle Church **Nancy Giaramita** 8:00 a.m

Requested by: Noreen Horvath

Tuesday, November 22

Guardian Angels Church

Joseph J. Pinto Jr.+ 9:00 a.m.

Requested by: George & Deborah Leshchanka

Felipe Elimanco+

Requested by: Cleo Elimanco

Wednesday, November 23 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the D'Amato and

**Perone Families†** 

Requested by: Families

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Mary Jean Fresco** 

Requested by: Addie Del Vecchio &

Abraham Khalifeh

Friday, November 25 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Office Closed-No Mass

Saturday, November 26 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Michael Bobik†

Requested by: Mrs & Mrs. Andrew Czech

4:00 p.m. George Mikita Jr. & Joseph Link Sr.+

Requested by: Joanne Jean & Bill Mikita

Edneil Elimanco (Birthday)

Requested bu: Cleo Elimanco

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Lou Antonelli†

Requested by: Dan & Betty Lou Varady

12:30 p.m. Robert & Carmen Cabrera†

Requested by: Felix Cabrera

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Katherine Damonet

Requested by: Angelo Damone

11:00 a.m. Fidela Requejo

Requested by: Family

Patti D'elia†

Requested by: Michele & Brian Pickett

#### Memorial and Intentions for 2023

Inviting Volunteer donors for the following items for 2023:

Breaking Bread Hymnals:\$2,500

Celebremos: \$900 Wine: \$500 Hosts: \$1,500

Gluten Free Hosts: \$100 Palm Leaves: \$600 Candles and Oils: \$500

Please contact the parish office or meet Fr. Abraham for

more information.

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Guardian Angels Church** 

4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 26

Lectors: John Melnick Caitlin Pizzichillo **Eucharistic Minister:** Hermine Tenchavez

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Sunday, November 27 8:00 a.m.

Peter Staples Lector: **Eucharistic Ministers:** Rodel Santos

Angelo Damone

A. Damone, M. Mehalick **Ushers:** Sunday, November 27 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Theresa Angelillo

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, November 27 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Jobbins Mia Herrera

Carla Guerreiro **Eucharistic Minister:** Ushers: J. Adadevoh

#### **Spend Some Time With Jesus**



**Eucharistic Adoration** Saturdays at Guardian Angels Church 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon Followed by Benediction

Spending time in adoration can bring us peace, consolation, joy, and healing We invite all our parishioners to take part in this special prayer time

#### Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa Byrne, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Betty Dick, Dee Donnelly, Felipe Elimanco, Josephine Genewski, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Anthony Lepore, Adam Lubonski, Donovan Mak, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Joseph Skalla, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Jack Wiegartner, Tina Wolak, William B. Zalek, Jimmy Andrade and Conor Chim.

#### 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.

Jake Loftus, USN.

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

#### **Christmas Trees Project**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Once again this year, our churches will be surrounded by REAL Christmas trees illuminated beautifully with lights and on each tree will be a beautiful plaque dedicating that Christmas tree as a memorial to someone who has died or perhaps as a gift for the living, or perhaps in Thanksgiving for what God's blessings. Throughout the Christmas season, Mass will include the intentions of all those for whom trees have been memorialized, whether living or deceased.

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, we will have a blessing of the trees, and after a countdown, light the trees at both our churches which will then remain lit each evening during the whole Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany in January.

Please consider memorializing one of these beautiful trees. The cost to memorialize a tree will be \$150 each. This will cover the cost of the tree, lighting of the tree, and the memorial gift for the church.

You will find a Reservation Form at both churches which you can fill out and return to the Parish Office with your memorial offering. Remember, the number of trees are limited so preserve yours as soon as possible.

Father Abraham.

#### **Christmas Trees Update**

	Guardian Angels	St. Paul the Apostle
Total Trees	70	30
Trees Taken	<u>36</u>	<u>8</u>
Trees yet to be		
taken	34	22

Hurry to get your trees!

## Tricky Tray Guardian Angels Church Hall Sunday, November 20<sup>st</sup> at 2 P. M.



**DOORS OPEN AT NOON** 

Admission \$10

Includes Water

Soda



Bring friends, food, and Beverages of your choice

To the Tricky Tray for a Fun Evening



Donations of new items gratefully accepted. Items can be dropped off at both Churches after Mass or at the Parish Office during office hours. Baskets should have a value of at least \$50 or more.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:** Sold on the Day of the Tricky Tray \$55 for bag of tickets which includes

3 white sheets, 3 blue tickets and 3 green tickets

For more information call Cathy 732-277-8882

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, November 20, Tricky Tray

Monday, November 21, Talk on the Eucharist by Fr. Collins

Saturday, December 3, Flea Market

Saturday, December 10, Ministries Appreciation Dinner Saturday, December 10, Christmas Trees Lighting Monday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 30, Year-End Party

	<u>OFFERING</u>	GS 1	11/13	3/2
Sunday Offering	\$	6,07	76.00	
Bring a Dollar	\$	10	03.00	
ShopRite	\$	10	00.00	
Peters Pence	\$	1	15.00	
Votives	\$	1	13.00	
All Saints	\$	88	32.00	
All Souls	\$	19	90.00	
St. Vincent de P	aul \$	10	00.00	
Military	\$	1,26	58.00	
World Mission	\$	1,35	55.00	

#### Guardian Angels Parking Lot Drainage Repairs

Catch basin. Remove existing steel grate. Install new concrete block, reinstall collar and grate. Labor and material cost \$5,500.00.

Bring A Dollar	\$576.00		
Shoprite	\$250.00		
Donation	\$100.00		
Tetal 11/12	<u> </u>		

Total 11/13 \$926.00 Update

#### **Second Collection**

The Second Collection on this weekend, November 19/20, will be for **Works of Mercy Campaign.** The proceeds benefit local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by supporting and assisting programs and educational efforts which reduce poverty and hunger.

#### **FALL into eGIVING**

A new season is here... and a new way to give!

**eGiving** lets you streamline your stewardship and support Transfiguration of the Lord Parish grow the ministries you care about most. eGiving provides steady, consistent support so we can empower our mission in support of our parish families and our community. Sign up at <a href="faith.direct/NJ1058">faith.direct/NJ1058</a> or call their toll-free number 866-507-8787. Thank you for your support our parish!

#### A Talk on the Eucharist

By: Fr. John Collins, CSSR

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Monday, November 21

Place: Guardian Angels Church

Fr. John Collins, CSSR is a Redemptorist priest whose ministerial background includes parish and retreat work, spiritual direction and counseling/psychotherapy, and pastoral work in healthcare and higher education. Fr. Collins is currently the Rector and Director of San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

#### TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

Iglesia San Pablo El Apostol 20 de Noviembre de 2022, Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo Trigésimo Cuarto (y último) Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

#### 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.

#### <u>Coordinadores</u>

Lectores: Rene Sanchez (11/27/2022) Ministros Eucarísticos:

#### 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.

#### <u>Membresia Parroquial</u>

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.

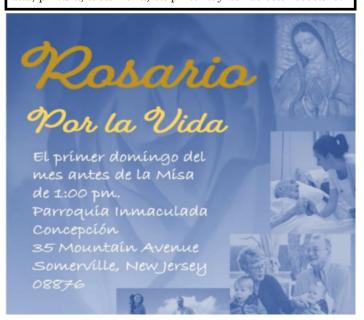
#### LLAMADOS A LOS MINISTERIOS

"Cada uno según el don que ha recibido, minístrelo a los otros, como buenos administradores de la multiforme gracia de Dios." 1 Pedro 4:10

Lectores: Proclaman la Palabra de Dios en la Liturgia Dominical y los Días Santos de la Obligación y leen los anuncios. Los jóvenes de los grados 5 a 12 están invitados a unirse al ministerio de Lectores. Por favor contacte a Luisa Torres o a la oficina para más información.

Ministros de la Eucaristía: Ministros extraordinarios que ayudan al clero a distribuir el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor durante la misa.

Voluntarios generales: Los voluntarios ayudan con varios proyectos parroquiales, tales como trabajos de oficina, correos, organización de eventos, limpieza, plomería, electricidad, pintura, albañilería, carpintería y donde sea necesario.



#### Oportunidades Educativas

La Oficina de Evangelización Hispana y Ministerio Pastoral busca formar líderes de evangelización en el campo de la pastoral hispana. Es por este motivo que, en forma académica y técnica, la oficina instruye a aquellos que han de trabajar con la comunidad hispana en los diferentes ministerios parroquiales.

Para más información sobre oportunidades educativas o si desear averiguar sobre estudios virtuales con la Universidad de Dayton, por favor contactar a:

Oficina de Evangelización Hispana (732) 562-2454

Hispanic.ministry@diometuchen.org

#### Retiro de Adviento Avivamiento Eucaristico

Volviendo la Mirada a la Presencia Real de Jesucristo en la Ecucaristia 10 de Diciembre de 2022 De 8:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. Donacion \$25.00

#### **CUPOS LIMITADOS**

#### INVITADO ESPECIAL: SAULO HIDALGO

Centro Pastoral St John Neumann 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ www.diometuchen.org/retiroadviento Información: lescobar@diometuchen.org o al 732 243 4573



Escanee el código QR para obtener más información







#### Proyecto Árboles de Navidad

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Una vez más este año, nuestras iglesias estarán rodeadas de REALES árboles de Navidad, iluminados bellamente con luces. En cada árbol de Navidad habrá una hermosa placa que dedicara el árbol ya sea a alguien que ha muerto, o como un regalo para los vivos, o tal vez como Acción de Gracias por las bendiciones que hemos recibido de Dios. A lo largo de la temporada navideña, la Misa incluirá las intenciones de todos aquellos para quienes los árboles han sido conmemorados, ya sean vivos o fallecidos.

El sábado 10 de diciembre después de la Misa de Vigilia de las 4:00 PM, tendremos una bendición de los árboles, y después de una cuenta regresiva, encenderemos los árboles en nuestras dos iglesias que luego permanecerán encendidas cada noche durante toda la temporada navideña hasta la Fiesta de la Epifanía en Enero.

Por favor, considere conmemorar uno de estos hermosos árboles. El costo de conmemorar un árbol será de \$150.00. Esto cubrirá el costo del árbol, la iluminación del árbol y el regalo conmemorativo para la iglesia.

Encontrará un formulario de reserva en la Iglesia que puede completar y devolver a la Oficina Parroquial con su ofrenda conmemorativa (contribución o donación). Recuerde, el número de árboles es limitado, así que reserve el suyo lo antes posible... Fr. Abraham

#### Otono en eGIVING

¡Llegó una nueva temporada... y una nueva forma de regalar! eGiving le permite agilizar su administración y ayudar a Transfiguration of the Lord Parish a hacer crecer los ministerios que más le importan. eGiving brinda un apoyo constante para que podamos potenciar nuestra misión en apoyo a las familias de nuestra parroquia y nuestra comunidad. Registrese a faith.direct/ NJ1058 o llame a nuestro número gratuito 866-507-8787. ¡Gracias, usted hace una diferencia significativa cuando apoya a nuestra parroquia!

#### Amoris Laetitia: The logic of pastoral mercy

**309.** It is providential that these reflections take place in the context of a Holy Year devoted to mercy, because also in the variety of situations affecting families "the Church is commissioned to proclaim the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the mind and heart of every person. The Bride of Christ must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who goes out to everyone without exception".358 She knows that Jesus himself is the shepherd of the hundred, not just of the ninetynine. He loves them all. On the basis of this realization, it will become possible for "the balm of mercy to reach everyone, believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst".

#### Unity Square Introduces New Way to Feed Middlesex County Residents

When you drive through New Brunswick, you may not notice a building on Remsen Avenue that used to be a firehouse. That building is the Unity Square Community Center, and they are feeding the community with their food distributions three times a week.

On Fridays, Unity Square's food distribution begins at 11:30am and goes until the food runs out. Clients must line up outside one hour before the distribution starts and are given a large amount of pre-selected food. Their choices are limited but still very good, and they receive about 15-20 pounds of food each week. No registration is necessary and is a 'grab and go' style food distribution...

#### 2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is open. 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 to offer a Mass intention.

#### **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?



#### Jim Towey, Advisor to Mother Teresa, to Visit Diocese in December

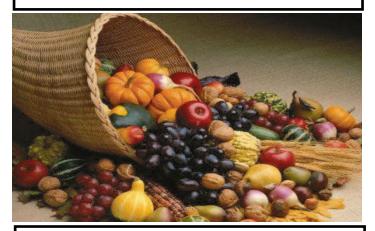
Jim Towey, author of *To Love and Be Loved:* A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa, will be visiting the Diocese this winter. Jim, a trusted advisor and devoted friend of Mother Teresa's for twelve years, will be speaking at Immaculata High School on Friday,

December 9, about his new book. Following a brief Q&A, we hope to screen Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, a documentary film produced by the Knights of Columbus that serves a tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in out turbulent times. Please stay tuned for more information about this important event.

## The Knights of Columbus Annual Grave Blanket and Wreath Sale

Order forms can be found with our mailbox boxes in the back of St. Paul's and in the breezeway at Guardian Angels. Orders may also be placed by emailing us at <a href="mailto:kofc6306@yahoo.com">kofc6306@yahoo.com</a>. The Knights are accepting orders now through Monday, November 21, 2022. Blankets and Wreaths will be available for pick up at Guardian Angels on Saturday, November 26, 2022. Thank you for your support.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY To You and Your Families!



#### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Guardian Angels operates a year-round food pantry in the parish hall. This service is held every other Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30AM and is open for those in need. We encourage you to mention this to anyone you know, in or out of our parish, in the Highland Park or Edison Township area who are experiencing difficulty and hardship during these times to take advantage of this community service.

As a reminder donations in the form of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at our churches or in the breezeway. You can also drop off items to the food pantry during the operating times. Monetary contributions are welcomed and can be placed in an envelope marked food pantry. Please place the envelope in the collections basket during mass. Thank you for your assistance with this.



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