

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



November 27, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Marge Shirley

Requested by: Carol & Ron Rotoff

Tuesday, November 29

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of De Ring & Ford Family

Requested by: Janet Ford

Wednesday, November 30

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Grace Ciotta†

Requested by: Krupa Family

Thursday, December 1

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Mary Jean Fresco

Requested by: Brody Fresco

Friday, December 2

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Norma Padernal†

Requested by: Metuchen Comitium LOM

Saturday, December 3

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Mary Jean Fresco

Requested by: Megan M. Guinane

4:00 p.m. Jack Afonso†

Requested by: Marta Afonso

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Jack Romano†

Requested by: Jackie & Dan Simone

12:30 p.m. Robert McGall†

Requested by: Mariluz Aleman McGall

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Leonard Buniewski†

Requested by: Family

11:00 a.m. Gregoria De La Cruz

Requested by: Family

Nemesio Abanto†

Requested by: Cuñado

**Rest in Peace
Anthony White**

May his soul in the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace

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 — Anonymous

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

Saturday, December 3 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: John Melnick

Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina

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

Sunday, December 4 8:00 a.m.

Lector: G & E Ramirez

Eucharistic Ministers: Gloria Ramirez

Virgie Reyes

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, December 4 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Katie Farrar

Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante

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

St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site

Sunday, December 4 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

Orianna Terrado

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady

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, 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 Tamarri 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 10th 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	36	8
Trees yet to be taken	34	22

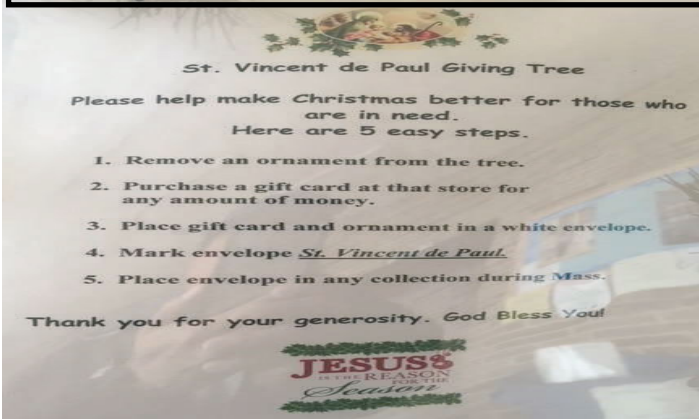
Hurry to get your trees!

Christmas Tree Lighting



Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will celebrate the Christmas season by illuminating our churches with beautiful six foot real Christmas trees, decorated with white lights.

On Saturday, December 10th, after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, we will gather outside Guardian Angels Church and St. Paul's Church for the blessing and lighting of the trees. They will remain lit each evening from 3:45 pm until 11:00 PM throughout the entire Christmas Season until the Feast of Epiphany in January. Blessed Advent!



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OFFERINGS 11/13/22

Sunday Offering \$ 5,521.00
Bring a Dollar \$ 100.00
ShopRite \$ 50.00

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 \$676.00
Shoprite \$300.00
Donation \$100.00
Total 11/13 \$1,076.00

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 faith.direct/NJ1058 or call their toll-free number 866-507-8787. Thank you for your support our parish!

Ministries Appreciation Dinner

All volunteers for the various parish ministries are invited to the Ministries Appreciation Dinner following the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 10 at Guardian Angels Hall.

Tricky Tray

Guardian Angels Church Hall
Sunday, November 20th at 2 P. M.

DOORS OPEN AT NOON

Admission \$10

Includes

Water

Soda

Coffee & Tea

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

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.

Coordinadores

Lectores: Jose Rivera (12/04/2022)

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.

Membresía Parroquial

Nuevos residents 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.

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, ministrelo 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.



Rosario
Par la Vida

El primer domingo del mes antes de la Misa de 1:00 pm.
Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción
35 Mountain Avenue
Somerville, New Jersey
08876

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 Eucarístico

Volviendo la Mirada a la Presencia Real de

Jesucristo en la Eucaristía

10 de Diciembre de 2022 De 8:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.

Donación \$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



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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. Regístrese 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

310. We cannot forget that “mercy is not only the working of the Father; it becomes a criterion for knowing who his true children are. In a word, we are called to show mercy because mercy was first shown to us”.360 This is not sheer romanticism or a lukewarm response to God’s love, which always seeks what is best for us, for “mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness which she shows to believers; nothing in her preaching and her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy”.361 It is true that at times “we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems”.

Advent: Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting By Holly W. Whitcomb

Take one or more of these spiritual assignments to signal your willingness to wait during Advent.

- Let God sit in the director’s chair.
- Give up your fantasy timetables and go with the flow.
- Do not try to push the river; all will happen in God’s time.
- Let go of any negative/uploads/feature/images you carry around about waiting.
- Have faith that all good things come to those who wait patiently.
- Grow through periods of waiting that entail darkness and dread.
- Work to reduce you anger and frustration about waiting.
- Always be a person animated by hope.
- Take time during periods of waiting to count your blessing.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET
 Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH HALL
 Saturday December 3rd 9:30am - 2:30pm

- Menu**
- Hot Dogs
 - Sauerkraut
 - Soda
 - Bottled Water
 - Coffee
 - Tea
 - Desserts



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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 our turbulent times. Please stay tuned for more information about this important event.

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.

 **DIocese of METUCHEN**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 1, 2022

Rev. Abraham Lotha, Pastor
 Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
 23 South Fifth Avenue
 Highland Park, NJ 08904

Dear Father Lotha,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish for their generous response to the 2022 Bishop’s Annual Appeal with gifts totaling \$35,915.50. While your parish did not reach goal and earn a rebate, I truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the appeal especially during these challenging times.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the appeal who worked so hard to ensure the overall success of the campaign. Thanks to your parish’s generosity, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission and live the Gospel message through our pastoral ministries and charitable outreach to those in need.

God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

 Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
 Bishop of Metuchen

Rosary Altar Corporate Communion will take place at Guardian Angels Church on December 4th at the 11:00 AM Mass. Members should gather at 10:30 AM to pray the Rosary before Mass. The General Meeting will take place immediately following the Mass. The Rosary Altar Society would like to extend an invitation to all adult parishioners to join us.



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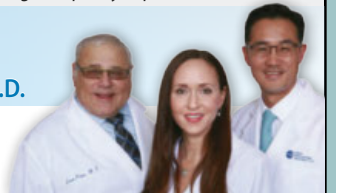
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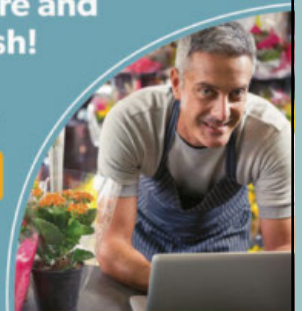
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