



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 25, 2022

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St. Paul the Apostle Church

Corner of 6th & Raritan Avenue
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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.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 82061, 1996, 1979 CCC

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Office Closed—No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Terrance McComiskey†

Requested by: Skylar M. Garvey

Wednesday, December 28

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Edward Varites†

Requested by: Terry & Tim Varites

Thursday, December 29

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Garvey, O'Connell, McComiskey & Young

Requested by: Skylar M. Garvey

Friday, December 30

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Grace Ciotta, Mimi Lauer & Norma Padernal†

Saturday, December 31

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Ed Flanagan†

Requested by: Geri Flanagan

4:00 p.m. Eleanor Zoleta†, Edilberto Zoleta† & Family

Requested by: Josie, Fely & Eden

Sunday, January 1: The Octave Day of The Nativity Of The Lord; Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother Of God

9:30 a.m. Josephine Adadevoh†

Requested by: Jackie & Dan Simone

12:30 p.m.

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Christine Suchanek†

Requested by: Patricia Suchanek

11:00 a.m. John & Ellen Meyers

Requested by: Kaulius Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels

Saturday, December 31 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Catherine O'Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez

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

Sunday, January 1 8:00 a.m.

Lector: G & E Ramirez

Eucharistic Ministers: Gloria Ramirez

Virgie Reyes

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, January 1 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Katie Farrar

Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante

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

St. Paul the Apostle

Sunday, January 1 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

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, Dilva M. Barriga, Maryanne Boncelet 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.

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Wine: \$500 in memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Hosts: \$1,500 – Paul Bravo

Gluten Free Hosts: \$100 - Anonymous

Palm Leaves: \$600 – Jose & Lydia Salamante

Candles and Oils: \$500 - Anonymous



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU
AND YOUR FAMILIES!**

May God's love sustain you all!

Advent and Christmas Schedule, 2022

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass at Guardian Angels
9:00 PM Christmas Night Mass at Guardian Angels

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day:

8:00 AM Mass at Guardian Angels
9:30 AM Mass at St. Paul's
11:00 AM Mass at Guardian Angels
12:30 PM Spanish Mass at St. Paul's



Monday, December 26th: Holiday

Federal Observation of Christmas Day as a Holiday. Parish Office will be closed. No 8:00 AM Mass

Friday, December 30th: Year-End Party:

Blessed Advent!



Our "Year-End Party" is back! It will be a fun filled evening of delicious food, music with a DJ and dancing. Still only \$25. Held in the Guardian Angels Hall from 6 to 10pm on Dec. 30th. Tickets on sale after Mass at both churches and at the parish office. See you there!

PARISH MASS HEADCOUNT, NOVEMBER 2022

Mass Time Church 11/5-6 11/12-13 11/19-20 11/26-27

Saturday

4:00 PM G.A 110 142 118 137

Sunday

8:00 AM G.A 78 69 82 93

9:30 AM S.P 117 106 97 87

11:00 AM G.A 118 126 109 118

12:30 PM S.P 86 108 81 106

Weekend Total 509 551 487 541

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 TUITION ASSISTANCE
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2023**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 30, Year-End Party.

Sunday, January 8, Three Kings Celebration.

Thursday, April 20, First Reconciliation at 7p.m. St. Paul's

Wednesday, May 31, Confirmation at 7pm, Guardian Angels

Sunday, June 4, First Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. Mass

Offerings for 12/18 and 12/25 will be published on 1/1/2023 due to early publication of Bulletin.

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 \$1,298.00

Shoprite \$ 600.00

Donation \$2,781.00

Hispanic Community \$ 83.00

Ministries Appreciation Dinner 50/50 \$ 247.00

Total 12/11 \$5,009.00

eGIVING

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!



Please bless you parish with your generosity with a **one time Christmas Gift!**



Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend, 12/24, 25 will be for Christmas Collection. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Christmas Tree Project 2022

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and all who made the Christmas Trees Project a success!!!!

Klem Tree Farm 100 Trees	\$3,500.00
Transportation & Gratuity	\$630.00
Installation Supplies	\$212.00
Coffee & Donuts for Volunteers	
Sub Total Expenses	\$4,342.00
Trees Taken 99 of 100 & Donations	\$15,000.00
Minus Expenses	\$4,342.00
Proceeds to Parish	\$10,658.00

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: Carmen Chanez (1/1/2023)

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.

RICA

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.



Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Iglesia de San Pablo el Apostol



**FELIZ NAVIDAD
PARA USTED
Y PARA TODA SU FAMILIA!**

**Que el amor de Dios los proteja
A todos ustedes!**

CONCELEBRACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

HOMILÍA DEL SANTO PADRE

Hermanos, hermanas, desde esta ciudad de Matera, “ciudad del pan”, quisiera decirles: volvamos a Jesús, volvamos a la Eucaristía. Volvamos al sabor del pan, porque mientras estamos hambrientos de amor y de esperanza o estamos rotos por las tribulaciones y los sufrimientos de la vida, Jesús se hace alimento que nos alimenta y nos sana. Volvamos al sabor del pan, porque mientras en el mundo se siguen consumiendo las injusticias y las discriminaciones contra los pobres, Jesús nos da el Pan del compartir y nos envía cada día como apóstoles de fraternidad, apóstoles de justicia, apóstoles de paz. Volvamos al sabor del pan para ser Iglesia eucarística, que pone a Jesús en el centro y se hace pan de ternura, pan de misericordia para todos. Volvamos al gusto del pan para recordar que, mientras se consume nuestra existencia terrena, la Eucaristía nos anticipa la promesa de la resurrección y nos guía hacia la vida nueva que vence a la muerte.

Pensemos hoy seriamente en el rico y en Lázaro. Esto sucede cada día. Y muchas veces también —avergoncémonos— sucede en nosotros, esta lucha, entre nosotros, en la comunidad. Y cuando la esperanza se apaga y sentimos en nosotros la soledad del corazón, el cansancio interior, el tormento del pecado, el miedo a no lograrlo, volvamos de nuevo al sabor del pan. Todos somos pecadores: cada uno de nosotros lleva sus propios pecados. Pero, pecadores, volvamos al sabor de la Eucaristía, al sabor del pan. Volvamos a Jesús, adoremos a Jesús, acojamos a Jesús. Porque Él es el único que vence a la muerte y siempre renueva nuestra vida.

**ESCUELA CATÓLICA 2023 -2024 ASISTENCIA
DE MATRÍCULA**

PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN EN LÍNEA ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electrónica <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del **31 de Marzo de 2023**. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su



Amoris Laetitia: The logic of pastoral mercy

315. The Lord's presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. Living in a family makes it hard for us to feign or lie; we cannot hide behind a mask. If that authenticity is inspired by love, then the Lord reigns there, with his joy and his peace. The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place. This mutual concern "brings together the human and the divine",³⁶⁹ for it is filled with the love of God. In the end, marital spirituality is a spirituality of the bond, in which divine love dwells.

Parish Trips 2023

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona September 24 to October 3, Travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage centers and experience the wonderful cultures and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain. Spend time reflecting and exploring the famous Basilica in Fatima and the tombs of Francisco and Jacinto. Visit the moving Grotto where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. End in vibrant Barcelona, and view Antoni Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Família, also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Learn about this trip here: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1123355>
European Christmas Markets 11/25-12/3

Set out on a grand holiday adventure through the winter wonderland of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Along the way, immerse yourself in festive Christmas markets, experience cultural traditions, sample local cuisine, and glimpse this region's rich history.

Learn about this trip here: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1145546>

Join us at 2:00pm on Tuesday January 10th to learn more about these trips of a lifetime.

RSVP to: transfiguration.parish@verizon.net

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 use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. Please call the parish office, 732-572-0977 for any questions.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Mon, Wed, Fri. at St. Paul's
9:00 AM Tue, Thurs., Sat. at Guardian Angels
Weekends: 4:00 PM (Vigil) Saturday, Guardian Angels
Sundays: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM, Guardian Angels
9:30 AM and 12:30 PM (Spanish), St. Paul's

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the person for the intentions (deceased or living)

Or Special Intention (please specify):

Date, Time & Church for Mass

International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year Christians around the world observe the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25**. This year the theme chosen is, "**Do good; Seek justice**" (**Isaiah 1:17**). Unfortunately, this year there will not be a special Diocesan celebration prepared. However, numerous parishes throughout the Diocese may wish to observe this annual week of prayer either within their own parish or as a part of a celebration planned with the other Christian communities in their particular town or area. You are sincerely encouraged to try and have some celebration to mark this week of prayer and/or add petitions to the Universal Prayer at your Masses during this week.

In order to assist in preparing such celebrations there are online resources available which may prove helpful. They can be found at the website of the World Council of Churches and also at the website of the Vatican's Dicastery For Promoting Christian Unity. In 2004 an agreement was reached between the World Council of Churches and the Catholic Church to share and jointly publish approved resources for this annual observance. These resources may prove helpful in planning an Ecumenical Prayer Service and/or in providing direction for the inclusion of prayers in your own parish liturgies or petitions in the Universal Prayer during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

If the Diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs can be of assistance with any questions and/or obtaining these resources Pastors or other liturgical planners should feel free to contact Fr. Guy Selvester by emailing him at gselvester@diometuchen.org

In addition, it would be appreciated if you would contact Fr. Guy in the Office of Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs to let him know about any events being planned in your parishes so that they can be noted and assistance in publicizing them can be offered.

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?



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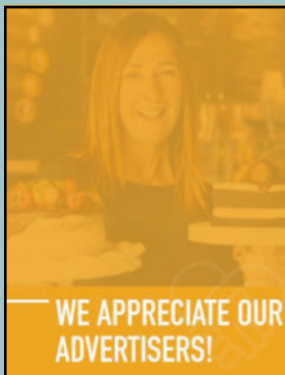
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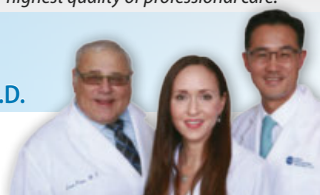
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