



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



March 12, 2023

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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 – 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.**

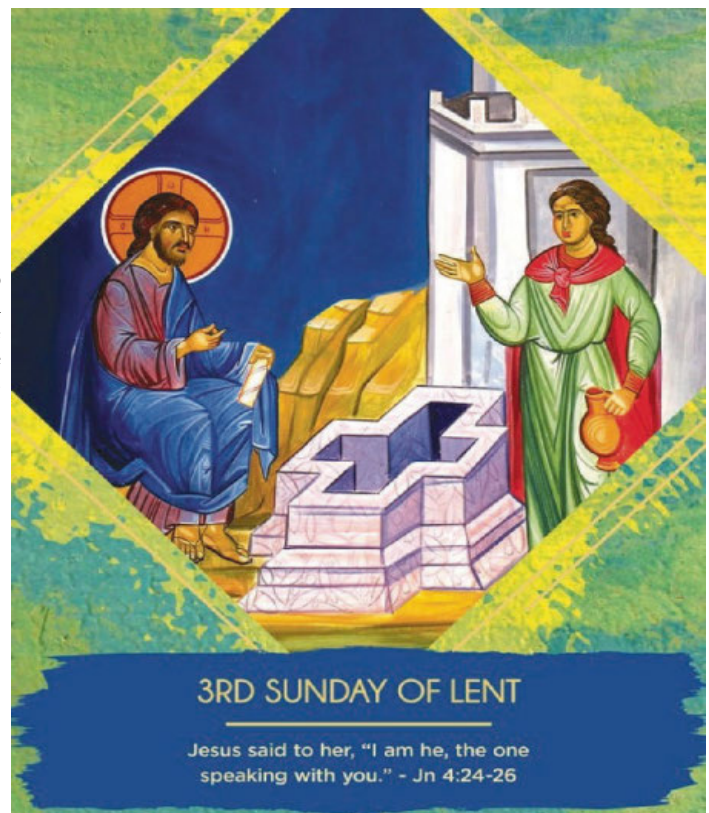
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 13

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Joseph Makavage

Requested by: Noreen Horvath

Tuesday, March 14

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Felipe Elimanco†

Requested by: Family

Wednesday, March 15

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, March 16

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Agnes Petrylak

Requested by: Noreen Horvath

Friday, March 17

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Joseph Milicia†

Requested by: Peter Milicia

**Living and Deceased Members of the
Riordan and Flanagan Families**

Requested by: Geri Flanagan

Saturday, March 18

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Judith Hernani†

Requested by: Mario Montes

4:00 p.m. Catherine Loretta

Requested by: Family

Elanor & Edilberto Zoleta & Family†

Requested by: Josie, Eden & Fely

Sunday, March 19 : Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Frances Wroblewski†

Requested by: Ray & Kathleen Joraskie

12:30 p.m. Maria Balbuena Rodriguez†

Requested by: Aracely Bravo Balbuena

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Grace Ciotta†

Requested by: Mike and Cathy White

11:00 a.m. Nieves, Juan & John Barrost†

Requested by: Marta Afonso

Thank you to the following donors for 2023

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,500 in Memory of Albert and Angelica Garlatti and Maria Harrison.

Celebremos (Spanish Hymnals): \$900 (Anonymous) and \$100 by Catherine O'Neill

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

Hosts: \$1,500 by Paul Bravo

Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100 (Anonymous)

Palm Leaves: \$600 by Jose and Lydia Salamante

Candles & Candle Oil: \$500 (Anonymous)

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, March 18

4:00

p.m.

Lector:

Mary Anne Day

Carl Tenchavez

Eucharistic Ministers: Silvia H. de Colina

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

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m.

Lector:

Ryan Salamante

Eucharistic Minister:

Rodel Santos

Angelo Damone

Ushers:

A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, March 19

11:00 a.m.

Lector:

Katie Farrar

Eucharistic Minister:

Stella Salamante

Ushers:

T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m.

Lector:

Marybeth Iannacone

Jason Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister:

Carla Guerreiro

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Rest in Peace

Jill Santoro

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace

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 an envelope with information and put in collection basket or mail or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa Byrne, Connor Chin, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, 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, Martha Schumacher, Joseph Skalla, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Alice Sporer, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Jack Wiegartner, Tina Wolak, and 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 Tamar 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal, *Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*. As faithful members of our diocesan family, we are invited to support the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries that serve more than 600,000 Catholics throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. The BAA helps ministries such as *Seminarian Formation, Youth, Hospital/Prison Chaplains*.

In addition, \$1.7 million of the proceeds of the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal has been allocated to support Catholic Charities which provides services to the poor, vulnerable and all people in need, and partners with families and communities to improve the quality of life.

Next weekend, March 18/19, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen will be celebrating the **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is to reach 100% participation. I ask every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

As Christian stewards, we are called to share the blessings we have received. Your loving response through both prayer and a financial gift has a great impact when done out of gratitude to the Lord. As one faith, one family, one community, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an eloquent expression of our love for God and our stewardship of His gifts. Please prayerfully consider giving as your means allow.

Fr. Abraham

Flea Market

Volunteers needed to set up for the Flea Market. Please contact Christine Voorhees at (732)801-6370.

Leaders for Stations of the Cross during Lent. 7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Church

Friday, March 17: Legion of Mary
Friday, March 24: Religious Education Students
Friday, March 31: Lectors
Good Friday, April 7: Rosary Altar Society

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
With **Fr. Roy Quesea**, JCL, Vice-Chancellor and Priest Secretary to the Bishop
6:30 p.m.: Lenten Talk followed by Confession
Location: Guardian Angels Church

Lenten Schedule for our Parish

The following are our parish activities for Lent:

1. Daily Reflections for Lent, Not by Bread alone.
2. Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent
8:25 a.m. following the Mass, St. Paul's
7:00 p.m. at Guardian Angels (English)
7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's (Spanish)
3. 40 Days of Lent, 40 items for almsgiving. (Put aside one item a day. This can include canned food items for Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, baby items, toiletries, NEW clothing, underwear, or socks, etc.).
Specific for Ukraine: Tactical gloves without fingers, sleeping bags, Neosporin cream and multivitamins and First Aid Kits.
4. Lenten Project - TBD
5. Lenten Challenge - Read one spiritual book
6. One hour adoration on Saturday mornings at Guardian Angels Church
7. Lenten Service and Confessions. Date to be announced.
8. Spring Cleaning to declutter
9. CRS Rice Bowl - Lent for Life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 8, Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, April 20, First Reconciliation at 7pm, St. Paul's
Saturday, May 20, Flea Market
Sunday, May 21, Confirmation Retreat
Wednesday, May 31, Confirmation at 7pm, Guardian Angels
Sunday, June 4, First Holy Communion at 11:00 am Mass
Sunday, June 25, Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 6, Parish Feast & Annual 50/50 Raffle
Sunday, Nov. 19, Tricky Tray
Saturday, December 9, Christmas Trees Lighting
Saturday, December 30, Year-End Party

OFFERINGS 3/5/2023

Sunday Offering	\$6,227.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 176.00
ShopRite	\$ 100.00
Earthquake Relief	\$ 20.00
Ukraine	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 58.00

Lenten Project

This year, our Lenten Project will be to help the people of Ukraine displaced by the war. We will send the funds directly to the Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr for this purpose. Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00.

Bring a Dollar:	\$362.00
ShopRite:	\$150.00
Other Donation:	\$190.00
Total 3/5/2023	\$702.00

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!

Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is for our Lenten Project to help the people displaced by the war in Ukraine. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Parish Trips 2023

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona: 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 Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, also a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Learn about this trip here:** <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1123355>

Book Now and Save \$300 Per Person. For information contact Gloria Rada: (732) 841-6231

European Christmas Markets: 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>

Book Now and Save \$150 Per Person. For information contact Carol Miller: (908) 705-4667

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 12 de Marzo de 2023, Tercera Domingo de Cuaresma

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parroquia 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.

Lector: Luisa Torres (3/12/2023)

Lector: Carmen Chanez (03/19/2023)

Ministro Eucarístico: René Sánchez (3/19/2023)

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.

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.

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2023

Renovados y Enviados en Misión por la Eucaristía

Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana del 18/19 de Marzo, que ha sido designado como el **Fin de Semana De la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas**. Por favor, considere en oración realizar su aporte a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar la meta. Si logramos superar nuestra meta, el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta será reembolsada a la parroquia. Tan importante como nuestro objetivo financiero es nuestro objetivo de alcanzar el **100% de participación**. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias!



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas:

En este momento, usted ya ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio anunciando la Campaña Anual del obispo 2023, *Renovados y Enviados en Misión por la Eucaristía*. Como miembros fieles de nuestra familia diocesana, estamos invitados a apoyar los ministerios pastorales, educativos y caritativos que sirven a más de 600.000 católicos en los condados de *Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon y Warren*. La **Campaña Anual del Obispo** ayuda a diferentes ministerios como por ejemplo: las Caridades Católicas, las Formación de Seminaristas o los Capellanes de Hospitales y de las Prisiones.

Adicionalmente, \$1.7 millones de los ingresos de la Campaña Anual del Obispo de 2023 han sido asignados a Caridades Católicas, que brinda servicios a los pobres, vulnerables y a todas las personas necesitadas, y se asocia con familias y comunidades para mejorar la calidad de vida. Caridades Católicas también es reconocida como un importante proveedor de servicios de emergencia, a menudo el primero en llegar a la escena en tiempos de tragedias imprevistas o desastres naturales, como en el reciente huracán y durante la pandemia. El próximo fin de semana, 18 y 19 de marzo, las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen celebrarán el **Fin de Semana en las Bancas de la Campaña Anual del Obispo**. Nuestro objetivo es llegar al 100% de participación. Pido a todas las familias que participen. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Como cristianos corresponsables, estamos llamados a compartir las bendiciones que hemos recibido. Su respuesta amorosa a través de la oración y una donación financiera tiene un gran impacto cuando se hace en agradecimiento al Señor. Como una fe, una familia, una comunidad, la Campaña Anual del Obispo es una expresión elocuente de nuestro amor por Dios y nuestra administración de Sus dones. Por favor considere en oración dar según lo permitan sus medios.

Padre Abraham Lotha

Seminario

***Historias de Perdón
y Reconciliación
en las Sagradas
Escrituras***

Padre Gustavo Amell

11 y 18 de Marzo, 2023

De 9 am a 12 pm

\$20 (por los dos días)

Descuento especial para los estudiantes de la Escuela Bíblica Hispana de la Diócesis de Metuchen

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OFICINA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN HISPANA – DIÓCESIS DE METUCHEN



**SÍNTESIS DE
EL SÍNODO
EN SINODALIDAD**

*La Diócesis Católica Romana de Metuchen
Nueva Jersey, Estados Unidos de América
Octubre 2021 – Junio 2022*

Continúa del Boletín del 5 de Marzo... Muchos de los encuestados en línea también estaban confundidos o frustrados por las preguntas, pero no se sintieron limitados por ellas y se expresaron libremente. A continuación se muestra una breve reseña de algunos de los grupos más grandes que participaron en la fase diocesana del sínodo. Las palabras participantes y encuestadas se usan indistintamente en todas partes. **Comunidad Hispana:** En los últimos años, se ha presentado un rápido crecimiento de la población Hispana en todo el país, así como a nivel local y ahora 26 de las 90 parroquias en la Diócesis de Metuchen ofrecen intencionalmente a los Hispanos la Santa Misa, así como los Sacramentos y otros ministerios pastorales en español. La Oficina de Evangelización Hispana realizó ocho Sesiones de Escucha para la comunidad de habla hispana con la participación de 245 personas (67% mujeres y 33% hombres) aproximadamente el 81% de los participantes tenían entre 30 y 64 años. Teniendo un buen porcentaje de participantes más jóvenes en este grupo lo cual es una señal alentadora. Tres de las Sesiones de Escucha del Decanato fueron bilingües. Muchos en este grupo sugirieron que "consagrarse al Espíritu Santo es la forma más segura de participar en los tesoros de la salvación de Dios". También lamentaron que el no hablar el idioma Inglés y la falta de conocimiento bíblico les impide participar plenamente en la misión de la Iglesia. La mayoría estuvo de acuerdo en que la integración de las culturas en el culto y la comunidad parroquial es lo más importante para ellos.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March For Victims of Abuse

Father, you who are compassionate and merciful, Welcome with your love those who suffer the damage caused by the horror of abuse committed by those in the Church, who should have been fathers, mothers, pastors and brothers. Give us a merciful heart in the face of this human misery; a big heart to listen to those who suffer; open arms that do not get tired of embracing; clear discernment to respond to pain; generous oil to heal their wounds. May we care for those who suffer being Samaritans and keeping the inn open. Help us to help our brothers and sisters who suffer or have suffered abuse in the Church!
Amen.

Diocesan Youth Day 2023

March 12 from 11:30am- 5pm

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Theme: Eucharistic Revival!

The day will begin with check-in at 11:30 AM and begin promptly at 12 noon and run until 5:00 PM.

-Sunday Mass with Bishop Checchio.

-Featuring Keynote speaker, Fr. Malachy Joseph Napier, CFR a selected **Eucharistic Preacher** from the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival.

-Cost \$20. Lunch provided.

-All 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade teens welcome!

Message of Pope Francis for Lent, 2023 Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist



If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 18/19, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledge Received:	\$11,005.00
Amount Received	\$10,287.00
Percent of Goal Pledged:	22.93 %
Percent of goal received:	21.43%

Palm Cross Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Palm Crosses after each mass on Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th at both Churches.

Price per Palm Cross is \$15.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Remember Your Parish: Bequests

The purpose of a will is to ensure the financial security of your loved ones. Once that has been achieved, you can plan to give a gift to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. It can be a monetary sum, a property, stocks or bonds. These are precious gifts for the parish.

Choices Matter

A Critical Life Issues Conference will be held on Saturday March 25, 2023 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. An opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio at 9 am. The conference will feature expert speaker, exhibits and Eucharistic adoration. The cost is \$35. and student discounts are available.

To register, visit www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter

Chrism Mass: 4:00 PM Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmand, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.



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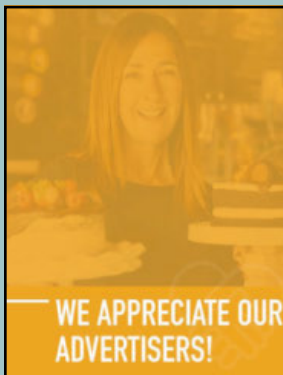
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