

# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



May 28, 2023

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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.



## St. Paul the Apostle Church

Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Raritan Ave.  
Highland Park, NJ 08904

## Guardian Angels Church

37 Plainfield Ave. (Access from Market Street)  
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 Church

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)  
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance by appointment

#### Guardian Angels Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church

**Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul the Apostle Church

**Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude:** Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Church

### Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor  
Deacon Edward Krupa & Deacon Ubaldo Valdez (part-time)  
Maria Sinares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary

**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.**

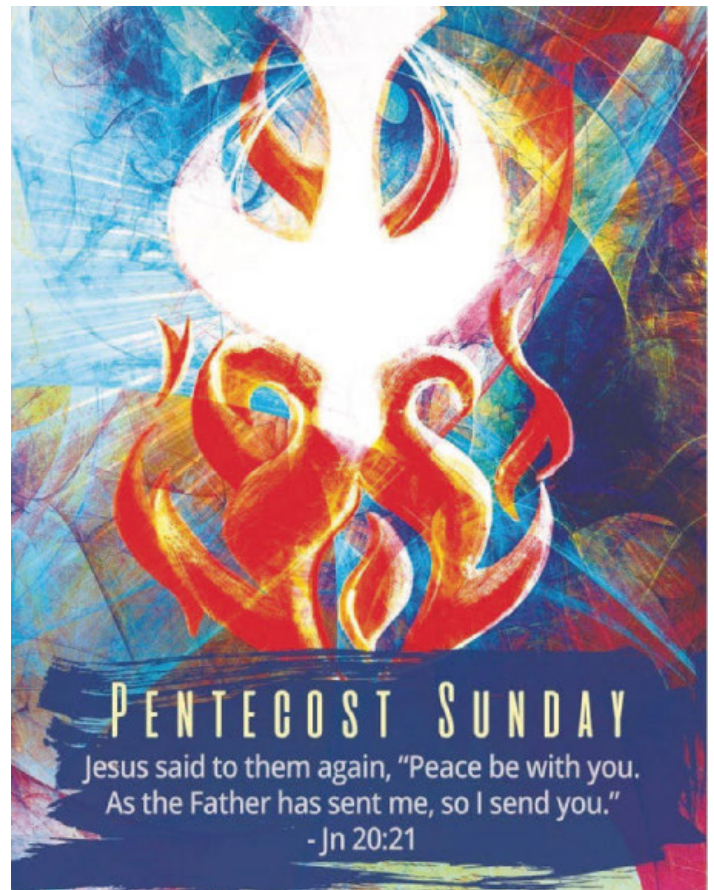
### **The Sacrament of Baptism:**

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, May 29**

**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

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

**Tuesday, May 30**

**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. The Hill Family  
Elsie Gerhard†

**Wednesday, May 31**

**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Thursday, June 1**

**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Tina Wolak†

*Requested by: Bonhamton Senior Club*

**Friday, June 2**

**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of this Parish

**Saturday, June 3**

**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Julia Czech†

*Requested by: Andrew & Virginia Czech*

4:00 p.m. Alice & George Bertolotti†

*Requested by: Jean Bertolotti*

**Sunday, June 4: The Most Holy Trinity**

**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. Terry L. Brown†

*Requested by: Shawn & Melanie O'Connell*

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Parroquia

**Guardian Angels Church**

8:00 a.m. Miguel dela Cruz†

*Requested by: Isabel Santos*

11:00 a.m. Nieves, Juan & John Barro†

*Requested by: Marta Afonso*

Aida Formolo

*Requested by: Carla Guerreiro*

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Guardian Angels Church**

**Saturday, June 3**

**4:00p.m.**

**Lectors:** Ryan Salamante

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Silvia H. de Colima

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

**Sunday, June 4**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Peter Staples

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Ramirez

**Ushers:** A. Damone, M. Mehalick

**Sunday, June 4**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Karen Mohamed

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta

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

**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

**Sunday, June 4**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Joan Jobbins

**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty Lou Varady

**Ushers:** J. Adadevoh

### Rest in Peace

**Ronald Caffiero**

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

### Eucharistic Adorers Wanted

Please consider promoting this important apostolate in your parishes. Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m. As St. Pope John Paul II noted, "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration." Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org).

### 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 \$25.00. 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, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa Byrne, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Dee Donnelly, Josephine Genewski, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittanny 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, Maryanne Boncelet, Connor Chin, Alice Sporer and Martha Schumacher

### 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.



## 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. If you are attending Mass and there is no Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister and you are part of that ministry, please step forward to serve. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server, please call the Parish Office.

### 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)



**In observance of the Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29. There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on that day.**



Please pray for our students receiving **Confirmation on May 31<sup>st</sup>** and **First Communion on June 4<sup>th</sup>**



**The Confirmands of our parish at the Retreat at St. Matthews on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

5/21/2023

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$4,955.00</b>
<b>Bring a Dollar</b>	<b>\$ 238.00</b>
<b>ShopRite</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	<b>\$1,804.00</b>

### **Guardian Angels Hall Roof Repair**

We resume the project to repair the Roof for Guardian Angels Hall. The cost estimate for the south side of the roof is \$20,000.00.

<b>Donation: Metuchen Comitium</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Donation: Nick Mitlo</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Donation: Paul E. Bravo</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Donation: Bob &amp; Maryann Takash</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
<b>Donation: Anonymous</b>	<b>\$ 3,430.00</b>
<b>Donation: AARP</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Bring a Dollar</b>	<b>\$ 2,641.00</b>
<b>Shop Rite</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>
<b>Total 5/21/2023</b>	<b>\$12,221.00</b>

### **Second Collection**

The Second Collection for this weekend of May 27/28 is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. The proceeds benefit the **Catholic Communication Campaign** (national and local levels) and the Catholic University of America.

### 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](https://faith.direct/NJ1058) or call their toll-free number 866-507-8787. Thank you for your support our parish!

### Annual 50/50 Raffle Mailing

It is time of year when the 50/50 Raffle books have been mailed to our active parishioners. We ask that you try to buy or sell the raffle tickets as the proceeds will help in covering church expenses. Please return all raffles taken and untaken in the weekly collection baskets in an envelope, via mail or drop off at the church office. The drawing will be on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in the Guardian Angels Church Hall at 12:00. Remember you have to be in it to win it! If you have any questions, please call Cathy McComiskey at (732) 572-4129.

### **Deacon Ubaldo Valdez**

We are happy to announce that Bishop Checchio has extended Deacon Valdez's assignment from one week to two weeks each month at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish effective June 1, 2023. We thank Bishop Checchio for understanding the needs of our parish. Thank you to Deacon Valdez for his ministry for the Hispanic/Latino community at Transfiguration.

## PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 28 de Mayo de 2023, Domingo de Pentecostés

Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 12:00 medio día

### 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 Fé mayor en Él.

**Lector: Josefa Rivera y Cristobalina Gutiérrez (5/28/2023)**

**Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Martínez (5/28/2023)**

**Lectores: Guadalupe Díaz y Ámbar Ortega (6/4/2023)**

**Ministro Eucarístico: María García (6/4/2023)**

### 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.

### 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.

### RCIA

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RCIA. 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.

### Diacono Ubaldo Valdez

Nos complace anunciar que el Obispo Checchio ha extendido la asignación del Diácono Valdez de una semana a dos semanas de cada mes, en la Parroquia Transfiguration of the Lord, a partir del primero de junio de 2023. Agradecemos al Obispo Checchio por comprender las necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Gracias al Diácono Valdez por su ministerio con la Comunidad Hispana/Latina en la Parroquia.

### Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima "María tras los pasos de Jesús"

Acompañanos en nuestra peregrinación diocesana Hispana al Santuario Blue Army Shrine el 10 de Junio de 2023, de 9:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Todos son bienvenidos a participar de la adoración al Santísimo, confesiones, rezo del Santo Rosario y del Ángelus, y a la Misa de clausura. El evento es gratuito. No requiere registro previo. Por favor lleve su comida, el santuario no tiene servicio de cafetería. Para más información comuníquese al (732) 243-4573 o al correo: [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org).

## AÑO DEL AVIVAMIENTO PARROQUIAL

JUNIO 2023 – JUNIO 2024



## ¿Qué hay dentro?

- Bienvenida al Año del Avivamiento Parroquial del Obispo Andrew Cozzens
- Las Cuatro Invitaciones del Año del Avivamiento Parroquial
- **Revigorizar el culto**  
Atención al Ars Celebrandi
- **Encuentro personal**  
"Noches de Encuentro" mensuales que ayudan a los feligreses a encontrarse personalmente con Jesús en la Eucaristía
- **Formación sólida en la fe**  
Serie de predicación e Iniciativa de grupos pequeños "Jesús y la Eucaristía"
- **Envío misionero**  
"Invita a uno a volver" y Acompañar a los necesitados y a los marginados

## Las cuatro invitaciones

La Eucaristía es la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1324). En la Eucaristía nos encontramos verdaderamente con el Señor Jesús y nos sumergimos en su Misterio Pascual, y a través de este encuentro nuestras vidas se transforman (cf. *Desiderio Desideravi*, nros. 10-11, 21). La Eucaristía no es un objeto, sino una persona que está viva y transforma vidas. La persona de Jesucristo está en el centro de este momento eucarístico en Estados Unidos. Este es el trabajo del avivamiento. No es una obra institucional. No podemos exigir un avivamiento, pero podemos invitarlo, rezar por él y responder a él.

A partir de este verano, en la fiesta del Corpus Christi, llegamos al año más crucial del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, de tres años de duración, convocado por los obispos de Estados Unidos. Dios quiere traer el renacimiento a su Iglesia, a través de una relación reavivada con Jesús en la Eucaristía, y este año, esa invitación llega a los bancos de las iglesias y más allá.

El propósito del Año del Avivamiento Parroquial, es discernir cómo podríamos "sanar, formar, convertir, unificar y enviar" a nuestros feligreses a través de una "relación reavivada con Jesús en la Eucaristía". Esta guía contiene cuatro pilares que sostienen el movimiento del Avivamiento Eucarístico en Estados Unidos: revigorizar el culto, comprometerse en una formación sólida, crear momentos de encuentro personal y enviar a los católicos como misioneros. Son para tu discernimiento mientras respondes al avivamiento ya presente en



# ¡Felicidades!





**Photos with Auxiliary Bishop Oleksandr Yazlovetskiy of family-type children's homes that we help with our Lenten Project**

## 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledge Received:	\$36,364.11
Amount Received	\$27,693.11
Percent of Goal Pledged:	75.76%
Percent of goal received:	57.69%



## Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday June 25, 1:30 – 4:30pm

Held on Guardian Angels Lawn

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage, & Salads

Tickets only \$5. and free for kids under 5.

**Your help is needed, please volunteer.** Need help moving tables and chairs outside, Running the grill and serving food. Let us know if you have a canopy tent we can borrow.

**Donations Welcome!**

Many thanks to Marilyn Comollo and Jean Bertolotti for helping to stuff, label and mail the annual 50/50 raffle books to our parishioners. Also, Cathy White and Maria Singares for preparing the return and address labels require for the mailing. Thanks to all!!

**Rosary Altar Society Monthly Meeting** will take place in the Guardian Angels Church Hall on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM Mass. Members asked to assemble at 10:30 am to recite the Rosary. All parishioners over the age of 18 are welcomed to join.

**The Rosary Altar Society** would like to thank everyone who made the Flea Market a great success especially the members of St. Vincent de Paul for their cooperation in setting up the hall.

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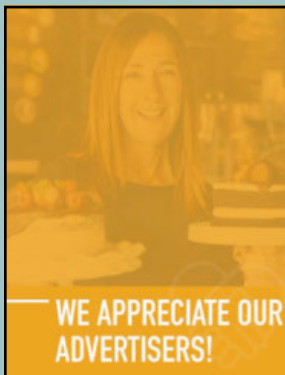
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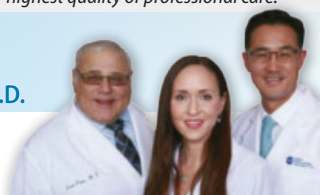
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