TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



October 1, 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 6th & 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 Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary

<u>Parish Membership:</u> 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.

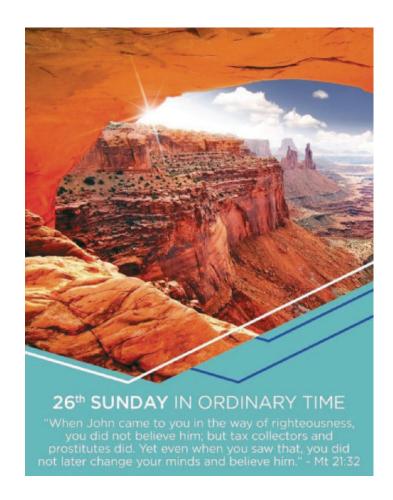
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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

Saturday, September 30 Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. John D. Garvey (5th Anniversary)†,

by Cathy McComiskey

Eleanor & Edilberto Zoleta & Family+,

by Josie, Eden & Fely

Sunday, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. John Byrne[†], by Theresa Byrne

Ronald Monacot,

by Shawn & Melanie O'Connell

12:30 p.m. Carmen Cabrera & Robert Cabrerat,

by Felix Cabrera

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Leonard Buniewskit, by Family

11:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory, by Gery Flanagan

John Wojciechowskit,

by Pete & Pat Staples

Monday, October 2

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 3 <u>Guardian Angels Church</u>

9:00 a.m. Julia A. Farmer+, by Family

Lucy Ciccolini†, by Daughter Maria

Wednesday, October 4

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Jessica Karl, by Corinne Ambrosi

Norma Neri Glassman† by Mr & Mrs. Bongiovanni

Thursday, October 5 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Stephen K. Haganey+, by Whittle Family

Friday, October 6

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Corinne Ambrosi

Norma Neri Glassman†, by Maria Mustillo

Saturday, October 7

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Nydia Fe Mintut,

by Mars, Babia & Florie Fojas

4:00 p.m. James and Charles Pananunzio†

by Tina Wolak

Sesinando & Natividad Atienza

& Family+, by Josie, Eden & Fely

Sunday, October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Idolo & Ebe Chitussit,

by Polos, Kondrit & Muscatiello Families

12:30 p.m. Eliseo Cortes Mexicat,

by Socorro Cortes

<u>Guardian Angels Church</u>

8:00 a.m. Julia A. Farmert, by Family

11:00 a.m. David Blackwell†, by Noreen Horvath

Rest in Peace Alice Hoey

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sanctuary Candles

Thanksgiving for Blessing received!
Anonymous

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, October 7 4:00p.m.

Lectors: Catherine O'Neill Eucharistic Ministers: Hermie Tenchavez

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

Lectors: E & S Ramirez **Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Ramirez

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, October 8 11:00 a.m.

Lectors: Karen Mohamed **Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Rada

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, October 8 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

Matthew Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady
Ushers: J. Adadevoh

Thank you to the following donors for 2023

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,500 in Memory of Albert and Angelica Gar-

latti and Maria Harrison

Celebremos (Spanish Hymnals): \$900 (Anonymous) and \$100 by Cathe-

rine 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)

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, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa Byrne, Connor Chin, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Dee Donnelly, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Anthony Lepore, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Donovan Mak, Bob Nellegar, Christine Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Our Citizens and souls in Hawaii, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Joann Russell, 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, Christine Voorhees, Jack Wiegartner, 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 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.

St. Francis' Feast Day and Blessing of animals

On the occasion of **St. Francis' Feast Day**, we will have a blessing of animals at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October $1^{\rm st}$ at Guardian Angels and at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Prayer of blessing:

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

October is Respect Life Month

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. This Prayer for Radical Solidarity highlights the Blessed Mother's example of radical solidarity and seeks her intercession to follow her example.

Prayer for Radical Solidarity:

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.

Amen.



Please return orders by Oct. 29, 2023. Please place orders in collection basket. Payment by cash or check. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT **Catherine White** (not Transfiguration of the Lord or Gertrude Hawk). Be sure to include your phone number and address on the order form. Keep pink copy for your records. We need at least \$1,000.00 in sales to make the profit. No order is too small and every order count. Any questions, please call Cathy White at (732) 277-8882.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 19, Tricky Tray

Saturday, December 9, Christmas Trees Lighting

Thursday, December 14, Eucharist & the Incarnation. A

talk by Fr. Joseph Costantino SJ Saturday, December 30, Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	9/	24/2023
Sunday Offering	\$4	,607.00
Religious Ed	\$	20.00
Maui Relief Fund (Revised)	\$3	,103.00
Energy	\$	10.00
Bring a Dollar	\$	273.00
ShopRite	\$	100.00

Guardian Angels Parking Lot

Our next project will be to repair the parking lot at Guardian Angels. When it rains, it look like a nice waterfront property, but after it dries up there are plenty of potholes. The cost for the repair will be \$16,000.00. We hope to have the work finished by the middle of September. Thank you for your understanding and generous support.

Bring a Dollar	\$ 1,216.00
Shop Rite	\$ 450.00
Super 50/50Raffle Winner Donation	\$ 80.00
Donation from Edison Pizza	\$ 88.00
Collette Commission	\$ 2,028.95
Anonymous Donation	\$ 500.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 200.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 300.00
Total 9/24/2023	\$ 4,862.00



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!.



Would any parishioner be interested in donating mums for the season? It can be for intentions such as anniversary, birthday, remembrance of a loved one, etc. If yes, please bring them when you come for Mass on the weekend.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 1^{ero} de octubre de 2023, Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 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 Fe mayor en Él.

Lectores: Guadalupe Díaz y Josefa Rivera (10/1/2023) Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Lucero (10/1/2023)

Lectores: Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Érica Madera(10/8/2023) Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdez(10/8/2023)

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Les invita a Tres Días de Retiro





Jueves 5, Viernes 6 y Sábado 7 de Octubre de 2023 A las 7:00 p.m.

Te esperamos, no faltes!

Viviendo Nuestra Fe

Charla informativa liderada por Catholic Relief Services -CRS-

Sábado 14 de Octubre de 2023 9:00 am a 12 medio día. Entrada Gratuita Auditorio Centro Pastoral 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ Registrate en: Catholic Relief
Services (CRS)
compartirá
información sobre
cómo podemos ser
agentes de cambio
y vivir nuestra fe,
siguiendo las
enseñanzas de la
Doctrina Social de
la Iglesia.

William Becerra de

diometuchen.org/HispanicEvangelization

"En verdad les digo que cuanto hicieron a uno de estos hermanos mios más pequeños, a mi me lo hicieron" Mateo 25,40

Para más información comunícate al 732 243 4573 o escribe a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

OFICINA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN HISPANA - DIÓCESIS DE METUCHEN



Celebración de Aniversario de Plata y Oro

La Iglesia Diocesana invita cordialmente a las parejas que celebran sus 25 o 50 aniversarios de bodas en el 2023, a asistir al Servicio de Oración de Aniversario de Plata y Oro con el obispo F. Checchio el domingo 22 de octubre de 2023 a las 3:30 p. m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís, 548 Main St., Metuchen, Nueva Jersey. Se requiere inscripción para asistir al Servicio de Oración.







Las Arquidiócesis de Detroit y Saint Louis participaron en campañas de evangelización en las que las parroquias planearon formas creativas de invitar a amigos y familiares a volver a Misa durante la Navidad. Antes de extender la invitación, se organizaron reuniones para enseñar hospitalidad, como invitar y tácticas sencitlas sobre como hacer que alguien nuevo se sintiera bienvenido. Dentro de un tiempo litúrgico tan ungido, la Navidad era una invitación natural. Las diócesis utilizaron videos, recursos virtuales y el don de la conexión para invitar de nuevo a los católicos. Los párrocos prepararon sus homilias en consecuencia y organizaron sencillos actos de hospitalidad.

1^{ero} de octubre de 2023 26º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"No hagan nada por rivalidad ni orgullo. Sean humildes y cada uno considere a los demás como más importantes que sí mismo..." -FILIPENSES 2:3

El orgullo y el ego son dificiles de controlar. Vemos como se visten o actúan los demás y pensamos que somos superiores a ellos. Idealizamos nuestra propia imagen. Sin embargo, si realmente creemos que todas las cosas son dones de Dios, reconoceremos como regalos a todas las personas que Dios ha puesto en nuestras vidas. Estamos agradecidos por la forma en la que enriquecen nuestras vidas. Ore cada día por las personas de su vida: su familia, sus amigos y por aquellos que lo hacen enojar.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

\$48,000.00 Goal: Total Pledge Received: \$39,589.11 Amount Received \$34,757.86 Percent of Goal Pledged: 82.48% Percent of goal received: 72.41%

TRICKY TRAY 2023

Tricky Tray which will take place on Sunday, November 19th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Ticket sales begin October 2nd, 2023.

We are accepting donations of new items and assembled baskets. Bring your own food and beverage. Already madeup baskets or items to make up baskets are needed. All new items please. Cash donations and Gift Cards gratefully accepted. You may drop off made-up baskets or new items at Guardian Angel's or St. Paul's churches or the parish office. Monetary donations and Gift Cards can be placed in an envelope marked "Tricky Tray" and placed in the offering collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. These will be used to fill out baskets. For more information please contact the parish office or Cathy White at 732-277-8882.

Proper Disposition on Bodily Remains

The USCCB has clarified acceptable norms for the proper handling of bodies upon death in the light of recent development in funeral practice technologies. The two processes of alkaline hydrolysis and human composting are not in keeping with the respect due human remains. For more details read to official USCCB statement at https://www.usccb.org/ news/2023/us-bishops-doctrine-committee-issuesstatement-proper-disposition-bodily-remains

Mass for a Loved One

The 2024 Mass Book opened on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023. 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. If you have any question call (732) 572-0977 (Parish Office).

Requested by:
Address:
Phone:
Name of the person for the intentions (deceased or living):
Or Special Intention (please specify):
Date, Time & Church for Mass:

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Eucharistic Revival Parish Phase: Adoration at St. Paul's From Friday, July 14, 2023 to June, 2024, there will be Adoration from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second Friday of every month at St. Paul's Church. There will be prayers in Spanish but all parishioners are welcome.

Continued from last week... National Eucharistic Revival: Parish Phase June 2023 to June 2024

Invitation #4

"Invite One Back" and Accompany Those in Need and on the Margins

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

Recommit to a social service and to the poor in the community. Facilitate volunteer efforts at area organizations. Invite someone to a small group. Accompany or mentor someone in deeper discipleship.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/ silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at https:// www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversarycelebration or calling (732) 562-1543.

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The Edison Police Department is now accepting applications for the part time position of SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

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School Crossing Guards help children safely cross busy intersections on their way to and from school. Crossing Guards control traffic flow around schools in the morning and the ends of the school day. Interested applicants please

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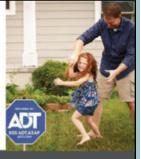


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