TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



November 19, 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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18 Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Terrance L. McComiskey†,

by Cathy McComiskey

Mary Monahant, by Theresa Byrne

Sunday, November 19: Thirty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Catherine Geraghty†, by Theresa Byrne

Mary Monahant, by Josephine Welter

12:30 p.m. Dilan Rosales Gonzalez, by Karen Rosales

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Fr. Robert Brennant,

by Mike & Cathy White

11:00 a.m. Three Causes, by The Legion of Mary

Marguerite & Henry Santos

(60th Anniversary), by Maureen McMahan

Monday, November 20 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Nancy Giaramitat, by Noreen Horvath Rosemary Manerot, by Bill & Ann Volpe

Tuesday, November 21
Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Ady Cortést, by Nilda I. Pérez

John C. Wiegartnert,

by Carol & Ron Ratoff

Wednesday, November 22 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Sally Seis

Delores & Joseph Miliciat, by Peter Milicia

Thursday, November 23 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for the Country and the

People of the Parish - Office Closed

Friday, November 24
<u>St. Paul the Apostle Church</u>

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

Saturday, November 25 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Katherine Damone[†], by Angelo Damone

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, November 26: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Deceased D'Amato & Perone Family†,

by Angela Perone

12:30 p.m. Animas del Purgatorio, by Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Margaret & Clifton Berle,

and Peter Eneo†, by Catherine Berle

Edneil Elimanco, by Family

11:00 a.m. Christine Suchanek, by Patricia Suchanek

Rest in Peace

Mary Beetham

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, November 25 4:00p.m.

Lectors: Michael Romano
Eucharistic Ministers: Carla Guerreiro

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Sunday, November 26 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Mike White
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, November 26 11:00 a.m.

Lectors: Anthony Varghese **Eucharistic Minister**: Silvia H. De Colina

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, November 26 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ann Stephen
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady
Ushers: J. Adadevoh

Donors are invited for the following items for 2024

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,500 Celebremos (Spanish Hymnals): \$1,000

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

Hosts: \$1,500

Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100 Palm Leaves: \$1,000 Candles & Candle Oil: \$500

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, Loretta Dalando, 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, 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, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Jack Wiegartner, and William B. Zalek.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Kyle P. Chanley, US Army. 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.



We invite you and your families to the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, November 23 at Guardian Angels Church to begin the day by giving thanks to God for his blessings and to pray for our country.

Christmas Trees 2023

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 has given. 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 9th after the Vigil Mass, we will have a blessing of the trees, and after a countdown, light the trees 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 \$150.00 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 inserted in the Bulletin and also in our churches which you can fill out and return to the Parish Office with your memorial offering (contribution or donation). Remember, the number of trees are limited so preserve yours as soon as possible.

God bless!

Fr. Abraham



Recent Parish Trip to Fatima and Lourdes

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ShopRite

11/12/2023 \$ 150.00

Due to early submission of the Bulletin for publication, offering report for 11/12/2023 will be published next weekend

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	\$ 2,391.00
Shop Rite	\$ 1,050.00
Super 50/50Raffle Winner Donation	\$ 80.00
Donation from Edison Pizza	\$ 172.00
Collette Tours Commission	\$ 2,028.95
Anonymous Donations	\$ 1,800.00
Knight of Columbus	\$ 300.00
Total 11/12/2023	\$ 7,821.95



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 for this weekend will be for **Works of Mercy Campaign** (Formerly the Collection for the Campaign for Human Development). The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 19 de noviembre de 2023, Trigésimo Tercer 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.

<u>Lectores:</u> Josefa Rivero y Nancy Flores (11/19/2023) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Ubaldo Valdez (11/19/2023)

<u>Lectores:</u> Guadalupe Díaz y Erika Madera (11/26/2023) <u>Ministro Eucarístico:</u> Guadalupe Lucero (11/26/2023)

Membresía Parroquial

Nuevos residentes de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. También les pedimos que cualquier cambio de dirección, correo electrónico o numero 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.

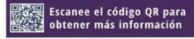
Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.



INVITADO ESPECIAL: KRISTIAN CHAVES

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EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA LAUDATE DEUM DEL SANTO PADRE FRANCISCO A TODAS LAS PERSONAS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD SOBRE LA CRISIS CLIMÁTICA

- 9. Con la pretensión de simplificar la realidad, no faltan quienes responsabilizan a los pobres porque tienen muchos hijos y hasta pretenden resolverlo mutilando a las mujeres de países menos desarrollados. Como siempre, pareciera que la culpa es de los pobres. Pero la realidad es que un bajo porcentaje más rico del planeta contamina más que el 50% más pobre de toda la población mundial, y que la emisión per cápita de los países más ricos es muchas veces mayor que la de los más pobres. [6] ¿Cómo olvidar que África, que alberga más de la mitad de los más pobres del planeta, es responsable de una mínima parte de las emisiones históricas?
- 10. También suele decirse que los esfuerzos por mitigar el cambio climático, reduciendo el uso de combustibles fósiles y desarrollando formas de energía más limpias, provocará una reducción de los puestos de trabajo. Lo que ocurre es que millones de personas pierden su empleo debido a las diversas consecuencias del cambio climático: tanto el aumento del nivel del mar como las sequías y muchos otros fenómenos que afectan al planeta, han dejado a mucha gente a la deriva. Por otra parte, la transición hacia formas renovables de energía, bien gestionada, así como todos los esfuerzos de adaptación a los daños del cambio climático, son capaces de generar innumerables puestos de trabajo en diferentes sectores. Esto requiere que los políticos y empresarios estén ahora mismo ocupándose de ello.

19 de Noviembre de 2023 Domingo 33rd del Tiempo Ordinario

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

CONVIERTETE EN UN COMPAÑERO DE ORACION

Únete a un equipo de defensores espirituales! Ayúdanos a cubrir todo el Avivamiento en oración, ayuno y penitencia. Inscribete para desbloquear la inspiración y las oportunidades especiales, y para decirnos que podemos contar con tus oraciones. Para más información visite la página: es.eucharisticrevival.org

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

\$48,000.00 Goal: Total Pledge Received: \$39,589.11 Amount Received \$34,789.11 Percent of Goal Pledged: 82.48% Percent of goal received: 72.48%

Tricky Tray Guardian Angels Church Hall nday, November 19ª at 2 P. M.



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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

Centering Prayer Group Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Our monthly Centering Prayer group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 21st in the Parish Center Chapel in Highland Park. Centering Prayer is a contemplative method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us as we offer our very selves to God. Spend time in prayer with our group before the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Brian if you have questions or would like to join the group at (908)421-1242, or brian.szura@gmail.com.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Resources

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This is a great opportunity to highlight end-of-life topics including hospice, palliative care, and more. A listing of available resources can be found online using this link: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-anddying.

Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, alas ways, news@catholicspirit.com.

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.

Apostolic Exhortation LAUDATE DEUM of the Holy Father Francis to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis

9. In an attempt to simplify reality, there are those who would place responsibility on the poor, since they have many children, and even attempt to resolve the problem by mutiwomen less developed countries. As usual, it would seem that everythe fault of thing is the poor. Yet the reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates than poorest more the of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much than those of the poorer ones. [6] How can we forget that Africa. home more than half to of the world's poorest people, is responsible for a minimal portion historic 10. It is often heard also that efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing the use of fossil and developing cleaner energy sources will lead to a reduc-What the number of jobs. happening is that millions of people are losing their jobs due of to different effects climate change: rising sea levels, droughts and other phenomena affecting the planet have left many people adrift. Conversely, the transition to renewable forms of energy, properly managed, as well as efforts to adapt to the damage caused by climate change, are capable generating countless jobs in different sectors. This demands that politicians and business leaders should even be concerning themselves with it.

Diocesan Cemeteries: Announce Pre-planning Promotion from November 1 - 19, 2023. Please call 1-800-943-8400 for additional information and to schedule an appointment with a Memorial Counselor. Pre-planning incentives will be offered on in-ground burial, mausoleum entombment, and cremation niche options at both Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Piscataway, and Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in

The Knights of Columbus Annual

Grave Blanket and Wreath Sale

Order forms can be found with our mailbox boxes in the back of St. Paul's and in the glass hallway at Guardian Angels. Orders may also be placed by emailing us at kofc6306@yahoo.com. The Knights are accepting orders now through Monday, November 20th. Blankets and Wreaths will be available for pick up at Guardian Angels on Saturday, November 25th, 2023 between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued support!

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