

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



March 17, 2024

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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

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.**

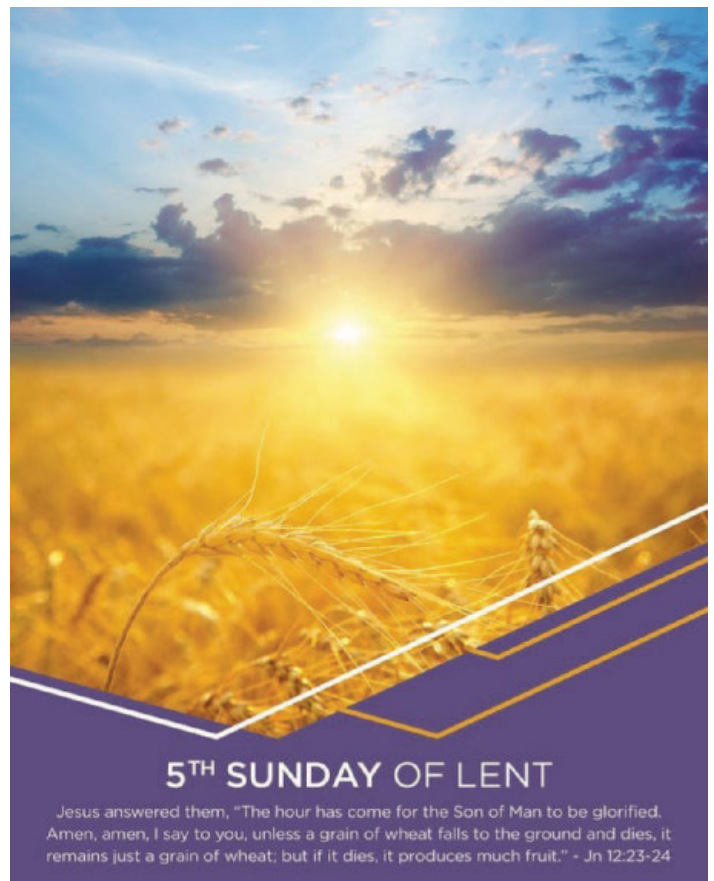
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 16****Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Harrist†**,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. **Eleanor & Edilberto Zoleta and Family†**,
by Josie, Eden & Fely
Kathy Higgins, by Kathy Higgins

Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. **Br. Patrick Doyle, CFC†**
Joseph Adinolfi†, by The Ducca Family

12:30 p.m. **Julia de Martinez†**,
by Edwin & Catina Rivera
Lourdes Roca (Cumpleaños),
by Familia Singares

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Milicia†**, by Peter Milicia

11:00 a.m. **Cleo & Phil Elimanco†**,
by Elimanco Family
Maria & Joseph Zanella†,
by Corinne Ambrosi
Flanagan & Riordan Families,
by Geri Flanagan

Monday, March 18**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. **Arthur & Edith Mattie**, by Tom & Debbie

Tuesday, March 19**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. **Elaine Stemmer**, by Patricia Rinaldi

Wednesday, March 20**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. **Dee Donnelly†**, by Kim & Ed Krupa

Thursday, March 21**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. **Mary, Matthew & Danny Fortuna**
Danielle Klimashousky (Birthday),
by Parents

Friday, March 22**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. **Dee Donnelly†**, by Alice Sloss

Saturday, March 23**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. **Lou & Betty Antonelli†**,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. **Garvey & O'Connell Families†**,
by Cathy McComiskey
Cheryl Pintye & Mary Potzner†,
by Pintye Family

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of***The Passion of The Lord*****St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. **Robert Roevert†**, by John & Ger Melnick

12:30 p.m. **Gonzalo Monroy†**,
by Wilson, Jennifer y Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Cleo & Phil Elimanco†**,
by Elimanco Family

11:00 a.m. **Silvija Bauziene**,
by Anton Gombita
Frank Durkin†, by Barbara Durkin
Mauro & Rosario Meléndez†,
by Giovanna Benavides

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfiguration-parish.com, to learn of events in our Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, March 23** 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Catherine O'Neill
John Melnick

Eucharistic Ministers: Hermie Tenchavez**Ushers:** R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**Sunday, March 24** 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Mike White
Joan Guetti

Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos**Angelo Damone****Ushers:** A. Damone, M. Mehalick**Sunday, March 24** 11:00 a.m.

Lectors: Karen Mohamed
Pete Staples

Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina**Ushers:** T. Sinkler, J. Virrey, P. Weir**St. Paul the Apostle Church****Sunday, March 24** 9:30 a.m.**Lectors:** Ann Stephen**Matthew Biskupek****Eucharistic Minister:** Betty Lou Varady**Ushers:** J. Adadevoh**Thank you Donors for the following items for 2024**

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,500 Paul Bravo in memory of Paul Bravo Sr., Anacleto Bravo, Dr. Margaret Bravo and Helena Mochol, Apolonia Trinidad.

Celebremos (Spanish Hymnals): \$500

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

Hosts: \$1,500 Anonymous

Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100 Anonymous

Palm Leaves: \$1,000 Garlatti Family

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, 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, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Dee 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, Army Sgt. Michael Tutalo, 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.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message, 2024
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Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this" (*Address to University Students*, 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.
Francis

40 Items for 40 Days of Lent

Please bring your items to the church on Palm Sunday weekend. You can leave them in the breezeway or the back of the church at Guardian Angels or to the side entrance and back of the church at St. Paul's. You can also bring them to the Parish Office during office hours on the weekdays. Thank you for your support. Blessed Lent!

St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Gulfport, MS

Support needed: A further reason is the fact that the foyer of the church is so tiny that two persons cannot walk past each other freely. It is also very difficult to have a casket in and out of the church if there is a funeral. More so, the challenge of having the ramp to the church where drop off cars for seniors cannot access is a disservice. This is another reason why this project is necessary. The main focus of the church should be the sanctuary, which should be considerably nice to behold and that it functions well for its use. Unfortunately, St. Therese's sanctuary is so little that if you have 3 persons in it you will literally bump into each other. The Bishop from the Diocese of Biloxi has already endorsed this project.

Holy Week Schedule, 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24: Masses as usual.

Holy Thursday, March 28:

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers, Guardian Angels
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m., Guardian Angels

Adoration after Mass:

8:00 to 8:30 p.m. - Spanish
8:30 to 9:00 p.m. - Rosary Altar Society
9:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary
9:30 to 10:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus

Good Friday, March 29:

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers, Guardian Angels
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord Service, St. Paul's
7:00 p.m. Passion Service (Spanish), St. Paul's

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers, Guardian Angels
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, Guardian Angels
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil, Guardian Angels

Easter Sunday, March 31: Masses as usual.

Easter Monday, April 1: Parish Office Closed—No Mass.

Upcoming Events

March 23: Spaghetti Dinner
March 30: Easter Egg Hunt
April 18: First Reconciliation
April 20: Indoor Garage Sale
May 5: Homily on Eucharist and Vocation at 9:30 a.m. Mass
May 29: Confirmation
June 9: First Holy Communion
June 23: Parish Picnic
July/August: Summer 50/50 Raffle
November 17: Tricky Tray
December 7: Christmas Tree Lighting
December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	3/10/2024
Offertory	\$5,191.00
Lenten Project	\$ 605.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 140.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 281.00
Votive	\$ 89.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 167.00
Shop Rite	\$ 100.00

Lenten Project

As we have done in the past 5 years, this year also we will undertake a Lenten Project to help a mission church within the United States. Our parish leadership discussed different possibilities and chose to help St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Gulfport, Mississippi. Our goal is to raise \$8,000. Thanks you for your generous support.

Bring a Dollar	\$ 585.00
Shop Rite	\$ 350.00
Lenten Project Offering	\$5,952.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 200.00
Other Donations	\$ 645.00
Frank Fritz	\$ 200.00
Total (3/10/2024)	\$7,932.00

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 scheduled for **Palm Sunday Weekend**, March 23/24 is for Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests.

Lent 2024: Stations of the Cross

The Stations at Guardian Angels Church will be led by the following groups:

1. March 22: Legion of Mary

On Good Friday, March 29 the Stations will be at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church led by the Social Committee followed by the Passion Service.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 17 de Marzo de 2024, Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

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: Érica Madera y Carmen Chanez (3/17/2024)

Ministro Eucarístico: Ubaldo Valdés (3/17/2024)

Lectores: Josefa Rivera y Cristobalina Gutiérrez (3/24/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Efraín Zambrano (3/24/2024)

El Jubileo del Año Santo 2025: La Iglesia Católica en su tradición jubilar centenaria continúa con la Peregrinación a Roma durante el Año Santo 2025. Los aspectos espirituales destacados durante esta tradición serán: Asistir a la audiencia papal semanal en la Ciudad del Vaticano y sentir la bendición mientras asisten a la oración dominical del Ángelus con el Santo Padre en la Plaza de San Pedro y vislumbrar las 7 Puertas Santas, que solo se abren durante el año jubilar y tomarse el tiempo para cruzar con reverencia la Puerta Santa de la Basílica de San Pedro.

Duración del viaje: 9 días. Estadía en Roma: 7 días. Costo: desde \$2,399.00 por persona (Precio basado en la salida del 15 de enero de 2025). Para mayor información visite Collette.com/708. Cualquier otra consulta dirijase al Padre Abraham Lotha o llame a la Parroquia.

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024

QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR: Renueva nuestros corazones y envíanos a la misión

A estas alturas ya usted ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándole a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo de 2024. Los ministerios diocesanos apoyados por la Campaña impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en Transfiguración del Señor. Su donación brinda oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. En los próximos días, recibirá una carta animando a tu participación. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, considere hacerlo hoy en oración, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando el sitio web seguro: <https://diometuchen.org>.

40 artículos para 40 días de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma comienza el miércoles 14 de febrero. Una vez más, estamos recolectando 40 artículos para 40 días de cuaresma. Pon un artículo al día en una canasta. Necesitamos calcetines, camisetas, ropa interior, sudaderas, pantalones y artículos de tocador NUEVOS para nuestros hombres y mujeres, veteranos y personas sin hogar. Necesitamos alimentos no perecederos para nuestra despensa de San Vicente de Paúl. También necesitamos artículos NUEVOS para bebés y niños pequeños: ropa, biberones, toallitas húmedas y artículos de tocador. Todo lo que puedas donar, será apreciado. A través de tu generosidad, apoyamos a los veteranos en Lyons, Menlo y Kenilworth. Apoyamos a Great Expectations y Pregnancy Aid, la despensa de San Vicente de Paúl, el Refugio Familiar Ozanam y el Refugio para Hombres Ozanam. Las donaciones se recolectarán el Domingo de Ramos. Habrá cajas disponibles en ambas iglesias. Si alguien necesita que se recojan sus donaciones, comuníquese con Brian Szura al (908) 421-1242 o envíe un correo electrónico a: brian.szura@gmail.com.

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

... Continuación

Las Motivaciones Espirituales

64. Jesús «podía invitar a otros a estar atentos a la belleza que hay en el mundo porque él mismo estaba en contacto permanente con la naturaleza y le prestaba una atención llena de cariño y asombro. Cuando recorría cada rincón de su tierra se detenía a contemplar la hermosura sembrada por su Padre, e invitaba a sus discípulos a reconocer en las cosas un mensaje divino».

65. Al mismo tiempo, «las criaturas de este mundo ya no se nos presentan como una realidad meramente natural, porque el Resucitado las envuelve misteriosamente y las orienta a un destino de plenitud. Las mismas flores del campo y las aves que él contempló admirado con sus ojos humanos, ahora están llenas de su presencia luminosa». Si «el universo se desarrolla en Dios, que lo llena todo, entonces hay mística en una hoja, en un camino, en el rocío, en el rostro del pobre». El mundo canta un Amor infinito, ¿cómo no cuidarlo?

Caminar en comunión y compromiso.

66. Dios nos ha unido a todas sus criaturas. Sin embargo, el paradigma tecnocrático nos puede aislar del mundo que nos rodea, y nos engaña haciéndonos olvidar que todo el mundo es una “zona de contacto”.

Presentamos el Día de la Familia

Las familias son los cimientos de la sociedad. Las familias brindan amor, seguridad, educación y un lugar seguro para que los niños crezcan. Las familias cristianas son los lugares más importantes para nutrir y fomentar la formación en la fe de los niños. Con el fin de ayudar a las familias de nuestra comunidad parroquial a crecer en amor y fe, estamos introduciendo la práctica de un Día de la Familia. Cada familia de la parroquia está invitada a designar un día en el año (excepto el Día de la Madre, la Pascua, el Día de Acción de Gracias y la Navidad) como el **Día de la Familia**. Podría ser en un aniversario, o cualquier otro día significativo que una familia elija. Las familias que celebran el Día de la Familia serán anunciadas en el Boletín. Ese día, las familias están invitadas a venir a la Misa y habrá una bendición para ellos durante la Misa. Te invitamos a que lo pienses y lo comentes con tus familiares. Llame a la oficina si tiene alguna pregunta.

Horario de Cuaresma 2024 para nuestra Parroquia

1. Reflexiones diarias para la Cuaresma, no solo con el pan.
2. 40 días de Cuaresma: 40 artículos para limosna.
3. Charla sobre el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional.
4. Proyecto de Cuaresma.
5. Vía Crucis. Ver horario.
6. Cena de los Espaguetis.
7. Tazón de arroz CRS.
8. Adoración de una hora los sábados por la mañana en la Iglesia de los Ángeles Guardianes.
9. Lectura espiritual.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Diocese of Metuchen

Summary Information:

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledge & Received:	\$12,594.00
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
Amount Received	\$9,633.50
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$35,406.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	26.24%
Percent of goal received:	20.07%
Average Gift Amount:	\$220.95

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Transfiguration of the Lord. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>

40 Items for 40 Day of Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14th. Once again, we are collecting 40 items for 40 day of lent. Put one item a day into a basket. We need NEW socks, t-shirt, underwear, sweatshirts a sweatpants, and toiletries for our men and women veterans and homeless. We need non-perishable food for our St. Vincent DePaul pantry. We also need NEW baby and toddler item – clothes, bottles, wipes, and toiletries. Whatever you can donate, will be appreciated. Through your generosity, we support the Veterans at Lyons, Menlo, and Kenilworth. We support Great Expectations and Pregnancy Aid, the St. Vincent DePaul Pantry, Ozanam Family Shelter, and the Ozanam Men's Shelter. Donations will be collected on Palm Sunday, but boxes are available at both churches throughout Lent for donations. If anyone needs their donations picked up, please contact Brian Szura, at (908) 421-1242 or email: brian.szura@gmail.com.

Our monthly **Centering Prayer Group** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 19 in the Chapel at the Parish Center 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.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Includes Salad, Meatballs, Sausage, Italian bread, soft drinks, coffee/tea and desserts. **BYOB**

March 23, 2024
Saturday
Guardian Angels
Church Hall
6:00pm to 9:00pm

\$20.00
Adults

Children under 8
will be free



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.

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

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Laudate Deum: Spiritual Motivations

64. Jesus “was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things”.

65. Hence, “the creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise, because the risen One is mysteriously holding them to himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence”. If “the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face”. The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?

Journeying in communion and commitment

66. God has united us to all his creatures. Nonetheless, the technocratic paradigm can isolate us from the world that surrounds us and deceive us by making us forget that the entire world is a “contact zone”.

Palm Cross Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Palm Crosses after each mass on Saturday March 16th and Sunday March 17th at both Churches. Price per Palm Cross is \$15.00. Thank you for your continued support.

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 26, 2024

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. 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 confirmandi, 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 strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m.

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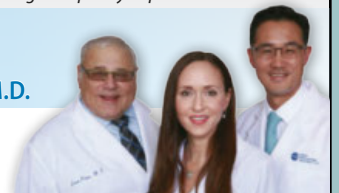
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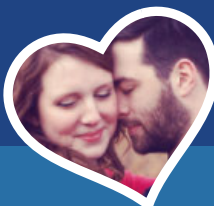
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