

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



April 7, 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.

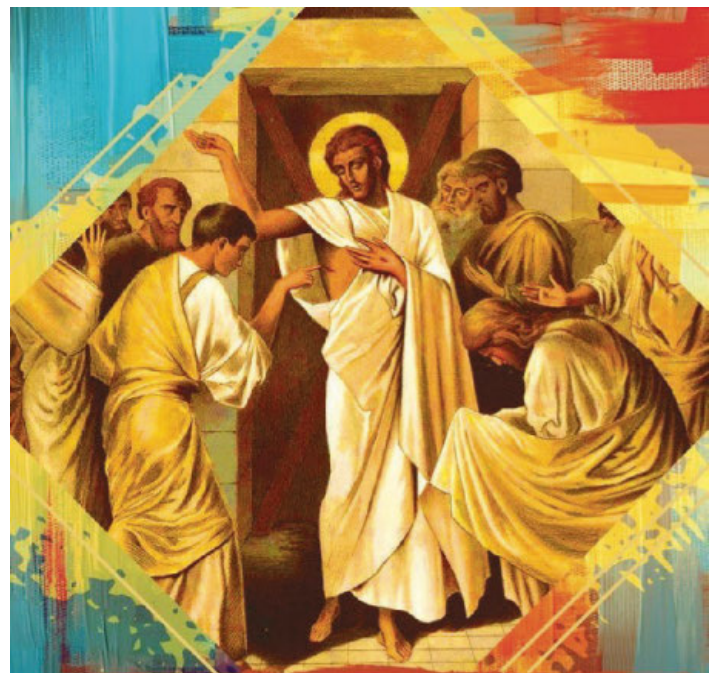
Sacrament of Matrimony:

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20: 27

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Richard M. Cunningham
4:00 p.m. Delores & Joseph Milicia†,
by Peter Milicia
 Terrence L. McComiskey†,
by Cathy McComiskey
 Charles Kolodiy, *by Family*

Sunday, April 7: Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Mary Cassano†, *by Family*
12:30 p.m. Estela Rojas†, *by Gabriela Chanez*
 Ruth Narváez Osorio,
by Maria Elena Narváez Osorio

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. John Caselli†,
by Andrew & Virginia Czech
11:00 a.m. Sadie & Frank Pickett†,
By Brian & Michele Pickett
 Cleo & Phil Elimanco†,
by Elimanco Family

Monday, April 8

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Arnolfo Zantua†, *by Family*

Tuesday, April 9

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Stan Ratoff†, *by Ron & Carol Ratoff*

Wednesday, April 10

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Ellen McDonough

Thursday, April 11

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Sean White (Birthday), *by Mom & Dad*

Friday, April 12

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Steve & Lisa Kopitski and Family,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Saturday, April 13

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Cleo & Phil Elimanco†,
by Elimanco Family
4:00 p.m. Terrence L. McComiskey†,
by Cathy McComiskey
 Higgins Family, *by Kathy Higgins*

Sunday, April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Richard Horvath, *by Noreen Horvath*
12:30 p.m. Maria de la Luz Olivares, *by Family*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Bernadette Tardio, *by Gery Flanagan*
11:00 a.m. Joseph Swamy†, *by Swamy Family*
 John Giordiano†, *by Laura Pintinics*

Mass Intentions Available

Mass intentions are available for the following times & dates for April, May and June 2024:

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: 4/27 Guardian Angels.
 Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.: 5/14, 5/21 & 5/28 Guardian Angels.
 Thursday, 9:00 a.m.: 5/30 & 6/6 Guardian Angels.
 Friday, 8:00 a.m.: 5/17 St. Paul's.
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: 6/1 & 6/29 Guardian Angels.
 Saturday, 4:00 p.m.: 6/29 Guardian Angles.
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: 6/23 & 6/30 Guardian Angels.
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.: 6/2 & 6/9 St. Paul the Apostle.
Please call the office (732) 572-0977.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, April 13 4:00 p.m.

Lector: John Melnick
Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, April 14 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Edna & Sergio Ramirez
Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos
 Angelo Damone

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, April 14 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Mohamed
Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna
Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, April 14 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady
Ushers: J. Adadevoh

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.

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

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Marianne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Connor Chin, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Noreen V. Fitzgerald, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr., Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Anthony Lepore, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Bob Nelligar, Dolores Neumann, Our Citizens and souls in Hawaii, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, 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, 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, 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.



Baptism at Easter Vigil

Congratulations! Leila, Jazzlyn and Chloe



Confirmation at Easter Vigil

Congratulations Gustavo, Jazzlyn and Nicolle



Thank You: 40 Items for 40 Days of Lent

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the annual 40 items for 40 days of Lent. The response was heartwarming and overwhelming. All items will be delivered to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry, the veterans at Menlo Park, Lyons Hospital, the Kenilworth Veterans Center, Ozanam Family Shelter, Great Expectations, Pregnancy Aid, and the homeless. God bless you for caring for others less fortunate.

Upcoming Events

- April 18: First Reconciliation
- April 20: Indoor Flea Market
- 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

3/31/2024

Offertory	\$ 153.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 2,688.00
Easter Sunday	\$10,008.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 188.00
Votive	\$ 74.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 157.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00

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	\$ 1,174.00
Shop Rite	\$ 600.00
Lenten Project Offering	\$ 6,399.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 400.00
Other Donations	\$ 695.00
Religious Education Students	\$ 238.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 300.00
Frank Fritz	\$ 200.00
Total (3/31/2024)	\$10,006.00

Thank you all the Parishioners for your generosity. As you can see from the report above, we have exceeded our goal of \$8,000.00 towards our Lenten Project to help St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Gulfport, MS. May God bless your generosity.

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!



Easter Food Blessing at Guardian Angels

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 7 de Abril de 2024, Segundo Domingo de Pascua - Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

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 & Carmen Chanez (4/7/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Guadalupe Martínez (4/7/2024)

Lectores: Cristobalina Gutiérrez & Nancy Flores (4/14/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdés (4/14/2024)

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.

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 comuníquese con Luis Cortéz al (732) 425-6349 o llame a la Parroquia.

Campana Anual del Obispo 2024

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

Si aún no ha hecho su donación a la Campana Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana, 13 y 14 de abril, que ha sido designado como el Fin de Semana de la Campana Anual del Obispo en los bancos. Por favor, considere en oración una donación para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar su meta. Si podemos exceder nuestra meta, el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta nos será devuelta en forma de reembolso parroquial. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias.

“A Imagen de Dios”, un grupo Católico de fe para personas gay, lesbiana, bisexual y transgenero en la Iglesia Sacred Heart, en South Plainfield, se reúnen el 2º miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. La próxima reunión será el 10 abril, en persona y también virtual a través de Zoom. El grupo está abierto para los adultos LGBTQ, de 18 años y más, y para sus familiares. Todos están invitados a compartir la fe, la oración, la conversación y el apoyo. Las reuniones se realizarán en inglés. Para más información, favor comunicarse con el Padre. John Alvarado a (908) 291-1194 o a través del correo electrónico: sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

**Caridades Católica, Diócesis de Metuchen
Programa de Servicios Inmigratorio**

Evaluación gratuita en persona por 15 minutos los miércoles de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. en Holy Family Parish Center, ubicado en 56 Throop Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Misa y Compartir Multicultural Diocesano

Acompañemos al Obispo Checchio el sábado 20 de abril a las 10:00 a.m. en la Misa que se realizará en la Catedral St Francis of Assisi, Metuchen; seguido de una celebración en la que los diferentes grupos étnicos de nuestra familia diocesana compartirán su cultura por medio de su comida, música y danzas. Para mayor información comuníquese con Sr. Miriam Pérez a mperez@diometuchen.org.

Capacitación en Abogacía

Integrando Fe y Acción

La capacitación integra la fe y la acción, promoviendo el discipulado misionero y la ciudadanía fiel en la búsqueda del bien común.

4 sesiones virtuales
Gratuitas
de 7 pm a 9 pm.

17 de Abril, 24 de Abril
1 de Mayo, 8 de Mayo

Presentador:
William Becerra - CRS

Informe y registro
Lescobar@diometuchen.org o 732 243 4573

Oficina de Evangelización Hispana- Diócesis de Metuchen

Misas de Intención

Disponibles para los siguientes domingos: 26 de mayo, 2, 9, 23 y 30 de junio de 2024.

**2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Metuchen**

Summary Information:

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledge & Received:	\$23,962.25
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
Amount Received	\$17,419.25
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$24,037.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	49.92%
Percent of goal received:	36.29%
Average Gift Amount:	\$254.92

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and
Send Us on Mission

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, April 13/14, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift 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.

Diocesan Youth Day

April 20th, 2024 The day will run from 10:30am-5pm. St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison
The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will run our Diocesan Youth Day at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, NJ on Saturday, April 20th, 2024. Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear talks from Chika Anyanwu, have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession, enjoy live music, good food, and more! Please register here: <https://www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day>. Please direct all questions to Emily Hajduk Kopka at ehajduk@diometuchen.org.

"In God's Image", the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is April 10 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at (908) 291-1194 or the group may be reached via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

Flea Market

Indoor Flea Market Saturday April 20 at Guardian Angels Church between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm in the Church Hall. No need to worry about the weather when the Flea Market is Indoors. There will be many vendors with various types of merchandise. Hot dogs, soda, coffee and cake are for sale. For more information call Cathy 732-277-8882.

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.



Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone enjoyed it.

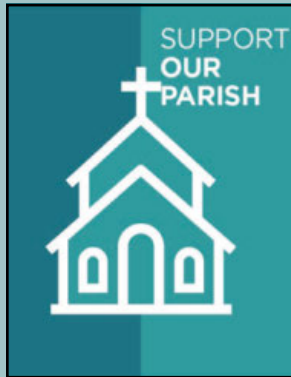
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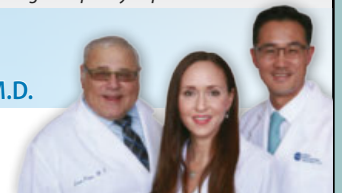
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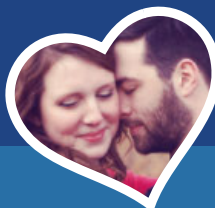
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