TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



April 21, 2024

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St. Paul the Apostle Church Corner of 6th & Raritan Ave.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Maryann Takash (for improved health),

by Cathy McComiskey

Leonard Buniewski, by Family 4:00 p.m.

Cheryl Pintye & Mary Potzner,

by Pintye Family

Sunday, April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. John & Helen Stark+,

by Fiorella Valeri-Stark

12:30 p.m. Julia de Martínezt,

> by Edwin y Catina Rivera Ramón De Jesúst, by Familia Silvia Cabrerat, by Silvia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Judi Bobickt, by Andrew & Virginia Czech

Cleo & Phil Elimancot.

by Elimanco Family

11:00 a.m. Herminio Santos and Miguel & Gregoria

dela Cruzt, by Isabel Santos

Monday, April 22

St. Paul the Apostle Church

People of the Parish 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 23 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Julia A. Farmert, by Frances Lamb

Wednesday, April 24 St. Paul the Apostle Church

Franklin S. Cumberbatch, Sr. 8:00 a.m.

(Anniversary of Death)+,

by Ruby Cumberbatch

Thursday, April 25

Guardian Angels Church

Roger Carbot 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 26

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Martin Doggett[†], by Helen & Marty Perzan

& Family

Saturday, April 27

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Kenneth Conant+

Kimberly McCabe, by Pat Rinaldi

John Loftus (5th Anniversary)+, by George 4:00 p.m.

& Wendu Vankolu

Albert Ianelli†, by Angela Ianelli

Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Lou & Betty Antonelli†, 9:30 a.m.

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Lindo Ciccolini, by Maria Ciccolini

12:30 p.m. Luis Daniel Cortés (Cumpleaños),

by Mamá Socorro Cortés

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Peñafrancia Vallart, by Lourdes Brizuela

11:00 a.m. Cleo & Phil Elimancot,

by Elimanco Family

Marina Espinoza & Ernesto Benavides,

by Giovanna Benavides

Mass Intentions Available

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

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.: 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.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: 6/30 Guardian Angels. Please call the office (732) 572-0977.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, April 27 4:00 .m.

Mary Anne Day Lector: **Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez**

R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon **Ushers:** Sunday, April 28

John Melnick Lector: **Rodel Santos Eucharistic Minister:** Angelo Damone

A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Ushers: Sunday, April 28 11:00 a.m.

Lector: **Pete Staples**

Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina **Ushers:** T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 28

Ann Stephen Lectors:

Matthew Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady J. Adadevoh Ushers:

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., Anacleta 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, Maryanne 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 Nellegar, 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.

April 21, 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations Ideas for Action Holy Father: Do these four things

In a papal message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis used the term "con-vocation" to explain that a vocation is not an isolated "me-and-God" experience. Instead, young people hear God's call within a real Church community. He offered four concrete ways to help youth discover their vocations, emphasizing these things should be done together:

- 1. Co-teach with a catechist
- 2. Visit a convent or monastery
- 3. Assist missionaries
- 4. Spend time with parish priests

Note that none of these involve phones or social media. How can you organize real-life activities for youth in your parish?

2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations Protect our Clergy

In the name of Jesus, we confidently ask Divine Protection for our bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and the evil spirits

who prowl about the world seeking the ruins of souls.

2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations Prayer for Vocations Before the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, draw all people to yourself, especially those you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen!

Give your Church, we pray, fervent priests to serve at your altar, and holy men and women who will devote their lives to prayer and service as consecrated brothers and sisters.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen!

Eucharist and Vocations

The Eucharist is a fundamental aspect of the Priesthood. As one of our activities during the parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Thomas Lanza, from the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Metuchen, will celebrate the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 5, 2024. He will speak on Eucharist and Vocations. All the Religious Education students, High School students and young adults are invited to attend this Mass and the talk by Fr. Lanza.

Upcoming Events

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 30: Parish Picnic

July/August: Summer 50/50 Raffle

November 17: Tricky Tray

December 7: Christmas Tree Lighting

December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	4/	14/2024
Offertory	\$5	,346.00
Easter Sunday	\$	100.00
Mother Day	\$	40.00
Votive	\$	40.00
Bring a Dollar	\$	190.00
Shop Rite	\$	50.00

Rectory Air Condition

Our next project will be to replace Units #3 and #4 of the air condition in the Rectory. The cost is \$19,000.00.

Bring a Dollar	\$ 3,386.00
Shop Rite	\$ 1,150.00
Gertrude Hawk	\$ 400.00
Spaghetti Diner	\$ 2,154.00
Edison Pizza	\$ 81.00
Metuchen Comitium	\$ 200.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 3,470.00
Other Donation	\$ 888.00
Jennie Pojnar	\$ 1,500.00
Collette Travels	\$ 2,727.20
Knights of Columbus	\$ 1,000.00
Year End Party	\$ 593.00
Total (4/14/2024)	\$ 17,549.20

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 April 27/28 is for *Catholic Relief Services*. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.



Spaghetti Dinner

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 21 de Abril de 2024, Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

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 Rivera y Luisa Torres (4/21/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Ubaldo Valdez (4/21/2024)

<u>Lectores:</u> Érica Madera y Carmen Chanez (4/28/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Guadalupe Lucero (4/28/2024)

Membresía Parroquial

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



Misas de Intención

Disponibles para los siguientes domingos: 26 de mayo, 2, 9, 23 y 30 de junio de 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 \$3,399.00 por persona (precio basado en la salida del 8 de enero de 2025) o \$4,499.00 (precio basado en la salida del 11 de Junio 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.

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024 QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR: Renueva nuestros corazones y envíanos en misión

Gracias a todos los que tan generosamente donaron a la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024. Si aun no has hecho tu promesa, estás a tiempo de participar. Envíe su donación por correo a: Campaña Anual del Obispo de la Diócesis de Metuchen, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o en línea a la siguiente pagina: https://diometuchen.org/BAA





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2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Metuchen Summary Information:

Goal: \$48,000.00 Total Pledge & Received: \$30,050.25 Recurring Gift: \$0.00 Recurring Received: \$0.00 Amount Received \$21,132.25 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$17,949.75)Percent of Goal Pledged: 62.60% Percent of goal received: 44.03% Average Gift Amount: \$275.69

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

Are you looking for a job?

Catholic Charities Child Care Programs are hiring for various positions both full time and part time. **Contact:** If interested in applying, please send resumes and cover letters to kradabaugh@ccdom.org and/or drannie@ccdom.org.

Adult Enrichment Course: "World Religions"

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering an Adult Enrichment Course entitled "World Religions" on ten consecutive Thursdays starting April 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The course will be offered at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. The classes will be presented by Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. and will include a lecture and Q & A. There is a \$15.00 fee to attend which covers all 12 sessions. You may register online at www.diometuchen.org/faithformation (please register only one time for all 12 classes). For more information, please email <a href="maintenangle-american-register-american-re

Dear Fr abraham and Parishoners,

Thank You!

Your support has truly made all the difference!

The motherland of donations we received from you was amesome! So many moms and families benefited from your donation and we greatly appreciate your generosity! God Bless You all

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.







Easter Egg Hunt

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