

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

April 28, 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.**

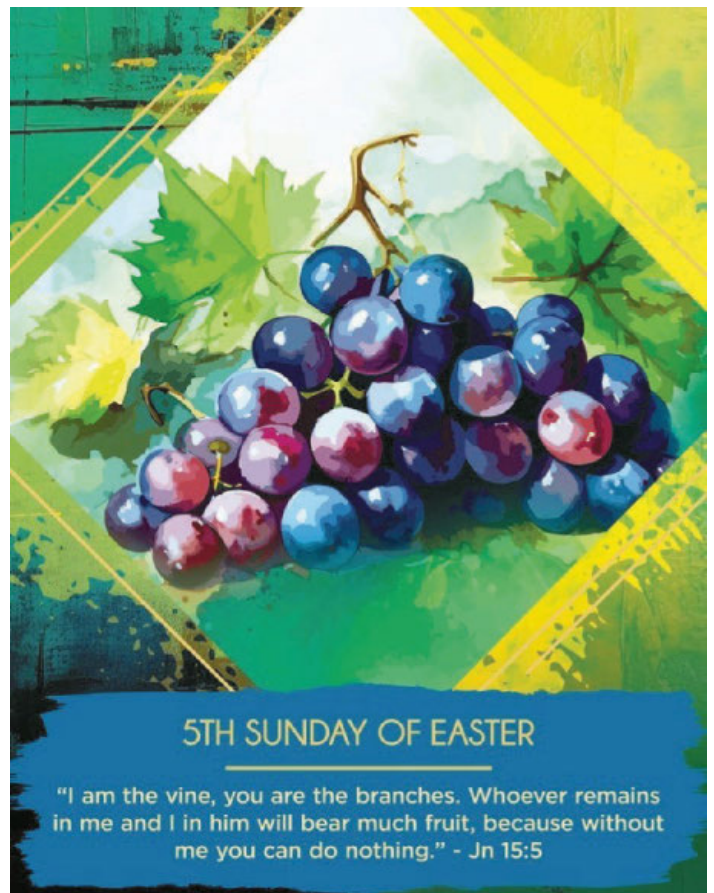
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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 EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27
Guardian Angels Church
 4:00 p.m. **John Loftus (5th Anniversary)†**, by George & Wendy Vankoly
Albert Ianelli†, by Angela Ianelli

Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 9:30 a.m. **Lou & Betty Antonelli†**, 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 Elimanco†**, by Elimanco Family
Marina Espinoza & Ernesto Benavides, by Giovanna Benavides

Monday, April 29
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, April 30
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **Thanks for all the blessing**, by Quinio & Yamilano Families

Wednesday, May 1
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **Jon Wagner†**, by Wagner Family
Delores & Joseph Milicia†, by Peter Milicia

Thursday, May 2
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **The Deceased Members of the Wyka Family†**

Friday, May 3
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Saturday, May 4
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **Cleo & Phil Elimanco†**, by Elimanco Family
 4:00 p.m. **Genevieve Zukosky†**, by Lee Ann & Frank Burke
Klimashousky Family, by M/M W. Klimashousky

Sunday, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 9:30 a.m. **William Byrne**, by Theresa Byrne
Dee Donnelly†, by Ray & Kathleen Joraskie
 12:30 p.m. **Personas de la Parroquia**

Guardian Angels Church
 8:00 a.m. **John F. Suchanek†**, by Patricia Suchanek
John & Alice Ford Eleanor & Edilberto Zoleta and Family†, by Josie, Eden & Fely
 11:00 a.m. **Jose F. Manlapig†**, by Daughter Gloria
Gary Castaline†, by Brian & Michele Pickett
In thanksgiving for life, by Noreen V. Fitzgerald
Pete & Pat Staples (40th Anniversary)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church
Saturday, May 4 4:00p.m.
Lector: Catherine O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister: Michele Pickett
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday, May 5 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Joan Guetti
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez
Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday, May 5 11:00 a.m.
Lector: Anthony Varghese
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta
Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday, May 5 9:30 a.m.
Lectors: Ellen Maughan
Orianna Terrado
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.

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.

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.

Prayer

(from the Novena for the Eucharistic Revival)

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, grant that by partaking of your Body and Blood we may become one body and one spirit in You. Amen!

Love Means More

Love Means More is a website from the USCCB that approaches topics like marriage, sexuality, and gender theory with dignity and respect. No argumentative language. No insults. No condemnation. Just reasonable articles that encourage thoughtful conversations so everyone can better understand the true meaning of love. Curious? Check out Love Means More today at lovemeansmore.org

Flea Market Thank You!

The Parish would like to thank those who helped with the **In-door Flea Market** especially Cathy White, Monika Bromberg, Dolores LeVan, Alice Sporer, Anne Belsky, Karen Mohamed, Toni Unger, Enda Nellegar, William Ng, Rita Davids, Sharon and Frank Loftus for their help. In addition we would like to thank Bridget O'Connor and the Religious Education students who came to help: Ismael Carmona, Ethan Banos, Oliver Banos, Eliza Chanes and Daniel Grados. The work is easier when we work together. The **\$1,046.00** proceeds from the Flea Market will go toward the Rectory A/C replacement.



Spaghetti Dinner

Upcoming Events

- 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

4/21/2024

Offertory	\$6,478.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 110.00
Mother Day	\$ 70.00
Votive	\$ 79.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 214.00
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	\$ 3,600.00
Shop Rite	\$ 1,200.00
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
Flea Market (4/2024)	\$ 1,046.00
Year End Party	\$ 593.00
Total (4/21/2024)	\$18,859.20

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 this weekend is for **Catholic Relief Services**. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

Second Collection

The Second Collection scheduled for the weekend of May 4/5, 2024 is for the **Collection for the Development of the People**. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Solidarity Fund for the church in Africa, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

Thinking about Preplanning for Life?

Have the talk of a lifetime with your loved ones. Spare them the emotional and financial burden of planning your funeral. Make sure your wishes are honored like being brought to church for a funeral mass. Or maybe you're doing a Medicaid spend down and you want to set aside assets to pay for your funeral. Or maybe you don't have any immediate family that would help. Our Parish Trustee, Dr. Daniel Simone of Jaqui-Kuhn Funeral will give a presentation at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 28th at St. Paul's Church.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 28 de Abril de 2024, Quinto 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.

Lectores: Érica Madera y Carmen Chanez (4/28/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Guadalupe Lucero (4/28/2024)

Lectores: Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Nancy Flores (5/5/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Efraín Zambrano (5/5/2024)

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 Basilica 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 Cortés 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

Si te lo perdiste, aún puedes ver el video de la Campaña Anual del Obispo en línea en el siguiente link <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Míralo y observa todo el buen trabajo que se está haciendo en tu nombre, gracias a tu apoyo a la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Si aún no lo ha hecho, ¡considere en oración una donación hoy!

**¿TE GUSTARÍA TENER MÁS
INFORMACIÓN SOBRE BENEFICIOS,
DERECHOS Y TRÁMITES PARA
INMIGRANTES?**

El programa de servicios inmigratorios de Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Metuchen, te invita a una charla informativa

**Te esperamos en la Parroquia
St. Paul the Apostle
23 South Fifth Ave,
Highland Park NJ 08904**

**Domingo
19 de Mayo de 2024
a la 1:15 pm**

No requiere registro previo, ni tiene ningún costo



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

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**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

A imagen de Dios, el **Grupo Católico de Fe** para personas gay, lesbiana, bisexual y transgenero de la Iglesia Sacred Heart, en South Plainfield, se reúne el 2º miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestra próxima reunión se realizara el 8 de mayo, en persona y de manera virtual a través de Zoom. El grupo está abierto a los adultos LGBTQ, de 18 años y mayor, y a sus familias. Todos están invitados a compartir la fe, la oración, la conversación y el apoyo. Las reuniones se conducen en inglés. Para mayor información comunicarse con el Padre John Alvarado al (732) 790-3136 o al correo electrónico: sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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:	\$31,375.25
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
Amount Received	\$23,204.25
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$16,624.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	65.37%
Percent of goal received:	48.34%
Average Gift Amount:	\$280.14

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

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

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/faith-formation (please register only one time for all 12 classes). For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

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 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is May 8 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 (732) 790-3136 or the group may be reached via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.



**The beginning of the Cherry Blossom season at
Transfiguration of the Lord Parish**

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

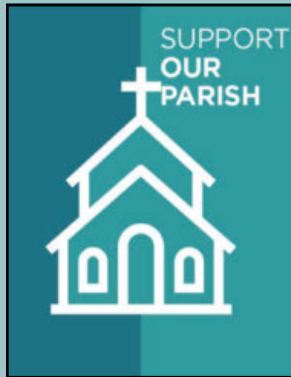
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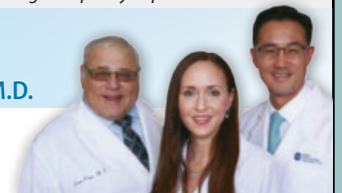
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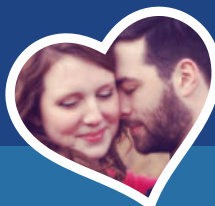
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