TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



July 21, 2024

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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.

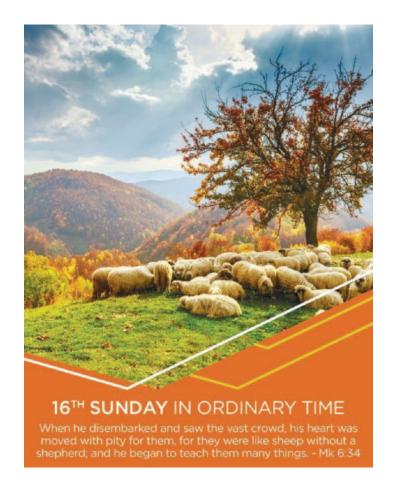
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Susan Keyes, by Family

Michael W. White+,

by Marie D'Amico & Darrell Hall Maryann & Bob Takash,

by Karen Mohamed

Sunday, July 21: 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Steve & Lisa Kopitski,

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

John Pochinskit, Bill & Ann Volpe Fr. Abraham Lotha, Joachim Pak

Anna Pak, Joachim Pak

12:30 p.m. Juan Caballero y Crispina Argüello,

by Roció Caballero

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Beverly L. Wagner†, by Wagner Family

11:00 a.m. Clifton & Margaret Berle, by Family

Cristina & Raul Espinoza, by Giovanna Benavides

Mike White+, by Rosary Altar Society

Bert Oliver+, by Roger Requejo

Monday, July 22

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 23

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Mike White+, by Cathy McComiskey

Wednesday, July 24

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Sr. Helen Callahan, SC†

Marge Shirley+, by Family

Thursday, July 25

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Delores Miliciat, by Peter Milicia

Mike Whitet, by Karen Mohamed

Friday, July 26

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Byrnet, by Theresa Byrne

Ellen McDonough

Jack & Annie McTiernan

Saturday, July 27

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Mike† & Cathy White,

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. Garvey & O'Connell Families,

by Cathy McComiskey

Michael W. Whitet, by Legion of Mary

Joan Gaget, by Dolores LeVan

Sunday, July 28: 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Robert Wojtowiczt, by Jeff Frank

Anna Pak, Joachim Pak

12:30 p.m. Miguel Antonio González†, by Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Mary McLoughlin Cizynski†

11:00 a.m. Jackquline Priost,

by Henry & Marguerite Santos Mike White†, by Bill & Ann Volpe

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, July 27 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mary Anne Day

Matt Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, July 28 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Pete Staples
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, July 28 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Katie Farrar Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, July 28 9:30 a.m.

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

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.

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, Rodney Afonso, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Connor Chin, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Noreen V. Fitzgerald, Michael Fuzesi, 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.

Message from the Diocese: Prayer after communion

Since Corpus Christi 2023, the start of the Parish Phase of the Revival, parishes were asked to communally recite the O Sacrum Convivium prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas. With the conclusion of the Congress on Sunday, July 21, your parish can cease the communal recitation.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebra-

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-goldanniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at (732) 562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarians couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of may Gratitude be made online at https:// www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversarycelebration or calling (732) 562-1543.

Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi 2024 Summer Choir Camp - August 12-16, 2024



YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.DI

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its 2nd ANNUAL SUM-MER CHOIR CAMP for all rising 3rd-8th grade students. Students from any parishes within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals,

music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ! For more information and to register, use our QR Code! Deadline is July 30, 2024!



Upcoming Events

August 24: Summer 50/50 Raffle

November 17: Tricky Tray

December 7: Christmas Tree Lighting December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

7/14/2024 Offertory \$4,994.00 Bring a Dollar \$ 214.00 \$1,960.00 Energy Shop Rite \$ 100.00

A/C Compressor and Contactor at St. Paul's Church

Our next project will be to replace the defective circuit #1 compressor and contactor for A/C at St. Paul's. The cost for this project will be \$10,000. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Bring a Dollar 639.00 Shop Rite \$ 250.00 **Anonymous Donation** \$5,000.00 **Donations (Proceeds from Picnic)** \$1,177.00 Total 7/14/2024) \$7,066.00

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 comparish families. support of our parish families and our com-

munity. Sign up at faith.direct/NJ1058 or call their toll free number (866) 507-8787. Thank you for your support our parish!.

Parish Youth Program

Our parish is excited to announce that we will be commencing our Youth Ministry again. The vision for our youth is to assist them in following the footsteps of Jesus by strengthening faith in solidarity with the other youth in the parish. We will be having an evening interest meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1st at the Parish Center. Registration forms will be provided. This is a free program and all youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join.

Celebrate Life! A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

Thursday, July 25, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Breakfast, fellowship, presentation & Mass. There is no charge, but registration is required. Call Angela at (732) 562-1543.

Marriage Encounter Weekend - July 19-21, 2024

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Remember Your Parish: Bequests

The purpose of a will is to ensure the financial security of your loved ones. Once that has been achieved, you can plan to give a gift to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. It can be a monetary sum, a property, stocks or bonds. These are precious gifts for the

<u>PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR</u> Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 21 de Julio de 2024, Decimosexto 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> Guadalupe Díaz y Érica Madera (7/21/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Ubaldo Valdes(7/21/2024)

<u>Lectores:</u> Luisa Torres y Cristobalina Gutiérrez (7/28/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Guadalupe Martínez (7/28/2024)

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.

El Lanzamiento de la Asociación Franciscana en el Hogar para Líderes Ministeriales

Cuándo: Miércoles, 14 de agosto, 8:00 a.m. (Misa) - 4:00 p.m. Dónde: Iglesia de Santa Magdalena de Pazzi, en Flemington Quién: Para Directores de Catequesis, Ministros de Jóvenes, Directores de RICA, Líderes del Ministerio Hispano, Líderes de Formación en la Fe para Adultos, Líderes del Ministerio Matrimonial y Directores de Escuelas Católicas

Únase a los líderes del ministerio parroquial de la Diócesis de Metuchen en el lanzamiento de la asociación diocesana con el Instituto Catequético de la Universidad Franciscana. Durante el día, se ofrecerá una Misa y se proporcionara una visión general de la Asociación Franciscana en el Hogar, la cual es una plataforma de formación única que se ofrece a todos los que trabajan en los ministerios de la Diócesis de Metuchen, sin costo alguno. Se explicarán los principios de esta plataforma única de formación en línea, basada en el acompañamiento, y se demostrará como utilizarla. Los líderes ministeriales saldrán con la capacidad de utilizar esta herramienta de formación basada en talleres y acompañar a quienes participan en sus ministerios a medida que el uso de esta herramienta de formación se extienda a través de las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen.

Link para registrarse: https://diometuchen.org/franciscan-at-home

Link del panfleto: Franciscan at Home Ministry Leader Flyer Para mayor información contactar a:

Jill Kerekes al email: <u>jkerekes@diometuchen.org</u>



Oficina de Evangelización Hispana - Escuela Bíblica Hispana

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.

La Oficina de Evangelización Hispana y el Ministerio Pastoral busca formar líderes de evangelización en el campo de la pastoral hispana. Es por este motivo que, en forma académica y técnica, la oficina instruye a aquellos que han de trabajar con la comunidad hispana en los diferentes ministerios parroquiales.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Diocese of Metuchen **Summary Information:**

\$48,000.00 Goal: Total Pledge & Received: \$36,892.25 Recurring Gift: \$0.00 Recurring Received: \$0.00 Amount Received \$33,024.50 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$11,107.75)Percent of Goal Pledged: 76.86% Percent of goal received: 68.80% Average Gift Amount: \$283.79

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is now open! Our first day of class will be held on Sunday, September 8th. Registration forms are available in both churches and the parish office. A registration discount is available for forms received by August 9th. We are greatly looking forward to another wonderful year of helping your child grow in faith! Our program is always in need of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with our important ministry. If interested, please email to Bridget O'Connor at edisonparish@verizon.net. Thank you!

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Synthesis of the Interim Phase - Synod on Synodality

Question 1: Where have I seen or experienced successes and distresses – within the Church's structure (s)/ organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?

"Success: when a pastor encourages the Hispanic community by guiding them in projects for the Church and community. Distress: when he doesn't get involved with the community and doesn't communicate with them."

"Few parishes have ministries aimed at Hispanic youth, nor do they offer them the space to live their faith through service."

"Parishes carry out cultural activities to capture the attention of people who don't frequently attend Mass, then invite them to participate in a ministry. The response has been positive and many are now faithful parishioners."

Success - when clergy and parishioners are welcoming to everyone.

Success - There is now more focus on the Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration.

Distress - When clergy and religious are too busy with administrative tasks to spend time with parishioners.

Success - Pastoral leadership welcomes the work of the young Laity. They give youth leadership roles that gives them an ownership in the ministry. "I saw success as a youth attending youth group and was able to grow spiritually. Now I am growing a youth ministry at my own parish."

2024 Summer 50/50 Raffle

Time is growing close to get your Summer 50/50 Raffle tickets in for the August 24th drawing. Please keep in mind 50% of the proceeds will go for parish expenses. The remaining proceeds will be distributed with the 1st prize of 25%, 2nd prize 15% and 3rd prize 10%. **REMEMBER YOU NEED TO** BE IN IT TO WIN IT! Deadline for the ticket return will be August 22nd.

Saint Matthew School is open for enrollment!

We offer structured classes starting from Pre-K3 through 8th grade. At St. Matthew School, our students will learn in a safe, nurturing, Catholic environment. We stand committed to intellectual, moral and spiritual development. We offer STEM with Project-Based Learning, Before/After Care, Tuition Assistance, World Language, Brand, Drama Theater Club, Garden Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Boys/Girls Basketball & More! For more information please call the main school office at (732) 985-6633 or email: JSchaefer@SaintMSchool.Org CPemberton@SaintMSchool.Org

Franciscan at Home Partnership Launch for Ministry Leaders

When: Wednesday, August 14 8:00 a.m. (Mass)- 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church, Flemington Who: For PCLs, Youth Ministers, RCIA/OCIA Directors, Hispanic Ministry Leaders, Adult Faith Formation Leaders, Marriage Ministry Leaders, and Catholic School Principals

Join parish ministry leaders from around the Diocese of Metuchen in the launching of the diocesan partnership with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute. This full day will begin with Mass and include an overview of Franciscan at Home, the unique formation platform that is being offered to all those in ministry in the Diocese of Metuchen at no

The principles behind this unique, accompaniment based, on-line formation platform will be explained and use of the platform will be demonstrated. Ministry leaders will leave with the ability to comfortably use this workshop based formation tool and accompany those in their ministries as the use of this formation tool spreads across parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Link To Register: https://diometuchen.org/ franciscan-at-home

Flyer Link: Franciscan at Home Ministry Leader Flver

For more information contact:

Jill Kerekes at jkerekes@diometuchen.org

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