

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 1, 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:

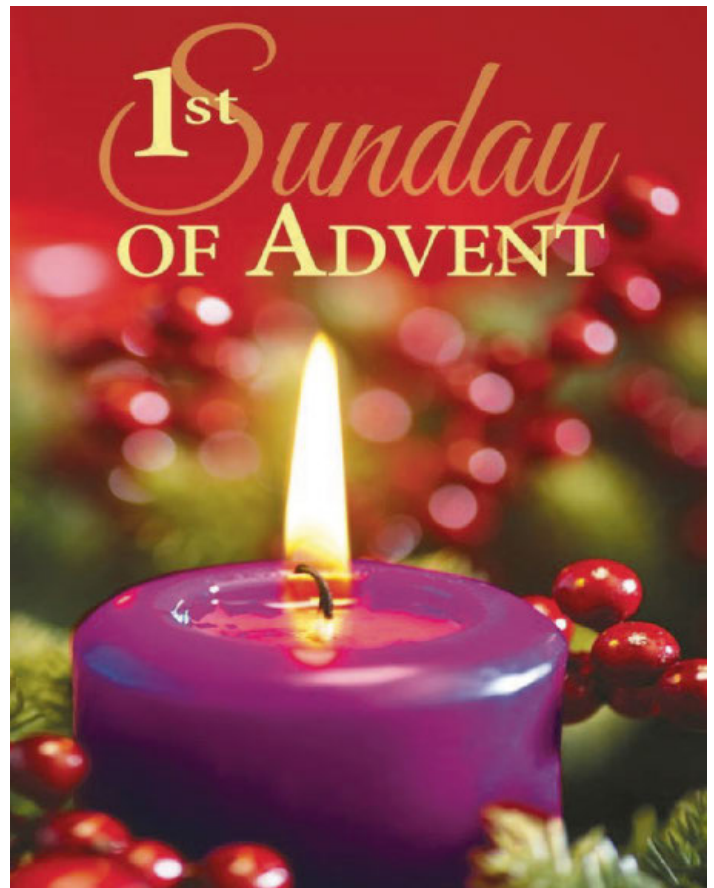
Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. **Grace Adamski**, *by Family*
Terrace L. McComiskey†,
by Cathy McComiskey
Andrew Majorost†,
by Kathleen & Kathy Murphy

Sunday, December 1st: First Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **The Grand-Jean Family**
by Liapes-Kelso Families

12:30 p.m. **Personas de la Iglesia**

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Helen Martin†**, *by Sister Joan*

11:00 a.m. **Chester Lewis†**,
by Bonhamtown Senior Citizens

Monday, December 2

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, December 3

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Sr. Marie Daly, SC†**

Wednesday, December 4

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Angela Perone**, *by Friend*

Thursday, December 5

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Mary Ann & Bob Takash**, *by Karen*

Friday, December 6

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Angela Perone**, *by Friend*

Saturday, December 7

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Vincent Marzella Sr.†**,
by Angelo Damone

4:00 p.m. **Marlene Goetseht†**,
by Joanne Wolk & Family

Sunday, December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **The Grand-Jean Family**
by Liapes-Kelso Families
Mary Cassano†, *by Family*
Gertrude Roevert†,
by John & Gert Melnick

Mr. & Mrs. Ciccolini, *by Maria Ciccolini*

12:30 p.m. **Personas de la Iglesia**

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Thomas P. Stewart†**

11:00 a.m. **Hermínio Santos, and**
Miguel & Gregoria dela Cruz†,
by Isabel Santos

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, December 7 **4:00 p.m.**

Lector: **Mary Anne Day**

Eucharistic Minister: **Hermie Tenchavez**

Ushers: **R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**

Sunday, December 8 **8:00 a.m.**

Lector: **Ryan Salamante**
Carl Tenchavez

Eucharistic Minister: **Rodel Santos**

Angelo Damone

Ushers: **A. Damone, M. Mehalick**

Sunday, December 8 **11:00 a.m.**

Lector: **Andrew Novoa**

Eucharistic Minister: **Gloria Rada**

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, December 8 **9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: **Joan Jobbins**

J. Biskupek

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.

Donors invited for the following items for 2025:

Breaking Bread Hymnals (Guardian Angels): Paul Bravo

Breaking Bread Hymnals (St. Paul's): Garlatti Family.

Celebremos (Spanish): \$900

Wine: \$500

Hosts: \$1,500

Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100

Palm Leaves: \$1,000

Candles \$ Candle Oil: \$500

Please call the parish office or contact Fr. Abraham if you have any questions.

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Rodney Afonso, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belesky, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Connor Chin, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Noreen V. Fitzgerald, Michael Fuzesi, Fernando Gonzalez, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr., Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Antonio Mola, Giovanni Mola, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Our Citizens and souls in Hawaii, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Carol Ratoff, 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 Szaranski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, 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.

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.

Happy Advent!

Once again, as we begin Advent, the parish is happy to give all our parishioners a free copy of Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas in English. Copies of the booklets are available at both churches.

Christmas Trees 2024

On Saturday, December 7th, after the Vigil Mass at Guardian Angels, and at 4:45 p.m. at St. Paul's, we will have a blessing and lighting of the trees which will then remain lit each evening during the whole Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany in January. Trees taken so far:

Guardian Angels:

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Please consider memorializing one of these beautiful trees. The cost to memorialize a tree is \$150.00 each. This will cover the cost of the tree, lighting of the tree, and the memorial gift for the church. You will find a Reservation Form in our churches which you can fill out and return to the Parish Office or in the offertory basket along with your contribution.

St. Paul's:

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The Tricky Tray Committee would like to thank all the people who contributed to the success of the Tricky Tray: Rose Moskaluk, Dolores LeVan, Monika Bronmberg, Sharon Loftus, Debbie Fisoli and Carol Wilson for the wonderful baskets. Jean and Bill Mikita were fabulous in their help with sales and counting and Noreen Fitzgerald helped with the 50/50. Also a special thank you to Kathy Day our caller who did an outstanding job. We can't forget our runners who were fantastic and Erin White who was in charge of the door prizes.



Upcoming Events

December 7: Christmas Tree Lighting
 December 7: Ministries Appreciation Dinner
 December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

11/17/2024

Offertory \$5,513.00
Bring a Dollar \$ 226.00
Shop Rite \$ 100.00

Due to early submission of the bulletin for publication the offertory report for 11/24 will be given next weekend.

St. Paul's Church Repairs

Our next project will be for repairs at St. Paul's Church. The repairs will be for custom windows wells cover and gutters guards installation. The cost for the project will be \$4,450.00.

ShopRite \$ 200.00
Bring a Dollar \$ 226.00
Anonymous \$ 200.00
Other Donation \$ 795.00
Total (11/17/24) \$1,421.00

Monies Received Recently

Spaghetti Dinner \$ 1,461.00
 Tricky Tray \$ 6,676.00
 Thanksgiving Offering \$ 1,290.00

Thank you all for 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!

Second Collection

The Second Collection scheduled for December 7/8 will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support retired religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 1^{er} de Diciembre de 2024, Primer Domingo de Adviento

Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 11:45 a.m.

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: Luisa Torres y Érica Madera (12/1/2024)
Ministros Eucarísticos: Efraín Zambrano (12/1/2024)
Lectores: Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Guadalupe Diaz (12/8/2024)
Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdes (12/8/2024)

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.

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.

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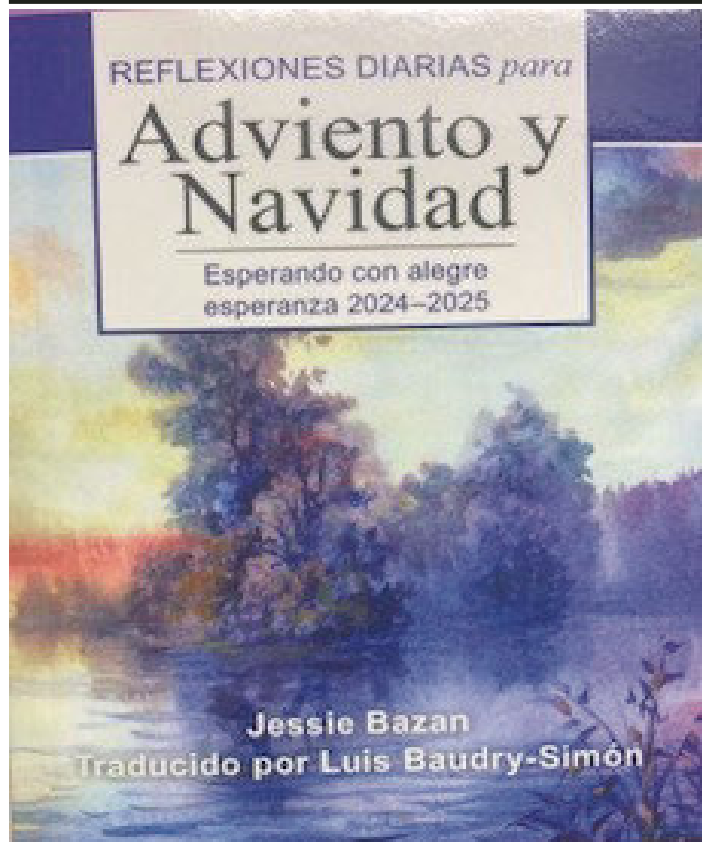
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ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA

La escuela se divide en nueve (9) cursos (Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras, Pentateuco, Libros Históricos, Profetas, Sapienciales, Evangelios, Cartas Paulinas, Cartas Católicas y Apocalipsis); cada curso consta de siete (7) sesiones. Las clases se realizan de forma presencial los lunes o los jueves de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en el Centro Pastoral St John Neumann (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ. Para más información o escribenos a hispanic.ministry@diometuchen.org.

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.



¡Feliz Adviento!

Una vez más, al comenzar el Adviento, la parroquia se complace en dar a todos nuestros feligreses una copia gratuita de las Reflexiones Diarias para el Adviento y la Navidad en español. Las copias de los folletos están disponibles en el frente de la iglesia.

Transfer of the Obligation with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Recently the USCCB received a clarification on how the Holy Day of Obligation transfers with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Holy See clarified that the Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception transfers with the solemnity. So when the Solemnity falls on a Sunday and is moved to Monday, the obligation is also retained on Monday. This also applies when the Solemnity naturally falls on Saturday or Monday. And so this year, the Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 9th, and the obligation is retained.

Ministries Appreciation Dinner

All parishioners volunteering for the various parish ministries such as Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Music ministry, Ushers, Counters, Grounds Keeping, Communion to the Sick, ShopRite Card Selling, etc., are invited to the Ministries Appreciation Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Guardian Angels Hall on Saturday, December 7th.

Holiday Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce

The Life-Giving Wounds Ministry for adult children of divorce is sponsoring a hybrid support group consisting of a series of virtual meetings and 2 in-person sessions. The first session will be held at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 7th. Subsequent meetings will take place each Thursday evening on Zoom from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. The final session will take place on February 8th. Cost is \$45.00 per person for materials.

To register, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce. For questions, please contact Molly at molly.moltane@gmail.com.



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National Eucharistic Revival - Year of Mission / Walk With One Initiative!

The National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative launched in 2022, is about to enter the third and, arguably, most important, phase: The Year of Mission (including the Walk With One initiative). As the second phase, or the Year of Parish Revival, draws to a close, it is important that we begin preparations for this third and final phase. This past year has been marked with historic initiatives, such as the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (which passed through our diocese this past May 27-28) and, of course, the National Eucharistic Congress, but we must now turn our attention to the third and final phase, which is designed to send on-fire Catholics out to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." While we will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond, there are a number of concrete ways that we can participate in this Year of Mission. Chief among them is the Walk With One Initiative that was introduced at this year's Congress. We will provide you with more information about this important initiative in the August issue of *The Catholic Spirit*, but, essentially, the Church is calling on each and every one of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one. To learn more about this initiative, as well as the four stages of spiritual companionship that are at the heart of this effort, please go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one> and download the Walk With One guide (which is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

Papal Encyclical "Dilexit Nos"

On October 24, 2024, the Holy See released the encyclical from Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"), on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ. It contains within it a beautiful reflection on the Sacred Heart and the Church's long-standing tradition of devotion.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

In addition, here is some media coverage of the release:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/260089/dilexit-nos-seven-takeaways-from-pope-francis-new-encyclical-on-the-sacred-heart>

<https://wherepeteris.com/dilexit-nos-the-essential-points-to-know/>

This article contains the encyclical as an audiobook and downloadable e-book in various formats:

<https://opusdei.org/en-us/article/encyclical-dilexit-nos-pope-francis/>

Support My Church and Save on My Taxes?

Want a way to boost your tax saving beyond the newly increased standard deduction? If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can use your IRA to make a gift to your parish, school, diocese or ministry. However, federal tax law now allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax. By making a "qualified charitable contribution" (QCD) from your IRA, you can give to your parish, and it also counts toward your IRS's annual required minimum distribution.



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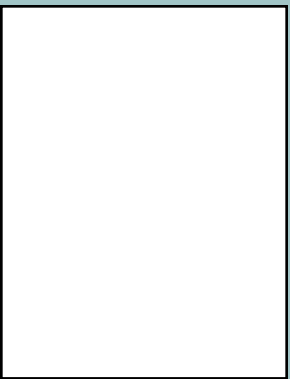
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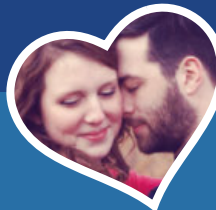


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