TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 8, 2024

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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

<u>Staff</u>

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.

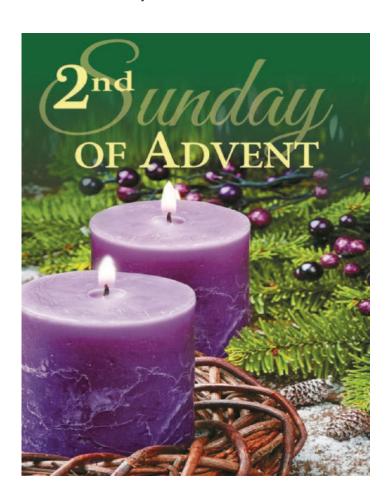
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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, December 7 Guardian Angels Church

Marlene Goetseht, 4:00 p.m.

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 Cassanot, by Family

Gertrude Roevert, by John & Gert Melnick

Mr. & Mrs. Ciccolini, by Maria Ciccolini

12:30 p.m. Luz Darquea, by La Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Thomas P. Stewart+ Herminio Santos, and 11:00 a.m.

Miguel & Gregoria dela Cruzt,

by Isabel Santos

Monday, December 9

St. Paul the Apostle Church

People of the Parish 8:00 a.m.

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Michele, by Betty Lou Varady

6:00 p.m. Robert Jackson Jr. 1, by Ed, Kim Krupa & Family

Tuesday, December 10

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Helen Meissner†

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abecker + &

Steven Abecker, by Peggy Abecker

Wednesday, December 11 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Manuel Matos†

Estela Rojast, by Gabriela Chanez

Thursday, December 12 Guardian Angels Church 9:00 a.m. Mike Whitet,

by Life Choices Resource Center

St. Paul the Apostle Church

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Deceased Members of the 8:00 a.m.

Fornarotto Family†, by Ness Family

Saturday, December 14 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Rose, Grace & Mimit,

by Karen Mohamed

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

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Thomas Veroni†, by Lucille Veroni

Sunday, December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. The Grand-Jean Family

by Liapes-Kelso Families

Elizabeth Levy+, by Noreen Horvath John Beethamt, by Donald Beetham

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Iglesia

Guardian Angels Church

Sr. Hellen Collins, SC+ 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Stephen Yanthant,

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, December 14 4:00 p.m.

Lector: John Melnick **Eucharistic Minister:** Hermie Tenchavez

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Sunday, December 15

Joan Guetti Lector: **Eucharistic Minister:** Lourdes Brizuela

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 15

Karen Mohamed Lector: **Eucharistic Minister:** Stella Salamante

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Ushers:

Sunday, December 15 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

Orianna Terrado **Eucharistic Minister:** Carla Guerreiro J. Adadevoh

If you are away during this season, please travel safe.

You can also look at our parish website: transfigurationparish.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: Mary Anne Day Hosts: Anonymous

Hosts (Gluten Free): Anonymous

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 Szaranowski, 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,

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

<u>Transfer of the Obligation with the Solemnity of</u> <u>the Immaculate Conception</u>

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. Masses are as follows:

8:00 a.m. St. Paul's

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels

6:00 p.m. Guardian Angels

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Come and celebrate the *Feast of Lady of Guadalupe* at St. Paul's on Thursday, December 12th, 2024.

The program for the day is as follows:

Mañanitas from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. with Mariachi.

Church Choir from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Pageant

All are invited to this year's religious education Christmas Pageant! Our 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} grade classes will be blessing our parish with a presentation of a Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22^{nd} during the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's. Make your Christmas season even more special by coming to see our parish children perform the wonderful story of Jesus' birth! We hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events

December 22: Christmas Pageant December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	11/24/2024 \$5,165.00		12/1/2024 \$5,714.00	
Offertory				
Bring a Dollar	\$	136.00	\$	149.00
Shop Rite	\$	50.00	\$	100.00

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	\$	350.00
Bring a Dollar	\$	511.00
Anonymous	\$	400.00
Other Donation	\$	795.00
Hispanic Community	\$	200.00
Total (11/24 & 12/1)	\$2	2,256.00

E-Giving Hope. Love. Joy. Peace.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship. Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving. It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support to the parish – so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ1058 or call their Customer Service team at (866) 507-8757.

Second Collection

The Second Collection scheduled for this weekend 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.

Parish Mass	Headcount	November	2024		
Mass Time	Language	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24
Saturday					
4:00 p.m.	English	155	135	161	141
Sunday					
8:00 a.m.	English	84	91	82	70
9:30 a.m.	English	125	207	190	192
11:00 am.	English	134	131	133	128
12:30 p.m.	Spanish	123	162	155	132
Total		621	726	721	663

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 8 de Diciembre de 2024, Segundo 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.

<u>Lectores:</u> Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Guadalupe Diaz (12/8/2024)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdes (12/8/2024)

<u>Lectores:</u> Carmen Chanez e Irene Manzanares (12/12/2024)

<u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Ubaldo Valdes (12/12/2024) <u>Lectores:</u> Josefa Rivera e Inés López (12/15/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Maria García (12/15/2024)

Membresia 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.

RĈIA

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.



La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Ven a celebrar la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Iglesia de San Pablo el Apóstol el jueves 12 de diciembre de 2024.

El programa es el siguiente:
Las Mañanitas de 4:00 a 5:00 a.m. con Mariachi
Coro de la Iglesia de 5:00 a 6:00 a.m.
Desayuno de 6:00 a 7:00 a.m.
Misa en español a las 7:00 p.m.

CARIDADES CATOLICAS Diócesis de Metuchen

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E-Giving Esperar. Amor. Alegría. Paz.

Estos son los regalos de la temporada de Adviento. Los regalos que ayuda a compartir aquí en nuestra comunidad, durante todo el año, con su cuidadosa administración. El Adviento es un tiempo significativo para reflexionar sobre su generosidad. Una forma especial de dar es eGiving. Puede simplificar su administración y brindar un apoyo constante y constante a la parroquia, para que podamos estar listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de la iglesia y los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Sus donaciones recurrentes sostendrán nuestra parroquia, incluso si necesita faltar a un servicio dominical. Le solicitamos en oración que considere registrarse en eGiving desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta. Puede configurar una donación recurrente o hacer una donación única. Puede registrarse en línea en faith.direct/NJ1058 o llamar al servicio al cliente de Faith Direct al (866) 507-8757.



TALLER PARA MÚSICOS HISPANOS

La Oficina de Evangelización y Ministerio Pastoral Hispano de la Diócesis de Metuchen, coordinación con Prensa Católica de Oregón, organizará un nuevo taller para músicos hispanos enfocado en coros. El taller será liderado por músicos hispanos el 18 de Enero de 2025 de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en el Centro Pastoral de St. John Neumann. El costo del programa por todo el día es de \$200.00 por Parroquia y cubre todos los músicos hispanos pertenecientes a la parroquia. El último día de para inscribirse es el 10 de Enero de 2025. Los formularios los podrá conseguir en la oficina Hispana de Evangelización (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ) junto con el pago de \$200.00 a nombre de la Diocese of Metuchen. La oficina enviara un email confirmando la registración. Cada Parroquia se encargara de los gastos del curso.

New Homeschool Ministry

All parents of Homeschool Families are cordially invited to attend the inaugural meeting for the new Diocesan Homeschool Ministry. The event will take place on January 14, 2025 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at St. Theodore RC Church at 855 Route 57, Port Murray, NJ. Please come to hear about the ministry vision and a presentation on "Franciscan at Home" which is a free catechetical resource.

To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/homeschool-ministry-1. For more information contact Fr. Gilbert Starcher at gstarcher@diometuchen.org.

Rosary for Life - January 24, 2025

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 p.m. (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 p.m. daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

Mass Intentions

It is a good Catholic tradition to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for a person who is ill, for a special intention, for a celebration such as birthdays or anniversaries, and in thanksgiving. The normative offering for an announced Mass in the Diocese of Metuchen is \$10.00. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. If you have any question call to the Parish office (732) 572-0977.

Mass Times Available for 2024:

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ Guardian Angels: 12/22 Sunday: 12:30 p.m. Spanish, St. Paul's: 12/22 & 12/29 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. @ Guardian Angels: 12/24 & 12/31

Requested by:
Address:
Phone:
Name of the person for the intentions:
Deceased or Living:
Or Special Intention (please specify):
Date, Time & Church for Mass:

<u>Christmas Masses Schedule</u> Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass, Guardian Angels

9:00 p.m. Christmas Night Mass, Guardian Angels

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 a.m. Guardian Angels

9:30 a.m. St. Paul's

11:00 a.m. Guardian Angels

12:30 a.m. St. Paul's (Spanish)

Thursday, December 26th

Parish Office Closed -No Mass.

Year End Party

Let us bid farewell to 2024 and welcome the New Year with our parish celebration.

Delicious food, music and dancing.

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, December 28 Place: Guardian Angels Hall Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Tickets are available after all Masses and in the Parish Office. Please join us to celebrate for making it through the year.

Film on the Immaculate Conception

The Marianists have collaborated with a film production company on "I Am The Immaculate Conception", a documentary film that presents the Lourdes apparition as well as other Scriptural references to Our Lady. It will appear in selected theaters through Fathom Events on December 12, 14, and 17.

For a Trailer and more information, click on https://www.fathomevents.com/events/immaculate-conception/

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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