TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 15, 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.



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.

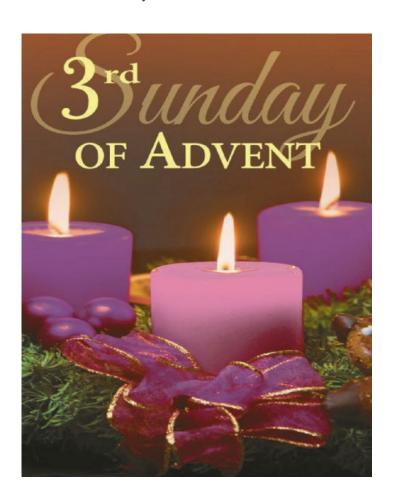
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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 14 Guardian Angels Church

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

by Cathy McComiskey

Thomas Veronit, 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 Levyt, 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 Yanthan+

Monday, December 16 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Lindo & Lucy Ciccolinit,

by daughter Maria

Joseph Ciccolini[†], by sister Maria

Tuesday, December 17 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Daniel Lewist

Elimanco Family

Wednesday, December 18 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Dwight Doscher†

Thursday, December 19 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Betty Antonelli†,

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Friday, December 20

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

Mr. & Mrs. Lindo & Lucy Ciccolinit,

by daughter Maria

Joseph Ciccolinit, by sister Maria

Saturday, December 21 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Mike White + & Cathy White,

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. Edward & Catherine Varites+,

by Varites Family

Anthony J. Pojnart, by Jennie

Sunday, December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

> by Liapes-Kelso Families Robert O'Connell +,

by Shawn & Melanie O'Connell

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Iglesia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Mike White†, by Singares Family 11:00 a.m. Subido & Malinconico Families+,

by Josephine Subido

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, December 21 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Michael Romano **Eucharistic Minister:** Silvia H. de Colina

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Sunday, December 22

S & E Ramirez Lector: **Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos** Angelo Damone

A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Ushers: Sunday, December 22 11:00 a.m.

Michele Pickett Lector:

Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir **Ushers:**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, December 22 9:30 a.m.

Ann Stephen Lectors:

M. 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: 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 (Gluten Free): Anonymous

Palm Leaves: \$100 by Anonymous (Balance \$900)

Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler Please call the parish office or contact Fr. Abraham if you

have any questions.

Hosts: Anonymous

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.

JOIN US FOR OUR 7TH ANNUAL Religious Education CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! Sunday, Dec. 22nd During the 9:30am Mass in St. Paul's Church



Ministries Appreciation Dinner.
Thank you to all the parish volunteers.

<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.

Wednesday, January 1st

Mother of God (Holy of Obligation)

Upcoming Events

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

OFFERINGS

 12/8/2024

 Offertory
 \$5,065.00

 Bring a Dollar
 \$ 169.00

 Shop Rite
 \$ 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
 \$ 450.00

 Bring a Dollar
 \$ 680.00

 Anonymous
 \$ 400.00

 Other Donation
 \$ 795.00

 Hispanic Community
 \$ 200.00

 Total (12/8/24)
 \$2,525.00

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.

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, 15 de Diciembre de 2024, Tercer 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> Josefa Rivera e Inés López (12/15/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Maria García (12/15/2024)

<u>Lectores:</u> Guadalupe Díaz y Luisa Torres (12/22/2024) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Efraín Zambrano (12/22/2024)

<u>Membresía Parroquial</u>

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.



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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.

AA (Alcohólicos Anónimos) es una comunidad mundial y voluntaria donde hombres y mujeres de toda condición se reúnen para lograr mantener la sobriedad y ayudar a otros a recuperarse del alcoholismo. Para ser miembro de AA el único requisito es el deseo de dejar la bebida. No se pagan honorarios ni cuotas. Les invitamos al Grupo de AA "Los Tres Legados", en la 85 Raritan Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Reuniones de lunes a jueves de 8:00 a 10:00 p.m. Comuníquese a los siguientes números de teléfonos para más información: (732) 213-0370 con Noel, (732) 507-3420 con Jose Luis, (732) 912-3620 con Pedro, o al (732) 801-6832.



Christmas Trees at our Churches





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December 4, 2024

Dear Fr Abraham and Members of Transfiguration of the Lord Church,

On behalf of St Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish in Erwin, TN, I want to thank you very much for your generous gift of \$2,000.00 for Flood Relief to St Michael the Archangel Parish. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

Some of this may be old news for you, or updated news.

Two weeks ago here at the Parish Center, we closed down the distribution of items for Flood Relief. People were no longer coming in need for household items. We fulfilled that purpose. We are now emphasizing the repair level and rebuilding of Flood Relief. Brother Corey Soignier, a Glenmary Brother, has been working with USA Rafting Company to assist them in their cleanup efforts. He is also working with individuals who need major repairs to their houses. We have hired a parishioner who is in construction to work on houses as people contact us. One of the local grade schools was totally damaged and in need of major repairs. Fortunately, FEMA and the school's insurance will cover those expenses. We sent some funds to the Superintendent to use it for families from that school that will have needs.

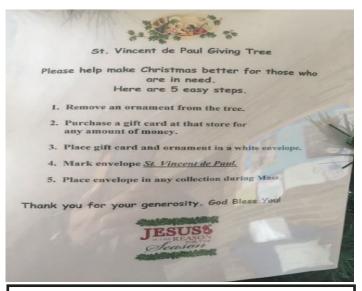
We sent many of the items we had left over to Mountain City, TN which was hit very hard and had little few resources. We have also sent many items over the Stateline to North Carolina which was hit very hard.

The past two months have had its challenges. Within eight days we had three funerals. After searching for weeks, the authorities found the body of Rosa Andrade Reynoso. Rosa is the last of our parishioners who were lost in the flood. We had Rosa's funeral on November 23. Rosa was only 29 years old. She was cousin to some of our parishioners.

Several weekends ago the Parish sponsored a Survivors Healing Retreat. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Knoxville brought the team from Florida to oversee it. I'm so glad. This was a good retreat for them. They also offered follow up counseling as well. We have been providing counseling funds for the people who have taken advantage of the counseling services.

Again, I thank you for your generous contribution.





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.

2025 Jubilee Year: Save the Date

Bishop Checchio will open the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Metuchen at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Cathedral on Saturday, December 28, 2024, the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Note: this is the cathedral parish's Saturday Vigil Mass, and anyone is invited to attend (there are neither tickets nor reserved seating). The Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year has some additions (it will resemble the Solemn Entrance of Palm Sunday) so it will be a longer Mass. Feel free to share this with your parishioners. The Cathedral also Livestreams this Mass, for those who may want to watch.

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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