

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



December 29, 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.**

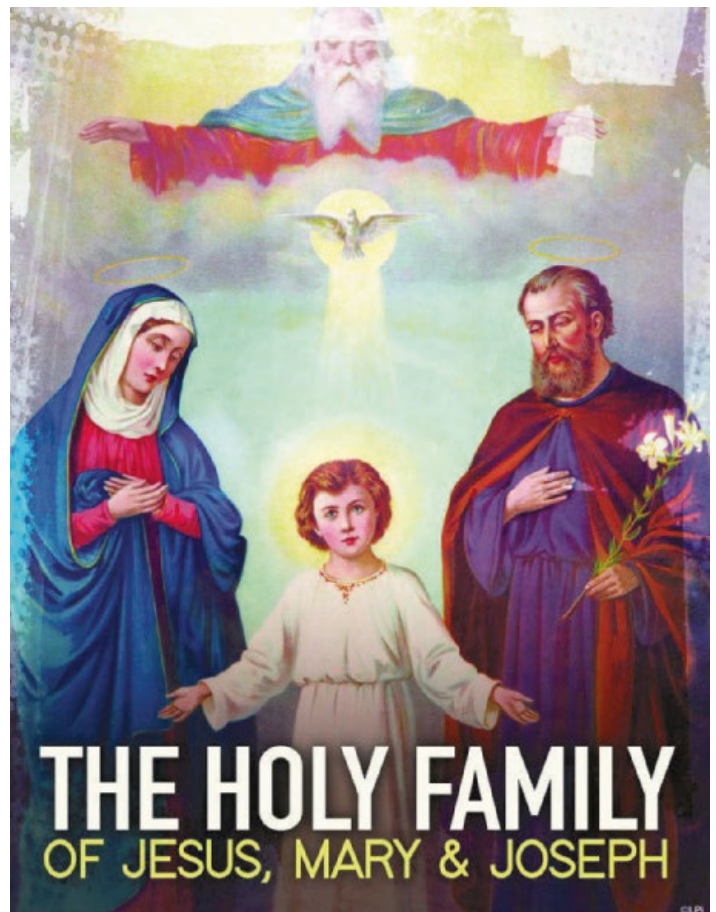
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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, December 28

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Terrance L. McComiskey†,
by Cathy McComiskey

**Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

12:30 p.m. Estela Rojas†, by Gabriela Chanez

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Sr. Frances Smith, SC†

11:00 a.m. Eleanor & Edilberto Zoleta & Family†,
by Josie, Eden, Fel & Family

Monday, December 30

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. David Valerio†

Tuesday, December 31

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. George Lawrence & Kathlyn Loretta†,
by Judi Lawrence

Wednesday, January 1

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Lou & Betty Antonelli†,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Daniel Lewis†
Joseph Colasurdo†, by Virginia White
Elimanco Family

Friday, January 3

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

Saturday, January 4

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Garvey &
McComiskey Families†,
by Cathy & Noreen

Sunday, January 5: Epiphany of the Lord

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Italo Maratta†, by Maddalena Maratta

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Parroquia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Luis R. Santiago†, by Nilda F. Caffiero

11:00 a.m. Sonny M. Manlapig†, by Sister Gloria
Elimanco Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, January 4 **4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Mary Anne Day

Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez

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

Sunday, January 5 **8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Ryan Salamante
C. Tenchavez

Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos

Angelo Damone

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, January 5 **11:00 a.m.**

Lector: Katie Farrar

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, January 5 **9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: Joan Jobbins

J. Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro

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): Antonio Martin Family &
 Hispanic Community
 Wine: Anonymous
 Hosts: Anonymous
 Hosts (Gluten Free): Anonymous
 Palm Leaves: \$100 by Anonymous (Balance \$900)
 Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler

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

Rest in peace
**Antoinette Stevenson, Patrick Obukowho,
 Gloria Landante and Martin Sernal**
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
 departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
 Amen!



Thank You

Thanks to the many parish volunteers that made our Christmas celebrations meaningful and joyous. May God bless your generosity.

New Year Masses Schedule

Saturday, December 28th

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. Year-End Party

Sunday, December 29th

Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 1st

Mother of God (Holy of Obligation)

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

9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.: Guardian Angels

Consecration to the Holy Family Dec. 28 & 29 Masses

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we will re-consecrate ourselves and our families to Jesus, Mary and Joseph during mass! Our Knights of Columbus Brothers will be at all masses to hand out the consecration prayer cards, both in English and Spanish.



Christmas Pageant at St. Paul's by the Religious Education students. Thank you to the students, catechists and parents.

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.

OFFERINGS

| | <u>12/15/2024</u> | <u>12/22/2024</u> |
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| Offertory | \$5,066.00 | \$7,883.00 |
| Bring a Dollar | \$ 157.00 | \$ 147.00 |
| Shop Rite | \$ 150.00 | \$ 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.

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| ShopRite | \$ 450.00 |
| Bring a Dollar | \$ 680.00 |
| Anonymous | \$2,400.00 |
| Other Donation | \$ 845.00 |
| Hispanic Community | \$ 200.00 |
| Total | \$4,575.00 |

We have reached our goal of \$4,450.00 towards the cost for St. Paul's Church Repairs. The repairs have been completed and the payment made. THANK YOU for your generosity. Our next project will be to help meet the cost for Energy.

Energy for our Churches

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| Bring a Dollar | \$ 304.00 |
| Shop Rite | \$ 250.00 |
| Anonymous Donation | \$ 225.00 |
| Gertrude Hawk | \$ 600.00 |
| Total (12/15 & 22/2024) | \$1,379.00 |

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.

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.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 29 de Diciembre de 2024, La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

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: Josefa Rivera e Irene Manzanares (12/29/2024)
Ministros Eucarísticos: Guadalupe Martínez (12/29/2024)
Lectores: Inés López y Carmen Chanez (1/5/2025)
Ministros Eucarísticos: María García (1/5/2025)

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.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con la celebración de la Fiesta de **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**: a los voluntarios por la decoración, al coro, al Mariachi, a los que prepararon el desayuno, a los que participaron en la limpieza y sobretodo gracias a todos los que asistieron a la fiesta.



**CARIDADES CATOLICAS
Diócesis de Metuchen**

Consejería de Inmigración:
(732) 324-8200
319 Maple Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



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.

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Sábado, 18 de enero
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Salón de Conferencias - Centro Pastoral
St. John Neumann
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Costo: \$40
Pregunte en la parroquia para registrarse como parte del Ministerio de Música.

Con música cantada de Flor y Canto

Para más información, comuníquese con:
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TALLER PARA MÚSICOS HISPANOS

La Oficina de Evangelización y Ministerio Pastoral Hispano de la Diócesis de Metuchen, en coordinación con Prensa Católica de Oregon, 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.



St. Paul's Church Repairs Completed



Parish Registration Form

If you would like to become an active member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, we invite you to complete the Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send it to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Full Name: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cellular: _____

Email: _____

Children (under 18):

Any areas in which family members may be interested to help?

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2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is open. 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. Please call the parish office, (732) 572-0977 for any questions.

Mass Times:
 Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. Wed, Fri., St. Paul's
 9:00 a.m. Tue, Thurs., Sat., Guardian Angels
 Weekends: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Saturday, Guardian Angels
 Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Guardian Angels
 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Spanish, St. Paul's

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of the person for the intentions:

Or Special Intention (please specify):

Deceased or Living: _____

Date, Time & Church for Mass:



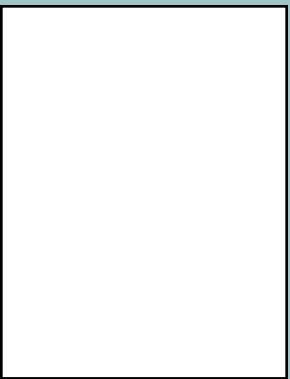
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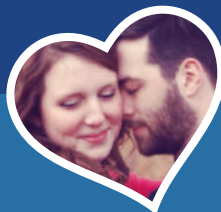
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