

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



January 5, 2025

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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

Guardian Angels Church

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

Sunday, January 5: The 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

Monday, January 6

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 7

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Epifania Brizuela†, by Lourdes Brizuela

Wednesday, January 8

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

Thursday, January 9

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Carol Ratoff, by Mary Ann Day Joseph Puerari†, by Maria & Kent Wise

Friday, January 10

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Lindo & Lucy Ciccolini†, by daughter Maria Joseph Ciccolini†, by sister Maria

Saturday, January 11

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Lou & Betty Antonelli†, by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. Henry Hogan, by Family

Sunday, January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Sr. Carol Marie Durfey, RSM† Frank Cassano†, by Family

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Parroquia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Christine Suchanek, by Patricia Suchanek

11:00 a.m. Inocencia Lopez†, by Nilda I. Caffiero Elimanco Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, January 11 4:00 p.m.

Lector: John Melnick

Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina

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

Sunday, January 12 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Guetti

Eucharistic Minister: Lourdes Brizuela

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, January 12 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Mohamed

Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, January 12 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

Orianna Terrado

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): Antonio Martin Family &

Hispanic Community

Wine: Anonymous

Hosts: Anonymous

Hosts (Gluten Free): Anonymous

Palm Leaves: \$200 by Anonymous (Balance \$800)

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.

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.



Toy Drive on Saturday, Dec. 21st at Park Pub, Woodbridge Ave. Thanks to Ricardo, Martin, Frank, Pete and the customers at Park Pub.



Christmas Pageant

Knights' "Mission of the Family" video series

"Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the "Mission of The Family". The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find "The Mission of The Family" videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. You can also find the original "Into The Breach" video series by rolling down on this webpage and under CATEGORIES click on "Into The Breach". This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith."

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	<u>12/25/2024</u>
Offertory	\$ 90.00
Christmas	\$12,176.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 283.00

Energy for our Churches

Bring a Dollar	\$ 587.00
Shop Rite	\$ 250.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 225.00
Gertrude Hawk	\$ 600.00
Total (12/25/2024)	\$1,662.00

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

Contributions Details Statements 2025

Your Contributions Details Statements will be available from January 15, 2025 at the Parish Office during business hours. You may either stop by the Parish Office, provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or your email address. If you have any question, please call the Parish Office at (732) 572-077. Thank you for your generous support.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sell ShopRite cards on Saturday and Sunday after each mass a Guardian Angels. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office. Thanks you for your consideration.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 5 de Enero de 2025, La Epifanía del Señor

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: *Inés López y Carmen Chanez (1/5/2025)*
Ministros Eucarísticos: *María García (1/5/2025)*
Lectores: *Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Guadalupe Díaz (1/12/2025)*
Ministros Eucarísticos: *Ubaldo Valdes (1/12/2025)*

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.

ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS 2025-2026 EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTÁ ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda en la matrícula para asistir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora, a través de la Evaluación de subvenciones y ayuda de FACTS en <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el 31 de marzo de 2025. La Diócesis también exige un Formulario de Verificación parroquial, que debe estar firmado por su Párroco y presentarse en la escuela o escuelas a las que asisten sus hijos. Los requisitos de elegibilidad, las instrucciones y los formularios se pueden encontrar en <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o que necesiten acceso a una computadora para presentar la solicitud deben comunicarse con su escuela.

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS
Diócesis de Metuchen

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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.

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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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: _____

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Name of the person for the intentions:

Or Special Intention (please specify):

Deceased or Living: _____

Date, Time & Church for Mass:

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For more information, please contact amarshall@diometuchen.org



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Saturday March 29, 2025

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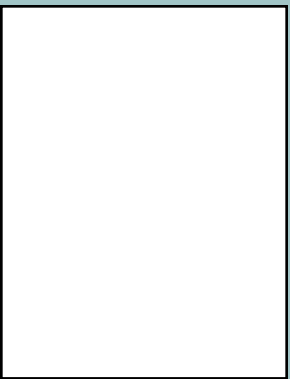
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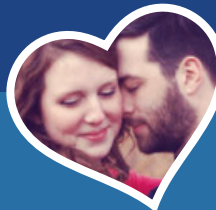


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