

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



January 12, 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11
Guardian Angels Church
 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
Monday, January 13
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**
Tuesday, January 14
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **Victor Gutierrez†**, *by Familia Gutierrez*
Wednesday, January 15
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **Anthony Aratar†**
Thursday, January 16
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **Patrick Zito†**, *by The Vailsburg Crowd*
Friday, January 17
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**
Saturday, January 18
Guardian Angels Church
 9:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**
 4:00 p.m. **Terrance L. McComiskey†**,
by Cathy McComiskey
Jerry Iacona, *by Family*
Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Paul the Apostle Church
 9:30 a.m. **Estela Kohut†**, *by Takash Family*
Patrick Obukowho†,
by Karen Mohamed
 12:30 p.m. **Jonatan Rubiel Flores Rosales &**
Paulino Hernández Díaz, *by Karen*
Guardian Angels Church
 8:00 a.m. **John Suchanek**,
by Patricia Suchanek
 11:00 a.m. **Elimanco Family**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church
Saturday, January 18 **4:00 p.m.**
Lector: **Michael Romano**
Eucharistic Minister: **Hermie Tenchavez**
Ushers: **R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**
Sunday, January 19 **8:00 a.m.**
Lector: **S & E Ramirez**
Eucharistic Minister: **Rodel Santos**
Angelo Damone
Ushers: **A. Damone, M. Mehalick**
Sunday, January 19 **11:00 a.m.**
Lector: **Michele Pickett**
Eucharistic Minister: **Gloria Rada**
Ushers: **T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir**
St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday, January 19 **9:30 a.m.**
Lectors: **Ann Stephen**
M. 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: \$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, 2nd Lt. Brennan Skirzenski US Army.
 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.



The Three Magi bringing gifts for the Religious Education Students of our Parish



Year-End Party: Thanks to the Social Committee for the successful party

Year-End Party Financial Report

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| Income from ticket sales & donations: | \$2,403.00 |
| Total Expenses: | <u>\$1,037.00</u> |
| Net Income (donation for Energy): | \$1,366.00 |

OFFERINGS

| | <u>12/29/2024</u> | <u>1/1/2025</u> | <u>1/5/2025</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$ 4,982.00 | \$15.00 | \$6,177.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 470.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 645.00 |
| Shop Rite | \$ 50.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Bring a Dollar | \$ 206.00 | \$ 9.00 | \$ 354.00 |

Energy for our Churches

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| Bring a Dollar | \$1,156.00 |
| Shop Rite | \$ 400.00 |
| Anonymous Donation | \$ 425.00 |
| Other Donation | \$ 100.00 |
| Hispanic Donations | \$ 23.00 |
| Gertrude Hawk | \$ 600.00 |
| Year- End Party | <u>\$1,366.00</u> |
| Total (12/29/24, 1/1 & 5/25) | \$4,070.00 |

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.

Christmas Tree Project

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| Income from Trees: | \$16,760.00 |
| Expenses: | <u>\$ 4,337.86</u> |
| Net Income: | \$12,422.14 |

Thank you all for your 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.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 12 de Enero de 2025, El Bautismo 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: Cristobalina Gutiérrez y
Guadalupe Díaz (1/12/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdes (1/12/2025)

Lectores: Luisa Torres y Érica Madera (1/19/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdes (1/19/2025)

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.factsmgt.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

Consejería de Inmigración:

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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
Presente en tu parroquia para registrarte como parte del Ministerio de Música.

Con música cantada de Flor y Canto

Para más información, comuníquese con:
Luz Recobar 732-243-4573 | luzreco@diocesismetuchen.org
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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.

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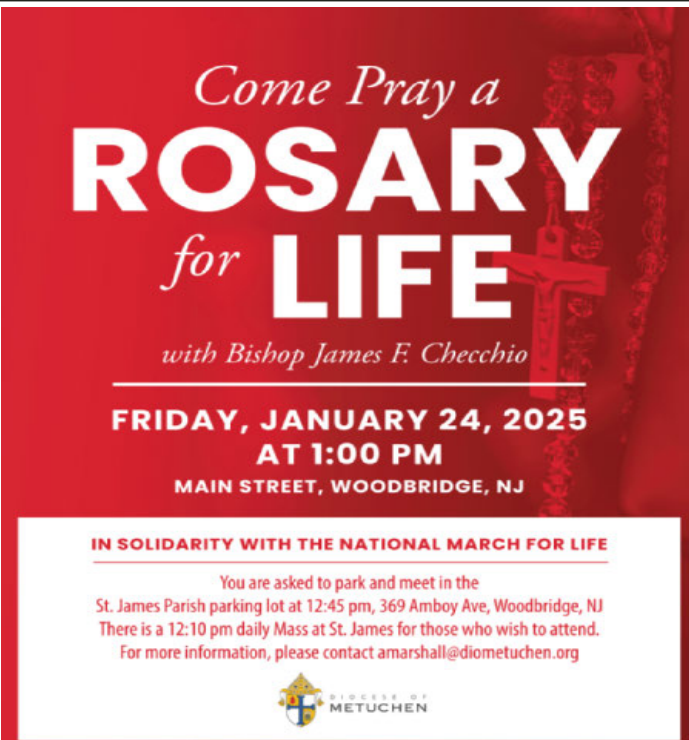
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Bereavement Facilitator Training Course
February – March 2025

Registration for the Bereavement Facilitator Training Course is now open. This six-session course will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Zoom/Teams starting February 12 - March 26, 2025 (No class on March 5, Ash Wednesday). This program is designed for individuals who want to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or who wish to start a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. It can also benefit anyone who ministers to the bereaved in parishes in different capacities.

For more information or to register visit: <https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition-2025>



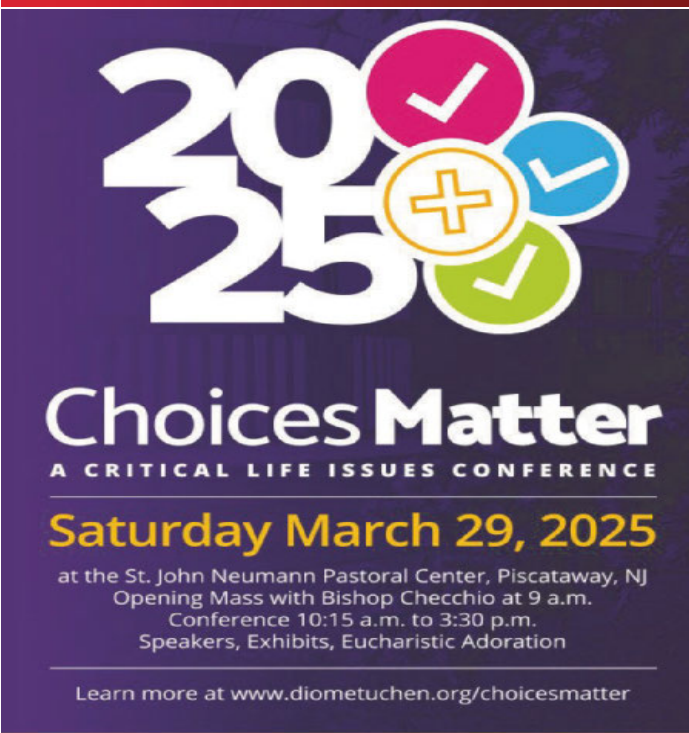

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with Bishop James F. Checchio

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You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ
There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.
For more information, please contact amarshall@diometuchen.org



2025

Choices Matter
A CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

Saturday March 29, 2025

at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ
Opening Mass with Bishop Checchio at 9 a.m.
Conference 10:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Speakers, Exhibits, Eucharistic Adoration

Learn more at www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter

From the Office of Vocations

Join Fr. Tom Lanza, the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Metuchen, and other young men interested in learning more about the priesthood for a visit to St. Andrews College Seminary.

What: Visit to St. Andrew's College Seminary for Evening Prayer, Dinner, and a tour with their seminarians.

When: Friday, January 17th (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.), everyone is instructed to meet directly at the seminary at 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Andrew's Hall - 571 Centre St, South Orange, NJ 07079

Who: Young men 14-18 yrs. old

RSVP by January 10th: email Fr. Tom Lanza the names of attendees, parents, priests, or youth ministers... TLanza@diometuchen.org

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Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace. These retreats are not just about healing; they are about reclaiming your voice, finding forgiveness, and embracing the profound truth that you are loved beyond measure. No matter how much time has passed, you deserve this healing. Whether you're a mother, father, grandparent, sibling, or someone touched by abortion in any way, Rachel's Vineyard welcomes you with open arms. Let this be the moment you step out of the shadows and into the light of restoration and hope. Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org for more information on retreat dates and locations. Healing is waiting for you, you are not alone. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat. February 21-23 2025. The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima (Washington, NJ). To register, or for more information, please contact Leah at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site (609) 709-3479 or Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site (908) 319-2950.



Knights of Columbus Family Shelter Winter Drive

Update - Our Brother Knights wish to thank you all for your amazing generosity for donating a total of \$695.00 during the pancake breakfasts we held in November and December. With your donations, we were able to deliver winter clothes to the families at the Ozanam Shelter in Edison just in time for Christmas, including 148 knit hats, 148 pairs of gloves, 46 blankets, and 3 winter coats!



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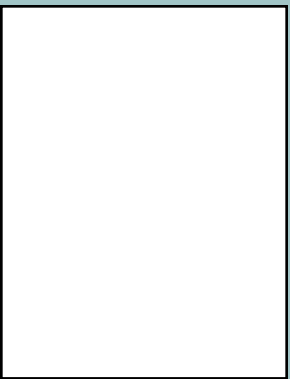
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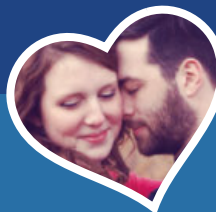


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