

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



January 19, 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.**

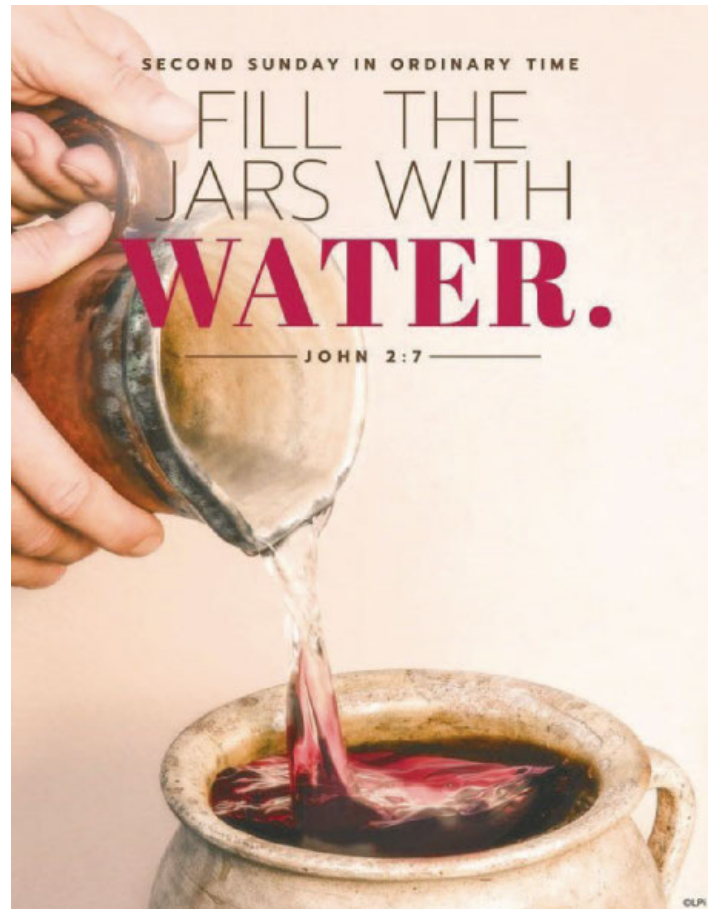
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 18

Guardian Angels Church

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
Frank Carnesi†, by John, Gloria & Tighe

Monday, January 20

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. No Mass - Office Closed - MLK

Tuesday, January 21

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Joseph Milicia†, by Peter Milicia

Wednesday, January 22

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. John Greulich†, by Meklin Family

Thursday, January 23

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Patrick Obukowho†

Friday, January 24

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Agnes & Jack Adair†, by Meklin Family

Saturday, January 25

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Arlene Eichler†, by Terry Family
Kopitski Family,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

4:00 p.m. Meg Husar†, by Toni Deliman

Anthony J. Pojnar†, by Wife Jennie

Sunday, January 26: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Patrick Obukowho†, by Mary Anne Day

12:30 p.m. Aniversario de Bodas #41 del
Señor Lucero Guadalupe y la Señora
Martha Bravo
Maria Armas†, by sus Hijos y Nietos

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Maria Antonieta Troya†

11:00 a.m. Elimanco Family
Thanksgiving Mass for Belinda & Jose
Isidro, by Josie

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, January 25 **4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Catherine O'Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina

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

Sunday, January 26 **8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Anthony Varghese

Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, January 26 **11:00 a.m.**

Lector: Peter Staple

Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, January 26 **9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: Mary Beth Iannacone

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, 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.

**Rest in peace
David Doslik**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20th. There will be no Mass that day.



INFORMATION FOR JUBILEE 2025

Preparation and Participation

Prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in local dioceses and eparchies across the United States.

JUBILEE WEBSITE

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> (English) <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/es.html> (Spanish)

JUBILEE MOBILE APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/iubilaeum25/id6467652982?platform=iphone> (for iOS devices, i.e. Apple products)
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=va.iubilaeum2025.app&pli=1> (for Android devices)

The digital app for mobile devices, which makes registration for Jubilee 2025 events easier, can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS and from the Play Store for Android. By using the mobile app, which is available in six languages, a person can access all the latest news on the Jubilee, register as a pilgrim for the Holy Year, and obtain the Pilgrim Card for free. Once registered on the portal, individuals will also be able to register for Jubilee events and pilgrimages to the Holy Door.

THE JUBILEE CALENDAR

- The Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica will be December 24, 2024.
- The Jubilee celebrations for various audiences will take place from January to December 2025.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Upcoming Events

- March 21: Soup Supper by Knights
- March 27: First Reconciliation
- April 19: Easter Egg Hunt
- May 28: Confirmation
- June 1: First Communion
- June 22: Parish Picnic
- July/August: Summer 50/50 Raffle
- November 16: Tricky Tray
- November 22/23: Thanksgiving Offering
- December 6: Christmas Trees Lighting
- December 13: Ministries Appreciation
- December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	<u>1/12/2025</u>
Offertory	\$4,884.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$1,323.00 *
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 190.00
(* Includes collections of 1/1 & 5/2025)	

Energy for our Churches

Bring a Dollar	\$1,346.00
Shop Rite	\$ 450.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 425.00
Other Donation	\$ 100.00
Hispanic Donations	\$ 23.00
Gertrude Hawk	\$ 600.00
Year- End Party	\$1,366.00
Total (1/12/2025)	\$4,310.00

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) 572-0777. Thank you for your generous support.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this weekend to help those affected by the wildfires in Southern California. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Second Collection

The Second Collection on the weekend of January 25/26, 2025 will be for the **Foundation for Catholic Education Collection**. The entire proceeds benefit financial aid to students attending diocesan and parochial elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 19 de Enero de 2025, Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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: Luisa Torres y Érica Madera (1/19/2025)
Ministros Eucarísticos: Guadalupe Martínez (1/19/2025)
Lectores: Carmen Chanez y Guadalupe Díaz (1/26/2025)
Ministros Eucarísticos: María García (1/26/2025)

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.

En celebración del 50 aniversario del programa **Plato de Arroz (Rice Bowl Program)**, el Capítulo Hispano de CRS de la Diócesis de Metuchen está disponible a partir de este mes para visitar las parroquias y hablar con la comunidad hispana sobre esta importante iniciativa de Cuaresma para promover la solidaridad con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados en todo el mundo. Para más información, por favor contacte a Luz Escobar en Lescobar@diometuchen.org.



Esta es una oportunidad de formación en línea (inglés y español), gratuita, dirigida a sacerdotes, diáconos, padres de familia, tutores, profesores, catequistas, coordinadores de ministerios o de grupos de oración; y en general a todo aquel que quiera responder al llamado de la evangelización.

5 Programas certificados en español:

- Catequesis
- Familia
- Jóvenes
- RICA
- Liderazgo

Más de 20 talleres en las áreas de:

- Catequesis
- Familia y Fe Hispana
- Doctrina

Pasos:

- Crea tu cuenta en el enlace que está en esta página.
- Selecciona el programa certificado o el taller de tu interés.
- Para los programas certificados, solicita un mentor de la Diócesis.
- Comienza tu formación!!

Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org

Oficina de Evangelización Hispana- Diócesis de Metuchen

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.

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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>

Come Pray a
ROSARY
for
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with Bishop James F. Checchio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025
AT 1:00 PM

MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE, NJ

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

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



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

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 14 -16, 2025. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: HEALING, HOPE, AND LOVE

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.

Retrouaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages

Retrouaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage. **Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748** The next Retrouaille weekend in the Diocese of Metuchen will be February 28 - March 2, 2025.

Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholic Singles
February 11-March 25, 2025

Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! Every Tuesday from February 11 – March 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. To register visit: <https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever>. For more information email cdaver-so@diometuchen.org

"The Activated Disciple" Virtual Women's Group

Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? The Diocesan virtual Women's Group will be beginning Jeff Cavins' book, "The Activated Disciple" on January 26th. The group meets each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Participants must purchase the book to participate. For details or to join, please contact Cristina at cdaver-so@diometuchen.org



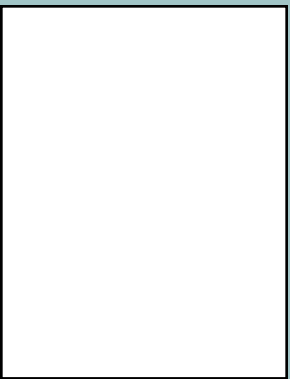
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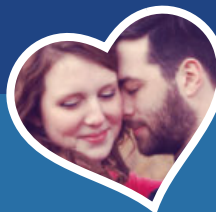
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