

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



March 16, 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 active parishioner.**

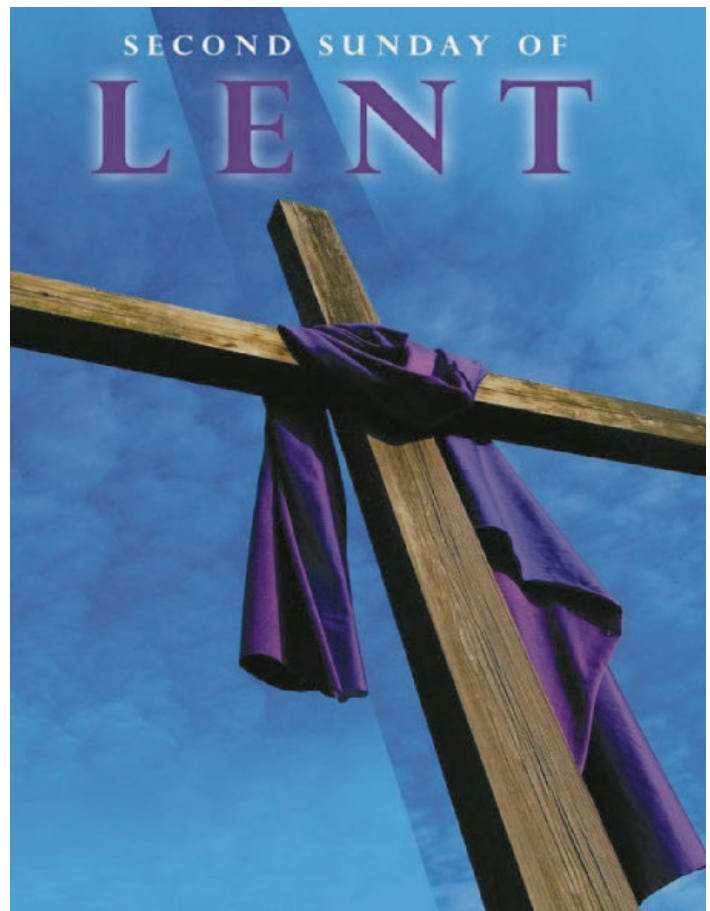
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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, March 15****Guardian Angels Church**

4:00 p.m. **Terrance L. McComiskey†**,
by Cathy McComiskey
Ralph Abramik†,
by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Abramik
Sophie Roguz†, by Mary Ann Martenak

Sunday, March 16: Second Sunday of Lent**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. **Patrick Obukowho†**, by Bill & Anne Volpe
12:30 p.m. **Anastasia Paula Michaca†**,
by Reina Castro

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Robert Barton†**
11:00 a.m. **Eleanor Zoleta & Family†**,
by Josie Subido & Family
Andrés Q. Rada†,
by Wife Gloria Rada & Sons

Monday, March 17**St. Paul the Apostle Church**8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish****Tuesday, March 18****Guardian Angels Church**9:00 a.m. **People of the Parish****Wednesday, March 19****St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Milicia†**, by Peter Milicia
Br. Patrick Doyle, CFC†

Thursday, March 20**Guardian Angels Church**9:00 a.m. **People of the Parish****Friday, March 21****St. Paul the Apostle Church**8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish****Saturday, March 22****Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. **Bronislaw Najdecki†**, by Mariola Supel
4:00 p.m. **Gloria López†**, by Nilda I. Caffiero
Sophie Roguz†, by Roman Roguz & Family

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday of Lent**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. **Lou & Betty Antonelli†**,
by Dan & Betty Lou Varady
Silvija Bauzienie†, by Anton Gambita
Robert Roever†, by John & Gert Melnick
12:30 p.m. **Paula Torres y Ciriaco Cortes†**,
by Socorro Cortes

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Stephen Yanthan†**
11:00 a.m. **Wayne Swinsburg Jr.†**,
by Nelly & Lucy Swinsburg

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, March 22 4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Catherine O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon
Sunday, March 23 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Sergio & Edna Ramirez
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez
Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick
Sunday, March 23 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Peter Staples
Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna
Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church**Sunday, March 23 9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: Ann Stephen
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: \$600 by Anonymous (Balance \$400)
Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Rodney Afonso, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belesky, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Noreen V. Fitzgerald, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr., Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegel, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, 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 Culen 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.

Lent 2025: 40 Days 40 Items

Once again, this year, we are conducting our 40 items for 40 days of Lent as a practice for our spiritual growth. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, put one item a day in a basket. It can be non-perishable food, NEW socks, t-shirts, slippers, underwear, baby and toddler clothes, diapers, bottles and blankets.

All items will be brought to Guardian Angels or St. Paul's on Palm Sunday. These items will be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul, Veterans, pregnancy aid, and the homeless in our area. We encourage all our parishioners to take part in this Lenten exercise.

Lenten Soup Supper & the Station

This Friday, March 21, our ***Knights of Columbus Council 6306*** will be hosting a free Lenten Soup Supper in the Guardian Angels Hall. The supper will start at 5:30 p.m. The Knights will then lead the Stations of the Cross following the soup supper at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrim of Hope

A Talk by Fr. Sean Winters

Time & Date: at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, March 30
Place: Guardian Angels Church

A Talk by Fr. Tim Christy, Rector of St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Date: Friday, April 4, 2025
Place: Guardian Angels Church

CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This program reminds us of our responsibility to the most vulnerable people around the world. We can bring hope to these people with our prayers and our support. For more information about this program, people's stories, and ways to donate, please visit: <https://www.crsricebowl.org>.

Men's Freedom in Christ Conference

"We are not fighting with flesh and blood but against spiritual principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12)

The Men of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Three Bridges) are hosting a Men's Freedom in Christ Conference this May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This conference is open to all men in the Diocese and will be held at the parish (105 Summer Road). Fr. Giuseppe Sinischalchi of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the principal speaker. Come discover the path to freedom in Christ this May. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Dwyer at (908) 884-9947 or thomasdwyer@sprintmail.com.

Upcoming Events

March 21: Soup Supper by Knights
March 27: First Reconciliation
April 19: Easter Egg Hunt
May 17: Spaghetti (Meatballs & Sausage) Dinner
May 28: Confirmation
June 1: First Communion
June 22: Parish Picnic
August 23: 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>3/9/2025</u>
Offertory	\$6,120.25
Ash Wednesday	\$2,507.00
Shop Rite	\$ 100.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 230.00

Lenten Project

Our Parish Lenten Project this year, in collaboration with Catholic Extension, will be to help Our Lady of the Desert Parish in the Diocese of Yakima, Washington State. Our Goal is: **\$10,000**.

Shop Rite	\$ 150.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 394.00
Lenten Project Collection	\$1,781.00
Anonymous Donation	\$2,350.00
Other Donation	\$ 150.00
Total (3/9/2025)	\$4,825.00

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!

Stations of the Cross Schedule

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at the following times and places:

After 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's, Office Chapel
7:00 p.m. at Guardian Angels
7:00 p.m. Spanish, St. Paul's

Stations at Guardian Angels will be conducted by the following groups:

Friday, 3/14: Rosary Altar Society
Friday, 3/21: Knights of Columbus.
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.
Stations at 7 pm
Friday, 3/28: Religious Education Students
Friday, 4/4: Legion of Mary
6:30 p.m. Talk on Hope by Fr. Tim Christy
7:00 p.m. Stations
Friday, 4/11: Social Committee
Good Friday, 4/18: 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's by Lectors

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 16 de Marzo de 2025, Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

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: Carmen Chanez & Cristobalina Gutiérrez
(3/16/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Ubaldo Valdes (3/16/2025)

Lectores: Inés López e Irene Manzanares (3/23/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Efraín Zambrano (3/23/2025)

La Bula



La tradición dicta que cada Jubileo se proclame a través de la publicación de una Bula Papal (o Bula Pontificia) de convocatoria. Por “Bula” se entiende un documento oficial, generalmente escrito en latín, con el sello del Papa, cuya forma da nombre al documento. Al principio el sello solía ser de plomo y llevaba en el anverso la imagen de los Santos Apóstoles Pedro y Pablo, Fundadores de la Iglesia de Roma, y en el reverso el nombre del Pontífice. Más tarde, un sello de tinta sustituyó el sello metálico, pero éste se siguió utilizando para los documentos de mayor importancia. Cada Bula se identifica por sus palabras iniciales. Por ejemplo, San Juan Pablo II convocó el Gran Jubileo del año 2000 con la Bula Incarnationis mysterium (“El Misterio de la Encarnación”), mientras que el Papa Francisco convocó el Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia (2015-2016) con la Bula Misericordiae vultus (“El rostro de la misericordia”). La Bula de convocatoria del Jubileo, en la que se indican las fechas de inicio y fin del Año Santo, suele publicarse el año anterior, coincidiendo con la Solemnidad de la Ascensión. Para el Jubileo del 2025, está previsto que se publique el 9 de mayo de 2024.

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Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



Proyecto de Cuaresma 2025

Esta temporada de Cuaresma, la comunidad parroquial de la **Transfiguración del Señor** se está asociando con **Catholic Extension Society** para ayudar a hacer realidad el sueño de expansión de los residentes de Nuestra Señora del Desierto en el Estado Central de Washington. La parroquia de **Our Lady of the Desert** fue construida en 1987 en un terreno donado por un agricultor local. La iglesia fue construida para albergar a 180 personas porque la población en ese momento era de 300. La población ahora es de alrededor de 3,300 personas y las misas de fin de semana a menudo atiende a 1,400 católicos o más. En la clase de confirmación del año pasado, 120 estudiantes realizaron sus sacramentos en un altar improvisado al aire libre de la plaza parroquial. Durante los últimos 12 años, la comunidad ha estado recaudando fondos incansablemente para esta expansión mientras continúan planificando y creciendo para el futuro. Una de sus campanas más exitosas ha sido la venta de miel donada localmente y el 100 % de las ganancias se destinara al proyecto de construcción. El espacio de adoración ampliado tendrá capacidad para 450 personas adicionales para la liturgia regular. Las nuevas oficinas y áreas de reunión apoyaran los programas de educación religiosa y formación en la fe. Se agregaran baños adicionales. La comunidad está ahora cerca de completar su objetivo de recaudación de fondos, ¡y podemos ayudarlos a cruzar la línea de la meta!

Vía Crucis todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma

Hora: 7:00 p.m. Vía Crucis
Lugar: Iglesia de San Pablo el Apóstol

Marzo 21: Confesiones con el Padre Marco

Abril 4: Reflexiones con el Diacono

Abril 11: Reflexiones con el Diacono

Peregrinación al Santuario Nacional del Ejército
Azul de Nuestra Señora de Fátima

“Familias hispanas, peregrinas de esperanza”

Únase a nosotros el 14 de junio de 2025, de 9:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m., en el Santuario Nacional del Ejército Azul, donde podremos recibir la indulgencia jubilar. Todos están invitados a participar en la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, las confesiones, el rezo del Rosario y el Ángelus, y la Misa de clausura. El evento es gratuito y no se requiere inscripción previa. Por favor, traiga su almuerzo. ¿Más información? Póngase en contacto con nosotros en el (732) 243-4573 o en Lescobar@diometuchen.org.

Lenten Project 2025

Our Parish Lenten Project this year, in collaboration with Catholic Extension, will be to help Our Lady of the Desert Parish in the Diocese of Yakima, Washington State.

Building Catholic faith communities increases a sense of belonging among remote communities especially among the poor. Our Lady of the Desert parish in Mattawa, WA, was built in 1987 on land donated by a local farmer. The church was built to seat 180 people because the population at that time was 300. The population now is around 3,300 people with weekend Masses often serving 1,400 Catholics. The current church is not inadequate for the needs of the community and is in need of expansion. Last year's confirmation class saw 120 students make their sacraments on a makeshift altar in the open air of the parish plaza.

For the past 12 years, the community has been fundraising tirelessly for the expansion of the worship space. One of their most successful campaigns has been selling locally donated honey, with 100% of the proceeds supporting the building project. The expanded worship space will accommodate 450 additional people for regular liturgy. New offices and meeting areas will support religious education programs. Additional restrooms will be added. The community is now close to completing their fundraising goal. We can help them cross the finish line!

Mass Intentions

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. If you have any question call to the parish office (732) 572-0977.

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of the person for the intentions:

Deceased or Living: _____

Or Special Intention (please specify):

Date, Time & Church for Mass:

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 22/23, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$10,168.00
Amount Received:	\$ 7,430.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$37,832.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	21.18%
Percent of Goal Received:	15.48%
Average Gift Amount:	\$191.85

Christian Anthropology: Responding to Modern Challenges

Thursday, March 20

Sponsored by the Sophia Institute for Teachers

Are trans people sinful? Is sex a spectrum? Are sex and "gender" two different things? At this workshop, we'll unpack both theology and science to answer these questions and more.

Topics include:

Defining the Human Person

The Contrast between the secular culture worldview and the Catholic worldview

The super powers of men and women

Scientific and Medical considerations

A Pastoral Response

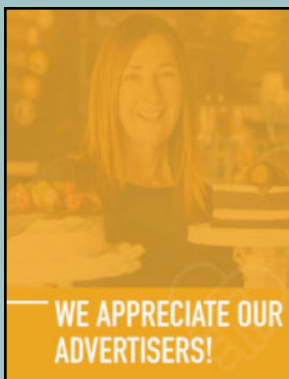
To register: <https://diometuchen.org/upcoming-events-2>

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

On Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m.



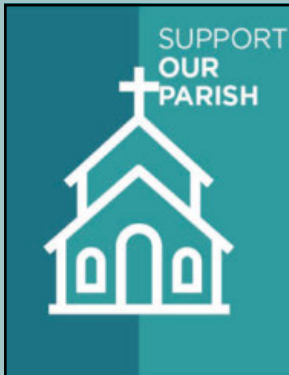
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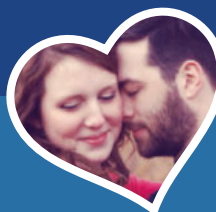


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