TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



March 23, 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

<u>Parish Membership:</u> 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.

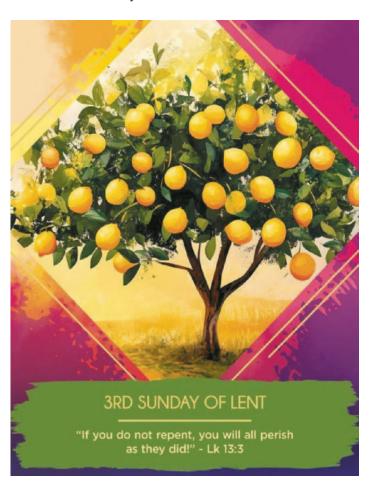
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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 22 Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Gloria Lópezt, by Nilda I. Caffiero Sophie Roguzt, by Roman Roguz &

Family

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday of Lent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Lou & Betty Antonelli†, 9:30 a.m.

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Silvija Bauzienet, by Anton Gombita Robert Roevert, by John & Gert Melnick

12:30 p.m. Paula Torres y Ciriaco Cortést,

by Socorro Cortés

Guardian Angels Church

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

Monday, March 24

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 25 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Joan & Edward†

Genevieve E. Wagner+,

by Richard P. Wagner

Wednesday, March 26

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Joe Harrist, by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Thursday, March 27 **Guardian Angels Church**

Sean White (Birthday), by Family 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 28

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Ronald J. & Suki Lucast, by Brian

Szura

Josephine Adadevoht, by Joan

& John Adadevoh Adadevoh

Saturday, March 29 Guardian Angels Church

 $\textbf{Louis R. White} \textbf{+}, \, \textit{by Cathy \& Sean White}$ 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. William L. O'Neill+, by Catherine O'Neill

Sunday, March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Florence Bennechet, by Bill & Ann

Volpe

Mafalda Iannelli**†,** by Brian Szura

Por la salud de Adina Guadamuz

12:30 p.m. by Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Bronislaw & Stanislawa Najdecki+,

by Mariola Supel

Frank Durkint, by Barbara Durkin 11:00 a.m.

Joseph Swamy+, by Swamy Family

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, March 29 4:0<u>0 p.m.</u>

Catherine O'Neill Lector: **Eucharistic Minister:** Hermie Tenchavez

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon Sunday, March 30 8:00 a.m.

Lector: John Melnick **Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos**

Angelo Damone

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 30

Lector: Katie Farrar **Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, March 30 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Marybeth Iannacone **Eucharistic Minister:** Carla Guerreiro J. Adadevoh **Ushers:**

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfigurationparish.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 Kriegl, 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 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.

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.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13, Palm Sunday: Usual weekend Masses April 17, Holy Thursday:

9:00 AM: Morning Prayers, Guardian Angels

7:00 PM Mass at Guardian Angels

Adoration after Mass led by the following

8:00 to 8:30 PM: Hispanic Community

8:30 to 9:00 PM: Rosarians

9:00 to 9:30 PM Legion of Mary

9:30 to 10:00 PM Knights of Columbus

April 18, Good Friday: all services at St. Paul's

except Morning Prayers:

9:00 AM: Morning Prayers at Guardian Angels

2:00 PM: Way of the Cross (English) led by the Lectors

3:00 PM: Passion Service

6:30 PM: Vía Crucis

7:00 PM: Passion Service (Spanish)

April 19: **Holy Saturday**, all services at Guardian

9:00 AM Morning Prayers

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

April 20: **Easter Sunday**: usual weekend Masses

Parish Office Closed on Good Friday, April 18 and Easter Monday, April 21

Upcoming Events

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

	3/	<u>16/2025</u>
Offertory	\$5,708.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$	50.00
Shop Rite	\$	50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$	188.00

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	\$ 200.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 582.00
Lenten Project Collection	\$3,548.00
Anonymous Donation	\$2,350.00
Other Donation	\$ 150.00
Total (3/16/2025)	\$6,830.00

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, 3/28: 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

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, 23 de Marzo de 2025, Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 11:30 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.

<u>Lectores:</u> Inés López e Irene Manzanares (3/23/2025) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Efraín Zambrano (3/23/2025)

<u>Lectores:</u> Josefa Rivera y Luisa Torres (3/30/2025) <u>Ministros Eucarísticos:</u> Guadalupe Díaz (3/30/2025)

Himno Oficial - Peregrinos de Esperanza



Llama viva para mi esperanza, que este canto llegue hasta ti, seno eterno de infinita vida, me encamino, vo confio en ti. Toda lengua, pueblos y naciones hallan luces siempre en tu Palabra. Hijos, hijas, frágiles, dispersos, acogidos en tu Hijo amado. Llama viva para mi esperanza, que este canto llegue hasta ti, seno eterno de infinita vida, me encamino, yo confio en ti. Dios nos cuida, tierno y paciente nace el día, un futuro nuevo. Cielos nuevos y una tierra nueva. Caen muros gracias al Espíritu. Llama viva para mi esperanza, que este canto llegue hasta ti, seno eterno de infinita vida, me encamino, yo confio en ti. Una senda tienes por delante, paso firme, Dios sale a tu encuentro. Mira al Hijo que se ha hecho hombre para todos, él es el camino. Llama viva para mi esperanza, que este canto llegue hasta ti, seno eterno de infinita vida, me encamino, yo confio en ti.

Calendario de Semana Santa

Abril 13, **Domingo de Ramos**: Misas habituales de fin de semana.

Abril 17, Jueves Santos:

9:00 AM: Oraciones de la Mañana, en Ángeles Guardianes

7:00 PM Misas en los Ángeles Guardianes

Adoración después de la Misa a cargo de los siguientes grupos :

8:00 to 8:30 PM: Comunidad Hispana

8:30 to 9:00 PM: Rosarians

9:00 to 9:30 PM La Legión de Maria

9:30 to 10:00 PM Los Caballeros de Colon

Abril 18, **Viernes Santo**: todos los servicios en San Pablo

excepto las Oraciones de la Mañana.

9:00 AM: Oraciones de la Mañana, en Ángeles Guardianes

2:00 PM: Vía Crucis (inglés) dirigido por los Lectores

3:00 PM: Servicio de la Pasión

6:30 PM: Vía Crucis

7:00 PM: Servicio de la Pasión en Español

Abril 19: Sábado Santo todos los servicios en los Ángeles

Guardianes

9:00 AM Oraciones de la Mañana

10:00 AM Actividad Easter Egg Hunt

12:00 PM Bendición de la Comida de Pascua

7:00 PM Misa de la Vigilia Pascual

Abril 20: **Domingo de Pascua**: Misas habituales de fin de semana.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el Viernes Santo, 18 de abril y el Lunes de Pascua, 21 de abril.

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



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 fund-raising 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 birth-days 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

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

 Goal:
 \$48,000.00

 Total Pledged & Received:
 \$11,973.60

 Amount Received:
 \$ 9,431.40

 Over/(Under) Goal:
 (\$36,026.40)

Percent of Goal Pledged: 24.95% Percent of Goal Received: 19.65% Average Gift Amount: \$202.94



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Annual Palm Cross Sale

Saturday April 5th – Sunday April 6th, 2025 After All Masses at Guardian Angels and Saint Paul's

Hand Made Palm Cross measuring approximately 30" tall and 18" wide. Each Cross will have two plastic Easter Lilies and your choice of a Pink, Blue, or Purple Bow. Palm Crosses will be available for sale at both Guardian Angels and St. Paul the Apostle after all masses the weekend of April 5th – April 6th, 2025. Price per Palm Cross is \$15.00

2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites - Diocese of Metuchen Source: Decree on Pilgrim Churches - Jubilee Year

*Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

*Jubilee Cross in Sanctuary

32 Elm Avenue

Metuchen, NJ 08840

*Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

50 West Somerset Street

Raritan, NJ 08869

*National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

674 Mountain View Road East

Asbury, NJ 08802

*National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini inside

St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church

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