

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



April 27, 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.**

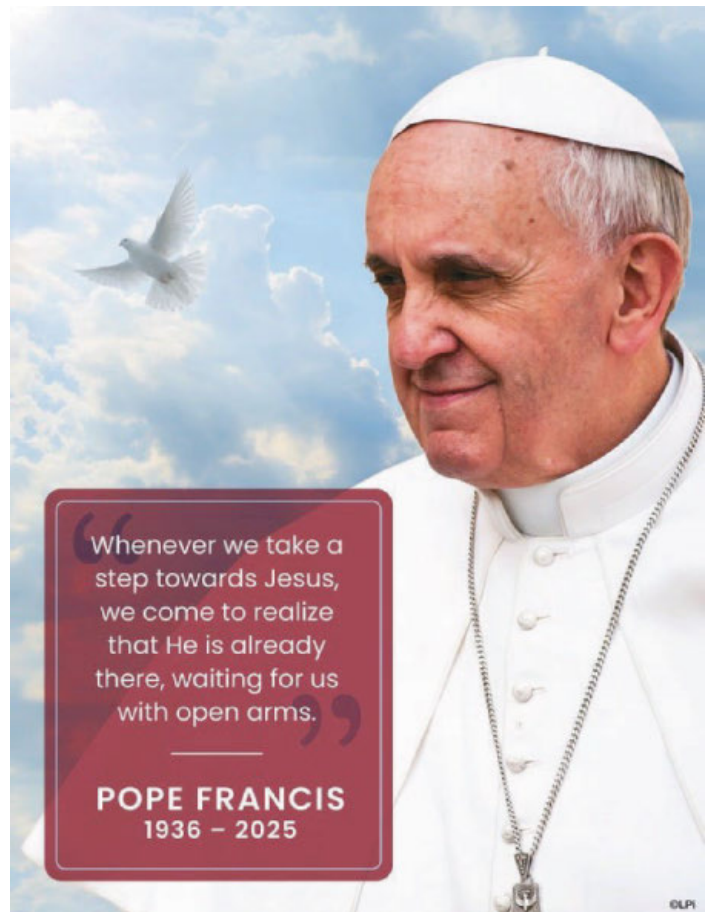
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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, April 26****Guardian Angels Church****4:00 p.m. Joven Cabanday & Family†,**
*by Josie Subido & Family***Sunday, April 27: Second Sunday of Easter -**
Sunday of Divine Mercy**St. Paul the Apostle Church****9:30 a.m. Anne Marie Virgilt†,**
by Mr. & Mrs. Joraskie
Zaida Segarra†, by The Krupa Family
John Adadevoh, Sr. (Memory)†,
by Joan Adadevoh & John Adadevoh
12:30 p.m. Teresa Colón†, by Ángela Ianelli
Silvia Cabrera, by Familia
Maria Vicenta Guevara Núñez†,
by Janeth Jaramillo
Maria Pérez Nicolás†, by Juan López**Guardian Angels Church****8:00 a.m. Sista López†, by Nilda I. Caffiero**
Peñafrancia Vallar†, Minerva Brizuela
Leonard Buniewski†, by Familia
11:00 a.m. Albert Ianelli†, by Angela Ianelli
Stephen Varkoly (40th Anniversary)†,
by George & Wendy Varkoly
Stanley & Nellie Pojnar, by Jennie**Monday, April 28****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. People of the Parish****Tuesday, April 29****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. Sr. Helen Collins, SC†****Wednesday, April 30****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. Lou & Betty Antonelli†,**
*by Dan & Betty Lou Varady***Thursday, May 1****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. Delores & Joseph Milicia†,**
by Peter Milicia
John Wagner†, by Richard P. Wagner**Friday, May 2****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. Susan A. Midura†,**
*by Judi & Anthony Pochesci***Saturday, May 3****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. Pope Francis†**
4:00 p.m. Andrew Majaros, Jr.†,
by The Majaros Family
Terrance L. McComiskey†,
*by Cathy McComiskey***Sunday, May 4: Third Sunday of Easter****St. Paul the Apostle Church****9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the**
DeFrancesco, Giles & Nobile
Families†, by Familia
Raymond Rowe†, by Jason Rowe
Personas de la Parroquia
12:30 p.m.**Guardian Angels Church****8:00 a.m. John F. Suchanek, by Patricia Suchanek**
11:00 a.m. José F. Manlapig†, by Daughter Gloria
Gary Castaline,
by Michele & Brian Pickett
Robert Núñez, by Angela IanelliLITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, May 3 4:00 p.m.****Lector: John Melnick**
J. Biskupek**Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez****Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**
Sunday, May 4 8:00 a.m.**Lector: Ryan Salamante**
C. Tenchavez**Eucharistic Minister: Lourdes Brizuela****Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick****Sunday, May 4 11:00 a.m.****Lector: Katie Farrar****Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta****Ushers: T. Sinkler, J. Virrey, P. Weir****St. Paul the Apostle Church****Sunday, May 4 9:30 a.m.****Lectors: Ellen Maughan****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 & Hispanic Community
(Balance \$164)
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, Maggie Keogh, Brittany
Knapp, John Kriegl, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann
Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Bob Nelligar, Dolores Neu-
mann, 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, William B. Zalek, and JoAnn Zullo.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Kyle P. Chanley, US Army. Cap-
tain 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 Cul-
len 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 serv-
ing in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

**"URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
EASTER 2025, Sunday, 20 April 2025
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today at last, the singing of the "alleluia" is heard once more in the Church, passing from mouth to mouth, from heart to heart, and this makes the people of God throughout the world shed tears of joy.

From the empty tomb in Jerusalem, we hear unexpected good news: Jesus, who was crucified, "is not here, he has risen" (Lk 24:5). Jesus is not in the tomb, he is alive!

Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge. Evil has not disappeared from history; it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day.

Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost! In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon himself all the evil in this world and in his infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: "Christ, my hope, has risen!" (Easter Sequence).

The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint! Spes non confundit! (cf. Rom 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us. (... to be continued)

Statement of Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, on the passing of Pope Francis:

With heavy hearts the Diocese of Metuchen mourns the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. From the moment of his election as Supreme Pontiff when he took the name Francis, our Holy Father has emphasized the mercy of God, embracing in his Petrine ministry the poor, the migrant, the marginalized and all those broken by this world's problems and concerns. We entrust his noble soul to the hands of our Blessed Mother to accompany him to our Father's house. In this Jubilee year in which Pope Francis called us to be Pilgrims of Hope, he has now made the ultimate pilgrimage to the embrace of our loving God.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27, 2025

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Upcoming Events

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>4/13/2025</u>	<u>4/20/2025</u>
Offertory	\$5,509.00	\$ 591.00
Easter Collection	\$ 0.00	\$12,548.00
Easter Flower	\$1,326.00	\$ 644.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,540.00
Retirement Diocesan	\$2,410.00	\$ 167.00
Clergy Collection		
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 122.00	\$ 194.00

Guardian Angels HVAC and Basement

Our next project will be for the HVAC System at GA. On 01/12 & 01/13 this year, the basement below the GA Church Sanctuary was flooded due to the sump pump failing. A new sump pump has been installed, a new pump in the heat system installed, cut out pipe and piped in valving, pressed in steel adapters and cap, and the brought the system back to functioning properly. The job was completed on 2/11/25. The total cost, including labor, of **\$15,354.37** is yet to be paid. Thank you for your continuing support!

Shop Rite	\$ 200.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 488.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 500.00
Other Donations	\$ 50.00
Gertrude Hawk	\$ 800.00
Total (4/13 & 20 /2025)	\$2,038.00

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!.

The Second Collection for this weekend, April 26/27, 2025, is for the **Catholic Relief Services**. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 27 de Abril de 2025, Segundo Domingo de Pascua - Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

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.

Lectores: Érica Madera y Josefa Rivera (4/27/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: María García (4/27/2025)

Lectores: Inés López & Luisa Torres (5/4/2025)

Ministros Eucarísticos: Guadalupe Lucero (5/4/2025)

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

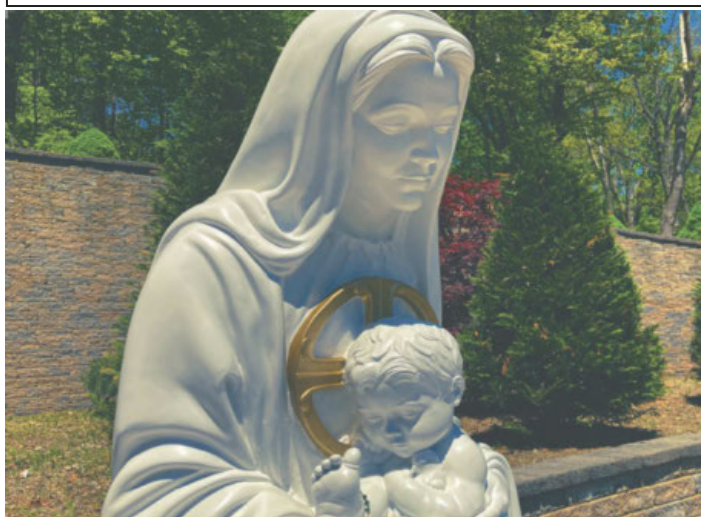
El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados a asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener 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.



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El evento es gratuito | No requiere registro previo
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Más información? Comunícate al 732 243 4573 o a
lscobar@diometschen.org



MENSAJE «URBI ET ORBI»

PADRE FRANCISCO

PASCUA 2025, Domingo, 20 de abril de 2025

Cristo ha resucitado, ¡aleluya!

Hermanos y hermanas, ¡feliz Pascua!

Hoy en la Iglesia resuena finalmente el aleluya, se transmite de boca en boca, de corazón a corazón, y su canto hace llorar de alegría al pueblo de Dios en todo el mundo.

Desde el sepulcro vacío de Jerusalén llega hasta nosotros el sorprendente anuncio: Jesús, el Crucificado, «no está aquí, ha resucitado» (Lc 24,6). No está en la tumba, ¡es el viviente!

El amor venció al odio. La luz venció a las tinieblas. La verdad venció a la mentira. El perdón venció a la venganza. El mal no ha desaparecido de nuestra historia, permanecerá hasta el final, pero ya no tiene dominio, ya no tiene poder sobre quien acoge la gracia de este día.

Hermanas y hermanos, especialmente ustedes que están sufriendo el dolor y la angustia, sus gritos silenciosos han sido escuchados, sus lágrimas han sido recogidas, ¡ni una sola se ha perdido! En la pasión y muerte de Jesús, Dios ha cargado sobre sí todo el mal del mundo y con su infinita misericordia lo ha vencido; ha eliminado el orgullo diabólico que envenena el corazón del hombre y siembra por doquier violencia y corrupción. ¡El Cordero de Dios ha vencido! Por eso hoy exclamamos: «¡Cristo, mi esperanza, ha resucitado!» (Secuencia pascual).

Sí, la resurrección de Jesús es el fundamento de la esperanza; a partir de este acontecimiento, esperar ya no es una ilusión. No; gracias a Cristo crucificado y resucitado, la esperanza no defrauda. ¡Spes non confundit (cf. Rm 5,5)! Y no es una esperanza evasiva, sino comprometida; no es alienante, sino que nos responsabiliza.

Los que esperan en Dios ponen sus frágiles manos en su mano grande y fuerte, se dejan levantar y comienzan a caminar; junto con Jesús resucitado se convierten en peregrinos de esperanza, testigos de la victoria del Amor, de la potencia desarmada de la Vida. (continuara....)



Congratulations to Isabel, Hector, Richard and Joseph on becoming a full member of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025.



Easter Food Basket Blessing



Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus



40 Days of Lent, 40 items donated. THANK YOU!

Save the Date: Spaghetti Dinner

The Social Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti, Meatball and Sausage (hot/sweet) Dinner on May 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the GA Hall Church. The dinner will also include salad, bread, bread sticks, soft drinks, water and desserts. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. The tickets purchased at the door will be \$30.00. Also we will have tickets in both churches and at the parish office. Please feel free to BYOB and enjoy an evening with your family and friends. Any question please call Cathy McComiskey at (908)217-2560. Thanks for your support.

Rosary Altar Society Announcements:

- Monthly meeting will take place in the Guardian Angels Church Hall on Sunday, May 4th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Every Catholic over the age of 18 years old is welcomed to join.
- Rosary Altar Cake Sale the weekend of April 26 & April 27. Proceeds will pay for the Altar flowers at both Churches. Please support our fundraising efforts.
- The May Crowning will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Guardian Angels Church. The recitation of the Rosary will be said by the members of the Altar Rosary Society in the Church. Please join us.

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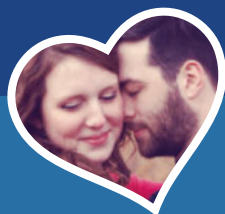
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