TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



July 13, 2025 23 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904 Phone: 732-572-0977 • Fax: 732-572-7497 Website: transfiguration-parish.com Parish Email: transfiguration.parish@verizon.net



Religious Education Email: edisonparish@verizon.net 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

> <u>Staff</u> 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.

<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:</u> 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, July 12		
Guardian Angels Church		
4:00 p.m.	Eileen De Blasio†,	
	by R & J Davids	
	Franklin S. Cumberbatch ⁺ ,	
	by Ruby Cumberbatch	
Sunday, July	13: 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St. Paul the Apostle Church		
9:30 a.m.	Raymond Rowe† , by Jasen Rowe	
	Martha Schumacher †	
12:30 p.m.	Félix y María del Carmen Arias † ,	
F	by Familia Rivera Arias	
Guardian Angels Church		
8:00 a.m.	Br. Switin Forde, CFC †	
11:00 a.m.	Michael Roberto†,	
	by Camille Raffa Silverman	
	Mimi Lauer†, by Jennie	
Monday, July		
St. Paul the Apostle Church		
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Tuesday, July	-	
<u>Guardian Ange</u> 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abraham Lotha,	
9.00 a.m.	by Danny & Betty Lou Varady	
Wedneeday		
Wednesday, July 16 <u>St. Paul the Apostle Church</u>		
	For those who lost their lives in the	
8:00 a.m.		
<i>(</i>) 1 1 1 1	floods in Texas †	
Thursday, July 17		
Guardian Ange		
9:00 a.m.	Martin & Mary Benech,	
	by Patricia Suchanek	
Friday, July 1		
<u>St. Paul the Ap</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Guadalupe Lucero	
Saturday, July 19		
<u>Guardian Angels Church</u>		
9:00 a.m.	Eliades Allendet, by Nilda Iris Caffiero	
4:00 p.m.	Natividad & Sesinando Atienza and	
	Family†,	
	by Josie Subido & Family	
	Susan Keyes, by Family	
Sunday, July 20: 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St. Paul the Ap		
9:30 a.m.	Anna Maggiot, by Maddalena Maratta	
12:30 p.m.	Maria Vicenta Guevara Núñez†,	
	by Janeth Jaramillo	
Guardian Ang	<u>els Church</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Bernice & Joe Barna,	
	by Patricia Suchanek	
11:00 a.m.	Clifton & Margaret Berle, by Family	
	Josephine & Michael Caravella,	
	by Theresa & Jerome Rizzo	
	Edilberto Olivert, by Roger Requejo	

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		
<u>Saturday, July 19</u>	4:00 p.m.	
Lector :	Mary Anne Day	
Eucharistic Minister:	Hermie Tenchavez	
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon		
<u>Sunday, July 20</u>	8:00 a.m.	
Lector:	Anthony Varghese	
Eucharistic Ministers:	Rodel Santos	
	Angelo Damone	
Ushers:	A. Damone, M. Mehalick	
<u>Sunday, July 20</u>	11:00 a.m.	
Lectors:	Andrew Novoa	
	M. Biskupek	
Eucharistic Minister:	Judy Barta	
Ushers:	T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir	
St. Paul the Apostle Church		
Sunday, July 20	9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Brittany Melnick	
	Orianna Terrado	
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: 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: Anonymous Hosts (Gluten Free): Anonymous Palm Leaves: \$600 by Anonymous & Hispanic Community (Balance \$100) Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Rodney Afonso, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belesky, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Sarah Esposito, 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 Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Our Citizens and souls in Hawaii, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Carol Ratoff, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, 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. 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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's that time of the year again! The Summer 50/50 Raffle was mailed to our parishioners on June 28, 2025. We kindly ask you to consider buying or selling tickets to help the parish cover utility expenses. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Best of luck to all - remember, you have to be in to win it!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Our first day of classes will be Sunday, September 7th. Registration forms are available at both churches and the parish office. Take advantage of our early-bird discount by submitting your forms by August 11th - this greatly helps us ensure a smooth start to the school year. We are excited for another wonderful year of guiding our parish children in their journey of faith!



Worldwide 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 July 18 - 20. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone: (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Upcoming Events

August 16/17: Bakeless Bake Sale August 23: Summer 50/50 Raffle September 7: First Day of Religious Education Class October 5: Rosary Altar Society Annual Brunch October 11: Rosary at the Grotto at 12 p.m. November 16: Tricky Tray November 22/23: Thanksgiving Offering December 6: Christmas Trees Lighting December 13: Ministries Appreciation December 28: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

Offertory Shop Rite Bring a Dollar 7/6/2025 \$5,853.00 50.00 \$ \$ 245.00

Guardian Angels HVAC and Basement

The goal is **\$15,354.37**. Thank you for your continuing support!

Shop Rite 950.00 Bring a Dollar \$2,271.00 **Knights of Columbus** \$ 500.00 845.00 Other Donations \$ Parish Picnic \$ 887.00 Spaghetti Dinner \$1,330.00 Gertrude Hawk \$ 800.00 Total (7/6/2025) \$7,583.00

<u>eGIVING</u>



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!.

Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the **2025** Missionary Cooperative Plan. This year, the Vocationist Fathers will come to share with us the mission activities of their congregation.

Free Webinar – A Natural Approach to Fertility Care July 24, 2025

The Office of Family life invite you a free webinar, "A Natural Approach to Fertility Care" on Thursday, July 24th, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Presenter, Dr. Monika Potocki, of the Gianna Center in New Brunswick will discuss NAPRO Technology, an effective and ethical approach to fertility care in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. To register, please visit https://diometuchen.org/familylife. For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

Remember Your Parish: Bequests

The purpose of a will is to ensure the financial security of your loved ones. Once that has been achieved, you can plan to give a gift to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. It can be a monetary sum, a property, stocks or bonds. These are precious gifts for the parish.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 13 de Julio de 2025, 15th Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

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

<u>Nuestra Visión Parroquial</u>

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> Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Carmen Chanez (7/13/2025) <u>Ministro Eucarístico:</u> Ubaldo Valdes (7/13/2025) <u>Lectores:</u> Luisa Torres e Inés López (7/20/2025) <u>Ministro Eucarístico:</u> Ubaldo Valdes (7/20/2025)

ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA

de la Diócesis de Metuchen

Dirigida a los laicos de las comunidades Hispanas.

El programa completo ofrece 9 cursos, cada uno aproximadamente de 7 clases. Allí podrán leer, estudiar y profundizar en los aspectos humanos y divinos de las Sagradas Escrituras.

Inscripciones Abiertas

CURSO I INTRODUCCIÓN A LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Lunes de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm, Del 18 de Agosto al 29 de Septiembre de 2025 Costo: \$35 por persona Centro Pastoral St John Neumann 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway



Información: Lescobar@diometuchen.org o al 732 243 4573



<u>Rosario por la Vida</u>

Domingo, 3 de Agosto, 2025, 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. El primer domingo del mes, acompáñanos a las 12:30 p.m. en la Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción, Somerville para ofrecer el Santo Rosario por la protección de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Después del Rosario la parroquia ofrece la Misa dominical en español.



Tienes Vocación de Servicio?

Si sientes el llamado de servir al Señor, te invitamos a unirte a nuestra comunidad y formar parte de nuestro equipo como Ministro Eucarístico, lector, ujier, monaguillo o servidor del altar.

Si estás interesado, acércate al Diácono Ubaldo Valdes o comunicate con la oficina parroquial. ¡Te esperamos! **NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:** Las inscripciones para el año escolar 2025-2026 ya están abiertas! Nuestro primer día de clases será el domingo 7 de septiembre. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en ambas iglesias y en la oficina parroquial. Aproveche nuestro descuento por inscripción anticipada enviando sus formularios antes del 11 de agosto; esto nos ayuda enormemente a garantizar un buen comienzo del año escolar. ¡Estamos emocionados por otro maravilloso año guiando a los niños de nuestra parroquia en su camino de fe, los esperamos!



<u>Fin de Semana de</u> <u>Encuentro Matrimonial Hispano</u> <u>Julio 18-20, 2025</u> <u>Octubre 17-19, 2025</u>

El Encuentro Matrimonial es un programa de enriquecimiento de fin de semana diseñado para ayudar a fortalecer las

habilidades de comunicación entre esposo y esposa. Una serie de presentaciones impartidas por parejas casadas y un sacerdote ofrece reflexiones significativas para que los cónyuges vuelvan a centrarse en su relación. El fin de semana brinda un espacio privado para el diálogo, lejos de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana. Los fines de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial se realizan habitualmente en hoteles locales o en sesiones virtuales. Para mayor información contacte a Eugenio y Teresa 675-5899 Porras al (732)o al email: porras665@hotmail.com o visite: www.wwme.org para Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Hispano.

<u>Celebración de Aniversario de Bodas de</u> <u>Plata, Oro y de 5 Años</u>

Le extendemos una cordial invitación para celebrar su 25°, 50°, más de 50 años o 5° aniversario de bodas con la Iglesia de Metuchen y renovar sus votos matrimoniales junto con el Obispo James F. Checchio en un Servicio Especial de Oración Vespertina en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís en Metuchen, el domingo 19 de octubre de 2025 a las 3:00 p.m. El Servicio de Oración de Aniversario de Plata y Oro nuevamente incluirá a parejas que celebren 5 años de matrimonio. Se requiere inscripción previa. Por favor, regístrese en línea en: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration.

Si no puede acceder, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vida Familiar al (732) 562-1543 o a través del correo electrónico <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>. El registro cerrará el 10 de octubre de 2025. Aunque no se requiere ninguna tarifa, en el pasado muchas parejas jubilarías han realizado una donación de gratitud a la Iglesia en memoria de esta ocasión especial. Las donaciones de gratitud pueden hacerse en línea en https:// www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversarycelebration o llamando al (732) 562-1543.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat

Friday, August 22, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Retreat for healing for adult children of divorce or separation. Arrive on August 22nd by 6:00 p.m. and depart on August 24th by 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$315.00 per person which includes meals and 2 nights' accommodations at the San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch NJ. Contact: cdaverso@diometuchen.org or

amarshall@diometuchen.org with any questions.

<u>Feminine Genius Brunch</u> <u>Saturday, October 11, 2025</u>

Come join us for a Jubilee Celebration of Women and discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing. Guest speaker, Lisa Cotter's, topic will be "Reveal the Gift". The morning includes fellowship, music, hot brunch, prayer and reflection. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. For more inforand/or register mation to please visit: www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or Call: (732) 562-1543

or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.

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 Summary Information

Goal: Total Pledged & Received: Amount Received: Over/(Under) Goal: Percent of Goal Pledged: Percent of Goal Received: Average Gift Amount:

\$48,000.00 \$30.847.70 \$29,531.52 (\$17,152.30) 64.27% 61.52% \$246.78

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50⁺ or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Ca-thedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 p.m The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at (732) 562-1543 or

amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarians couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration or calling (732) 562-1543.

EXTENSION

June 25, 2025

Rev. Abraham Lotha Transfiguration of the Lord Parish 23 S 5th Ave Highland Park, NJ 08904-2604

Dear Abraham and the Transfiguration of the Lord parish community,

CATHOLIC

On behalf of all of us at Catholic Extension Society, thank you for your generous gift of \$10,856, received on April 16, 2025. Your support is a true blessing, bringing hope and strength to underserved Catholic communities in need across the United States.

Because of your generosity, we are able to fund critical ministries that keep faith alive in economically poor, but spiritually vibrant Catholic communities, like Our Lady of the Desert parish in the Diocese of Yakima. Your gift helps build churches, educate seminarians, religious sisters, and lay leaders - ensuring that vibrant Catholic communities can continue to grow and thrive.

Your belief in our mission is a testament to the enduring power of faith and the strength of our Catholic family. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this work, and I pray that God blesses you abundantly for your kindness.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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Rev. John J. Wall President

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