

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



August 3, 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.**

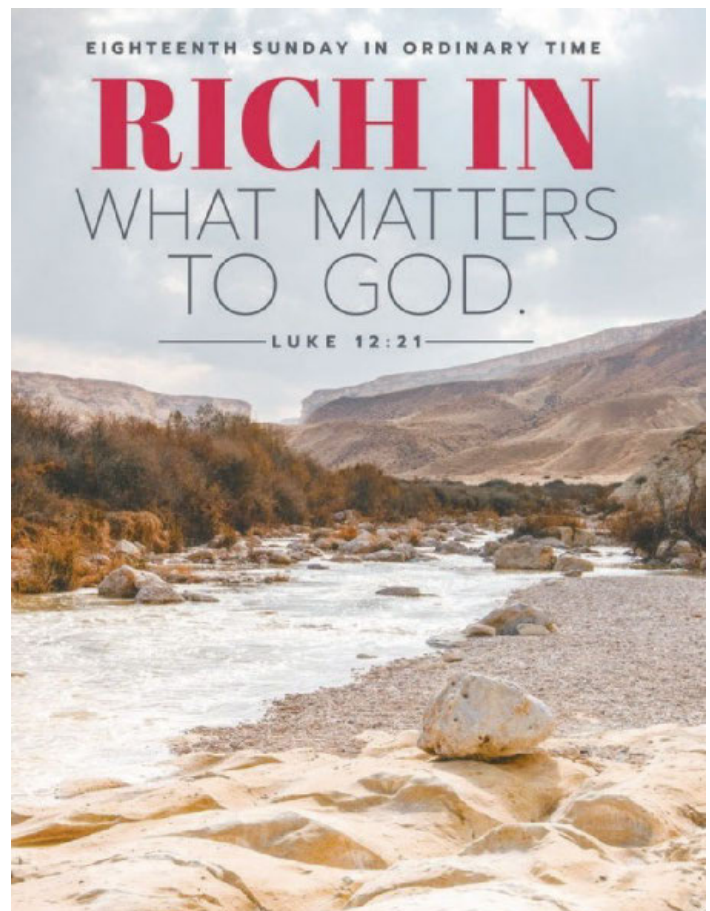
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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, August 2****Guardian Angels Church**

4:00 p.m. John A. Garvey & Terrance L. McComiskey†, *by Cathy & Noreen Judi Schmitt, by Family*

Sunday, August 3: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. Andrea Williams†, *by Noreen Horvath*
12:30 p.m. Guadalupe Lucero

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Geraldine & Joseph Farrel Mr. & Mrs. Louis Colasurdo†, *by Daughters*
11:00 a.m. Luis Cortéz†, *by Nilda I. Caffiero Ann Alcaro†, by Cathy McComiskey*

Monday, August 4**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 5**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Giovanni & Giovanna DeChiaro†, *by Tom & Debbie*

Wednesday, August 6**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. James M. Scanlon & Christine Scanlon†

Thursday, August 7**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Rose Sia, Grace & Mimi†, *by Karen Mohamed*

Friday, August 8**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. Edward Houston

Saturday, August 9**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. William Martin†
4:00 p.m. George Lawrence, *by Judi Lawrence*
Sunday, August 10: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Nancy & Stephen Szmuriga, *by Cheryl Lamb*
Robert Brinker†, *by Anita Brinker*

12:30 p.m. Personas de la Parroquia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Millie Weber†
11:00 a.m. Jean Mikita, *by Karen Mohamed*
Epifania Brizuela†, *by Lourdes Brizuela*
Mimi Lauert†, *by Lourdes Brizuela*

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sell ShopRite cards on Saturday and Sunday after each mass at Guardian Angels. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office. Thanks you for your consideration.

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, August 9 4:00 p.m.**

Lector : John Melnick
Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, August 10 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Anthony Varghese
Eucharistic Minister: Lourdes Brizuela
Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick
Sunday, August 10 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Mohamed
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada
Ushers: T. Sinkler, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church**Sunday, August 10 9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: Marybeth Iannacone
Ward Biondi
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady
Ushers: J. Adadevoh

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church. We invite all our parishioners to take part in this special prayer time. If you are attending Mass and there is no Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister and you are part of that ministry, please step forward to serve. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server, please call the Parish Office.

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 \$100)
Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Rodney Afonso, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belesky, 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, 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 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.

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!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC Jubilee 2025!

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 20 in celebration of Jubilee 2025. Please join Bishop Checchio and hundreds of other parishioners this fall as we travel to Washington, DC, to celebrate the 2,025th Anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord. Also, for those who are unable to travel to Washington, DC, for the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please know that Bishop Checchio, in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, has designated the following sites as sacred places in the Diocese of Metuchen where the faithful may obtain a Jubilee indulgence:

- Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
- Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan
- National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington
- National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick

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

	<u>7/27/2025</u>
Offertory	\$5,256.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 228.00

Guardian Angels HVAC and Basement

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

Shop Rite	\$1,100.00
Bring a Dollar	\$2,892.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 500.00
Rosary Altar Society	\$1,000.00
Other Donations	\$1,195.00
Parish Picnic	\$ 887.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$1,330.00
Gertrude Hawk	\$ 800.00
Total (7/27/2025)	\$9,704.00

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!

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, August 2–3 to help cover our parish's energy expenses. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Save the Dates: Pilgrimages

Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Mass with Bishop James F. Checchio at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Asbury, NJ. An opportunity for a local Jubilee pilgrimage for those who perhaps cannot attend the Washington pilgrimage the following week. Saturday, September 20, 2025. Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 3 de Agosto de e 2025, 18th Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

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: Carmen Chanez y Josefa Rivera (8/3/2025)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Díaz (8/3/2025)

Lectores: Cristobalina Gutiérrez e Inés López (8/10/2025)

Ministro Eucarístico: Ubaldo Valdes (8/10/2025)

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



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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!

Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Hispano Octubre 17-19, 2025



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 Porras al (732) 675-5899 o al email: porras665@hotmail.com o visite: www.wvme.org para Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Hispano.

Celebración de Aniversario de Bodas de Plata, Oro y de 5 Años

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 amarshall@diometuchen.org. 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-anniversary-celebration> o llamando al (732) 562-1543.

Rosario por la Vida

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 unirse 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 comunícate con la oficina parroquial. ¡Te esperamos!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$31,380.70
Amount Received:	\$30,698.45
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$16,619.30)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	65.38%
Percent of Goal Received:	63.96%
Average Gift Amount:	\$245.16

No Half Saints

Jay Donofrio, our diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adults, is announcing the launch of "No Half Saints", a podcast to spread insightful awareness into the youth and young adult culture here within the Diocese. The mission of the podcast is to bring souls to Jesus Christ, show a view into the conversations and world of youth & young adult ministry, and to attract young adults into the world of youth ministry. Guests will include Youth ministers, young adult leaders, priests, sisters, consecrated religious, musicians, seminarians, ministry leaders, Diocesan staff, and young adults themselves. In anticipation of the release of the first episode (soon), feel free to subscribe to the No Half Saints YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@NoHalfSaints>.

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.

Parish Registration Form

If you would like to become an active member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, we invite you to complete the Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send it to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Full Name: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cellular: _____

Email: _____


Children (under 18): _____

Any areas in which family members may be interested to help?

Feminine Genius Brunch


Saturday, October 11, 2025


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 information and/or to register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or Call: (732) 562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.




LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness





August 22-24th



San Alfonso Retreat House
Long Branch, NJ




\$315

The retreat includes meditations by the national Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, small group discussion, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and more.

Register Now At:
diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

Questions:
cdaverso@diometuchen.org

or scan here: 

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 Cathedral 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.

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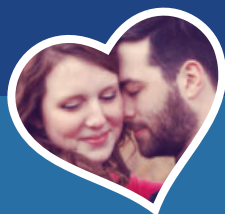
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