

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



August 24, 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 Valdes (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.**

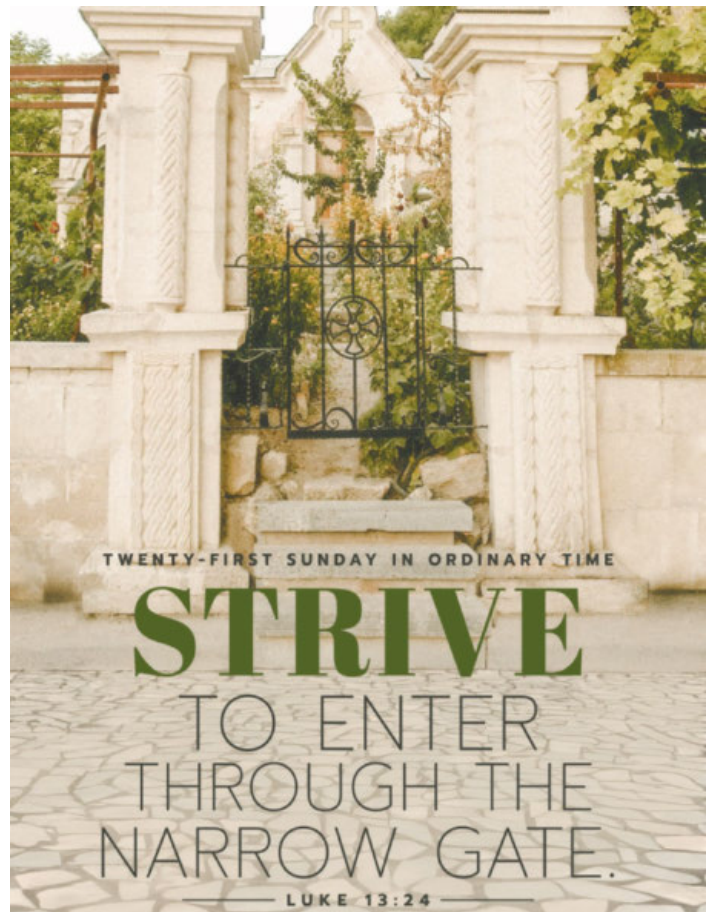
The Sacrament of Baptism:

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 23****Guardian Angels Church**

4:00 p.m. George Lawrence & Daniel Fasano,
by Family
Mario Sánchez†, by Maria de Sánchez

Sunday, August 24: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. Guadalupe Lucero
12:30 p.m. Maria Vicenta Guevara Núñez†,
by Janeth Jaramillo

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Stanislaw Najdecka†, by Mariola Supel
11:00 a.m. Margaret & Clifton Berle, by Family

Monday, August 25**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 26**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Sergio Bigini†

Wednesday, August 27**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. Hilda Margle†, by Noreen Horvath

Thursday, August 28**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Brian Connally†,
by Danny & Betty Lou Varady

Friday, August 29**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. Arthur & Edith Mattie, by Tom & Debbie

Saturday, August 30**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Ronald Caffiero†, by Nilda I. Caffiero
4:00 p.m. Terrence L. McComiskey†,
by Cathy McComiskey

Sunday, August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. Terry Smith†, by Singares Family
12:30 p.m. Ramón de Jesús Quintero†, by Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Jack Brennan†
11:00 a.m. Joan Gage†, Michele & Brian Pickett

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, August 30 4:00 p.m.**

Lectors : Michael Romano
M. Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon
Sunday, August 31 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ryan Salamante**Eucharistic Ministers: Lourdes Brizuela**

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick
Sunday, August 31 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Peter Staples**Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada****Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir****St. Paul the Apostle Church****Sunday, August 31 9:30 a.m.****Lector: Brittany Meklin****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 \$100)
Candles \$ Candle Oil: Memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Rodney Afonso, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belesky,
Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, John 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, Jean Mikita, Bob Nelligar, 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, George Varkoly, 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.

Rest in peace

Isabela Roubo

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen!

Sanctuary Candles

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctu-
ary Lamp in memory of a loved one or a special in-
tention 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.

Back to School Supplies

We are collecting Back-to-School Supplies to help families in our community who will need help. Items such as pencils, erasers, notebooks, backpack, art supplies, or personal items like a lunch-box and reusable water bottle can be donated. Please bring your donations and put them in a designated box at both churches.

**Emergency Collection Requested by Bishop Checchio**

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of innocent victims of violence in the Middle East who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being.

Bishop Checchio is asking the parishes of the Metuchen Diocese to take a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. This collection should be taken between now and Labor Day weekend and the funds sent to our Office of Finance by the end of September (please mark the check as "Emergency Collection – Gaza"). The proceeds will be sent to CNEWA and CRS. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States.

Upcoming Events

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**8/24/2025**

Offertory	\$4,423.00
Assumption	\$1,393.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 161.00

Guardian Angels HVAC and Basement

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

Shop Rite	\$ 1,250.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 3,411.00
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 (8/24/2025)	\$10,373.00

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 is to ***provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East.*** Please be as generous as your means allow.

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. We are excited for another wonderful year of guiding our parish children in their journey of faith!

BEQUESTS

Once you have ensured the financial security of your loved ones in your Will, 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. If you decide to include our parish in your Will, please use our parish name, "**Transfiguration of the Lord.**" We are grateful for any bequest you make for our parish.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 24 de agosto de 2025, 21^{er} 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: Josefa Rivera y Luisa Torres (8/24/2025)

Ministro Eucarístico: Maria García (8/24/2025)

Lectores: Cristobalina Gutierrez y Carmen Chanez (8/31/2025)

Ministro Eucarístico: Efraín Zambrano (8/31/2025)

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.

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.

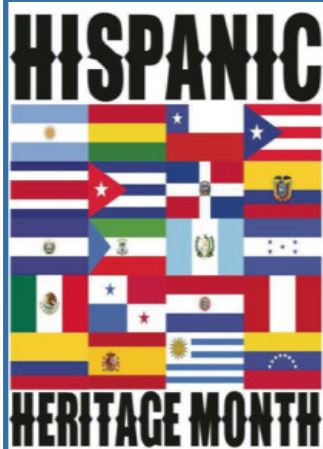
¡Estamos muy felices por otro maravilloso año, guiando a los niños de nuestra parroquia, en su camino de fe. Los esperamos!

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: po-ras665@hotmail.com o visite: www.wwme.org para Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Hispano.



Reserva la Fecha:

Misa en Honor a la **Herencia Hispana** el 10 de octubre de 2025 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís (Metuchen, NJ).

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 comunícate con la oficina parroquial. ¡Te esperamos!



Jubileo DE LA ESPERANZA 2025
Vive la Fe, encontrando y teniendo una relación con Dios.

Evento para Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos Hispanos
FECHA DEL EVENTO: **Sáb, Sept. 13 de 2025**
HORA DEL EVENTO: **9:00am-4:00pm**
Incluye desayuno y almuerzo

LUGAR:
ST. JOHN NEUMANN, CENTRO PASTORAL
146 Medlars Ln,
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Para más información, visita diometuchen.org/jovenesHispanos

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$31,655.70
Amount Received:	\$31,208.85
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$16,344.30)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	65.95%
Percent of Goal Received:	65.02%
Average Gift Amount:	\$245.39

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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:

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA). The Order of the Christian Initiation, OCIA, is the ordinary way in which adults who were not raised in the Catholic Faith become initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Who is the OCIA for? It is for adults from all walks of life who consider joining the Catholic Church: someone who was baptized Catholic, but never received any other Sacraments:

- Someone who was baptized into a different faith.
- Someone who was never baptized and is beginning their faith journey.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish would like your help in recommending names of potential candidates for our upcoming OCIA Program. Perhaps you have thought about becoming a Catholic yourself, or maybe you know a family member or a friend who might be interested. Please contact Fr. Abraham or the parish office for more information.

Proper Disposition on Bodily Remains

The USCCB has clarified acceptable norms for the proper handling of bodies upon death in the light of recent development in funeral practice technologies. The two processes of alkaline hydrolysis and human composting are not in keeping with the respect due human remains. For more details read to official USCCB statement at <https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/us-bishops-doctrine-committee-issues-statement-proper-disposition-bodily-remains>

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: _____

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Children (under 18):

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

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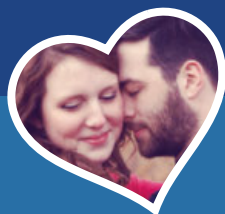
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