

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



August 31, 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 30****Guardian Angels Church**

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
Isabela Roubo†
Guadalupe Lucero

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†, by Michele & Brian Pickett

Monday, September 1**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 2**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Zenko Family, by Patricia Suchanek

Wednesday, September 3**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. Ruperta Bordonada†, by Family & Niece
Giovanni & Giovanna DeChiara,
by Tom & Debbie

Thursday, September 4**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Donald E. Rowe†, by Angela Ianelli

Friday, September 5**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. Marie Kraemer†,
by Danny & Betty Lou Varady
Candido Manolo†, by Family & Niece

Saturday, September 6**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Nilsa Liz Rivera†, by Nilda I. Caffiero

4:00 p.m. Mary I. O'Connell (Birthday Memorial)†,
by Cathy & Noreen
Klimashousky's 41st Wedding Anniversary
Oniel Martinez†, by Angela Ianelli

Sunday, September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. Dotty Wright†, by Noreen Horvath
Marie Jane (Volpe) Kish†,
by Bill & Ann Volpe

12:30 p.m. Guadalupe Lucero

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Richard Stepura

Anthony P. White†, by Virginia White

11:00 a.m. Edward Stalenyj†, by Mariola Supel
Alfreda Di Geronimo†, by Pat Staples

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, September 6 4:00 p.m.**

Lector : Michael Romano
Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon
Sunday, September 7 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Ryan Salamante
C. Tenchavez

Eucharistic Ministers: Lourdes Brizuela
Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, September 7 11:00 a.m.

Lector: John Melnick

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church**Sunday, September 7 9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: Ellen Maughan
M. Biskupek

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. 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.

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.



Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st. There will be no Mass that day.

50/50 Summer Raffle - Thank You!

Thanks to Cathy McComiskey for organizing the 50/50 Summer Raffle. Thank you to all of the parishioners who bought 50/50 Summer Raffle tickets. The proceeds was **\$6,655.00** with half going to Transfiguration of the Lord parish. Again, thanks for your support and we will look forward to the next raffle in 2026. The **2025 Winners** for the 2025 summer raffle are:

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| 1 st Prize | Blake Moran | \$1,633.00 |
| 2 nd Prize | Rita Rinaldi | \$ 998.25 |
| 3 rd Prize | Raul & Silva Colina | \$ 666.50 |

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.



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.

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 | \$5,541.00 |
| Shop Rite | \$ 50.00 |
| Bring a Dollar | \$ 180.00 |

Guardian Angels HVAC and Basement

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

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| Shop Rite | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Bring a Dollar | \$ 3,591.00 |
| Knights of Columbus | \$ 500.00 |
| Rosary Altar Society | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 1,595.00 |
| Parish Picnic | \$ 887.00 |
| Spaghetti Dinner | \$ 1,330.00 |
| Gertrude Hawk | \$ 800.00 |
| Total (8/24/2025) | \$11,003.00 |

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

The Second Collection on the weekend of September 6/7 will be for **the National Shrine Infrastructure Renewal Project** to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated in the Shrine.

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, 31 de agosto de 2025, 22nd 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: Cristobalina Gutiérrez y Carmen Chanez
(8/31/2025)

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

Lectores: Josefa Rivera e Irene Manzanares (9/7/2025)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Díaz (9/7/2025)

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.

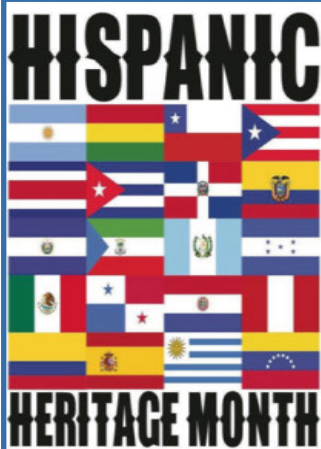
NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA: Las inscripciones para el año escolar 2025-2026 ya están abiertas! Nuestro primer día de clases será el domingo 7 de septiembre. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en ambas iglesias y en la oficina parroquial.

¡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: porras665@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 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!



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 Metlars Ln,
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Para más información, visita diometuchen.org/jovenesHispanos

“¡Reconecta, Renueva y Acércate más a Dios! ¡Estás Invitado a un encuentro con Cristo!”
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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

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| Goal: | \$48,000.00 |
| Total Pledged & Received: | \$31,745.70 |
| Amount Received: | \$31,298.78 |
| Over/(Under) Goal: | (\$16,254.30) |
| Percent of Goal Pledged: | 66.14% |
| Percent of Goal Received: | 65.21% |
| Average Gift Amount: | \$246.09 |



DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Radio icon Kevin Matthews shares the inspiring story behind his book "Mary's Roadie" and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

7:00 PM: Praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talk and book signing by Kevin Matthews



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

108th Anniversary of the Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802

12:30 PM: Talk with Kevin Matthews

1:15 PM: Holy Mass with celebrant, Most Rev. James F. Checchio



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017

with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen, NJ



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: _____

National Migration Week

This year, National Migration Week takes place September 22-28 and culminates with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Although WDMR typically occurs on the last Sunday of September, this year it will take place on October 4-5 to coincide with the Holy See's Jubilee of Migrants.

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Events with Gabriel Castillo (Gabi Afterhours)

Youth Night – October 24

Location: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Time: 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Admission Fee: \$10.00

Join other youth as popular YouTube creator 'Gabi After hours' gives a talk on the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, and an ice cream social!

Young Adult Retreat – October 25

Location: St. Joseph Church, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Admission Fee: \$15.00

Join other young adults for a half-day retreat, where popular YouTube creator 'Gabi Afterhours' will give talks on Mary and the Rosary. The day will start with Mass and be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided!

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?

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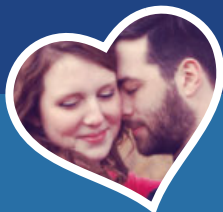
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