

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



April 5, 2026

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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

23 South 5th Ave. (Access from 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

Bridget O'Connor: Director R.E.

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:

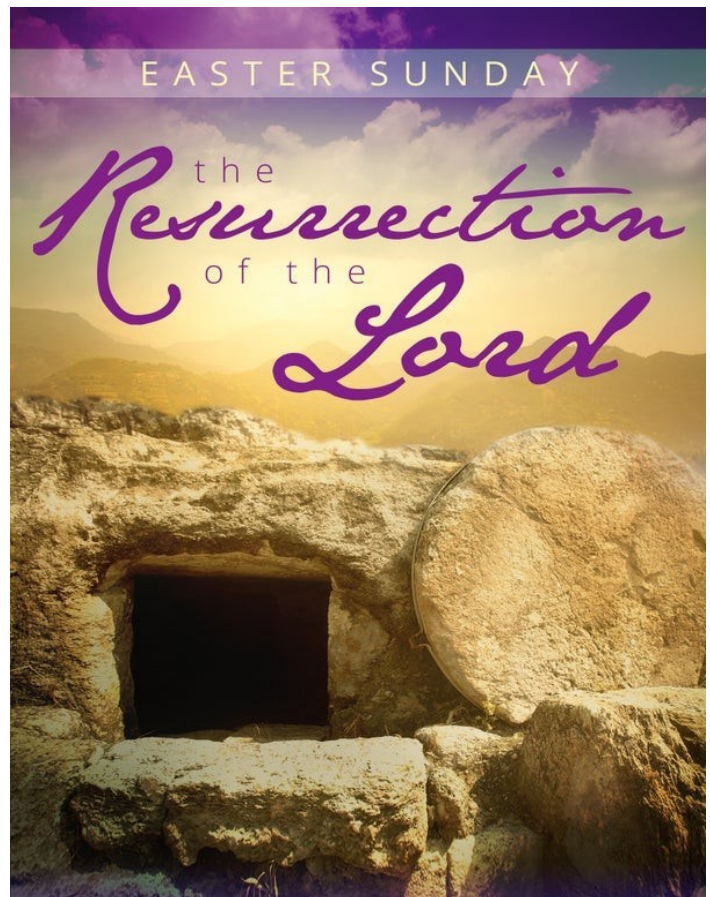
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

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 4: Holy Saturday

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers - No Mass
 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 12:00 p.m. Easter Food Blessing
 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 6: Monday with the Octave of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Office Closed - No Mass

Tuesday, April 7

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Richard M. Cunningham

Wednesday, April 8

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Bernice Kaslavag†, by Peter Milicia

Thursday, April 9

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. John & Anna Carroll†, by Cathy White

Friday, April 10

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Adam Martin Szura Jr.†, by Brian Szura

Saturday, April 11

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Noreen Fitzgerald
 4:00 p.m. Mary Cassano†, by Family
 Ernesto Benavides Door & Marina Espinosa de Benavides†, by Family

Sunday, April 12: Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Amelio Angelini†, by Maddalena Maratta
 12:30 p.m. Por la salud de Katherine Elva Bonifacio, by Amigos

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Kevin B. Sullivan†
 Supel Family, by Mariola Supel
 Romy & Greta m. Manlapig†, by Sister Gloria
 Joven Cabanday & Family, by Josie, Feli & Eden
 Margaret "Peggy" Marlow†, by Jean Bertolotti
 Pearl Remsing, by Family

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, April 11 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Jason Biskupek
 Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna
 Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, April 12 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Orianna Terrado
 Eucharistic Minister: Lourdes Brizuela
 Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, April 12 11:00 a.m.

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, April 12 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Jobbins
 A. Rectos
 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 2026:

Breaking Bread Hymnals (Guardian Angels): **Paul Bravo**
 Breaking Bread Hymnals (St. Paul's): **Garlatti Family**
 Misa del Dia: \$1,000 (Hispanic Community)
 Wine: **In memory of Arlene & William Eichler**
 Hosts: **Anonymous**
 Hosts (Gluten Free): **Anonymous**
 Palm Leaves: **Anonymous** (Balance \$900)
 Candles \$ Candle Oil: **In memory of D'Amico & Romano Families**

For more information please contact Fr. Abraham Lotha

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Rodney Afonso, Jimmy Andrade, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belsky, Lucca Bernal, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, John Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Sarah Esposito, Noreen V. Fitzgerald, Angelica Francois, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Maggie Keogh, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Jean Mikita, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Joseph Skalla, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Donna E. Smith, Alice Sporer, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Jeanette Wiegartner, 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. Lorrend 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.



HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!

May the Risen Lord give you a new perspective to life and empower you!

Easter Monday, April 6

The Parish Office will be closed. There will be no Mass that day.



BINGO BURGER

Place: Guardian Angels Hall

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Time: Doors will open at 5:00 p.m.

Entry: \$15.00

All proceeds will go towards Energy Costs for the parish.

Lots of Burgers, soda, water chips and prizes!!!



Fencing repair at St. Paul's

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

- April 17: Bingo Burger
- May 20: Confirmation
- May 31: First Holy Communion
- June 14: Parish Picnic
- July/August: Spaghetti Dinner
- July/August: Summer 50/50 Raffle
- November 15: Tricky Tray
- November 14/15 & 21/22: Thanksgiving Offering
- December 5: Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 5: Ministries Appreciation Dinner
- December 27: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	<u>3/29/2026</u>
Offertory	\$6,137.00
Easter Flower	\$ 771.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 151.00

Lenten Project

Our next project will be to our **Parish Lenten Project.**

Shop Rite	\$ 350.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 1,085.00
Second Collection Lenten P.	\$ 2,291.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 500.00
Anonymous	\$ 2,350.00
Other Donations	\$ 3,826.00
Total (3/29/2026)	\$10,402.00

We have reached our goal of \$10,000.00 for the **Lenten Project** to help St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and De La Salle Blackfeet School in the Diocese of Helena, Montana. Thank you very much for your generous donations!

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 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/transfigurationhp> or call their toll free number: (866)930-4774 x6. Thank you for your support our parish! *We wanted you to be aware that as of March 16, 2026. With the transition to Parish-Soft Giving completed, all relevant data is now in Parish-Soft Giving and you should be logging in to ParishSoft Giving for all electronic records and information.*

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, 5 de abril de 2026, Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

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: Irene Manzanares y Josefa Rivera (4/5/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: María García (4/5/2026)

Lectores: Inés López y Guadalupe Díaz (4/12/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Ubaldo Valdes (4/12/2026)

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.

Campana Anual del Obispo 2026

UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y Servir

Tu regalo apoya la misión de la Oficina de la Vida y la Dignidad Humana, manteniéndose firme en sus esfuerzos por promover la santidad de la vida humana en todas las etapas y en todas las condiciones. Tu apoyo también lleva la gracia de los sacramentos y la atención compasiva a quienes están en hospitales y prisiones a través de nuestros capellanes clérigos y tiene un impacto tremendo en la vida de tantas personas necesitadas a través de nuestras Caridades Católicas.

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**Exhortación Apostólica Dilexi Te
Del Santo Padre León XIV Sobre el Amor
hacia los Pobres**

Los Padres de la Iglesia y los pobres

San Agustín

43. Agustín tuvo como maestro espiritual a san Ambrosio, que insistía en la exigencia ética de compartir los bienes: «Lo que das al pobre no es tuyo, es suyo. Porque te has apropiado de lo que fue dado para uso común». [34] Para el obispo de Milán, la limosna es justicia restaurada, no un gesto paternalista. En sus sermones, la misericordia adquiere un carácter profético: denuncia las estructuras de acumulación y reafirma la comunión como vocación eclesial.

44. Formado en esta tradición, el santo obispo de Hipona enseñó a su vez el amor preferencial por los pobres. Pastor vigilante y teólogo de rara clarividencia, comprendió que la verdadera comunión eclesial se expresa también en la comunión de los bienes. En sus Comentarios a los Salmos, recuerda que los verdaderos cristianos no dejan de lado el amor a los más necesitados: «Atended a vuestros hermanos, si necesitan algo; dad, si Cristo está en vosotros, incluso a los extranjeros». [35] Este compartir los bienes brota, por tanto, de la caridad teologal y tiene como fin último el amor a Cristo. Para Agustín, el pobre no es sólo alguien a quien se ayuda, sino la presencia sacramental del Señor.

Plan Pastoral para el Ministerio Hispano

- 16 de mayo de 8:30 a.m. a 2:30 p.m., reunión del Plan Pastoral para el Ministerio Hispano. Todos los planificadores pastorales de parroquias con comunidades hispanas están invitados a asistir a una reunión enfocada en el "Discernimiento", el segundo paso de nuestro proceso del plan pastoral.
- 30 de mayo, Peregrinación Anual Hispana al Santuario del Ejército Azul.



Apostolic Exhortation DILEXI TE of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

The Fathers of the Church and the Poor

Saint Augustine

43. Augustine's spiritual guide was Saint Ambrose, who insisted on the ethical requirement to share material goods: "What you give to the poor is not your property, but theirs. Why have you appropriated what was given for common use?" For the Bishop of Milan, almsgiving is justice restored, not a gesture of paternalism. In his preaching, mercy takes on a prophetic character: he denounces structures that accumulate things and reaffirms communion as the Church's vocation.

44. Formed in this tradition, the holy Bishop of Hippo taught for his part about the preferential love for the poor. A vigilant pastor and theologian of rare insight, he realizes that true ecclesial communion is expressed also in the communion of goods. In his Commentaries on the Psalms, he reminds us that true Christians do not neglect love for those most in need: "Observing your brothers and sisters, you know if they are in need, but if Christ dwells in you, also be charitable to strangers." This sharing of goods therefore stems from theological charity and has as its goal the love of Christ. For Augustine, the poor are not just people to be helped, but the sacramental presence of the Lord.

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: _____

Phone: _____

Name of the person for the intentions:

Deceased or Living: _____
Or Special Intention (please specify):

Date, Time & Church for Mass:

Masses Available:

- Tuesday, 5/5, 5/12, 5/26 @ 9:00 a.m. @ GA
- Wednesday, 4/29, 5/6, 5/20 @ 8:00 a.m. St. Paul's
- Thursday, 04/16, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 @ 9:00 a.m. @ GA
- Friday, 5/8, 5/22, 5/29 @ 8:00 a.m. St. Paul's
- Saturday, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/16, 5/23 @ 9:00 a.m. @ GA
- Saturday, 5/23, 5/30 @ 4:00 p.m. @ GA
- Sunday, 04/26, 5/24 @ 8:00 a.m. @ GA
- Sunday, 5/31 @ 11:00 a.m. @ GA

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal
ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

Your gift supports the mission of the Office of Human Life and Dignity, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our clergy chaplains and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our Catholic Charities.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$23,491.75
Recurring Gift	\$0.00
Recurring Received	\$0.00
Amount Received:	\$19,345.75
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$24,508.25)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	48.94%
Percent of Goal Received:	40.30%
Average Gift Amount:	\$297.36



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