

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



April 12, 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:

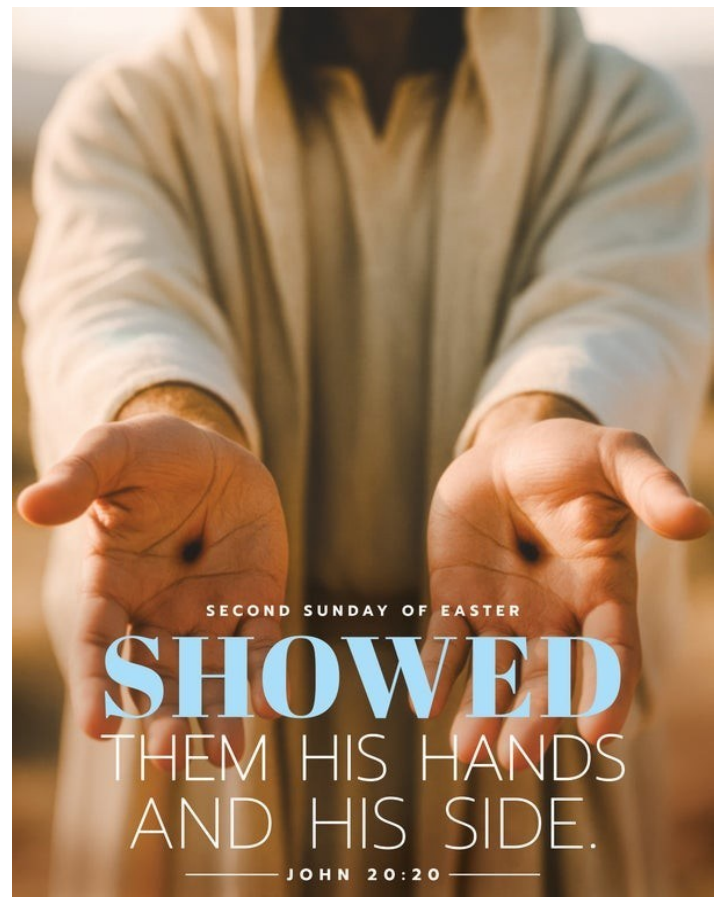
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SHOWED
THEM HIS HANDS
AND HIS SIDE.

JOHN 20:20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. **Mary Cassano†**, *by Family*
Ernesto Benavides Door & Marina Espinosa de Benavides†, *by Family*
Fred Russell, *by Joanne P. Russell*

Sunday, April 12: 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Amelio Angelini†**, *by Maddalena Maratta*
Charles Pelosi†

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*
Nancy Ricci†

11:00 a.m. **Romy & Greta M. Manlapig†**, *by Sister Gloria*
Joven Cabanday & Family, *by Josie, Feli & Eden*
Margaret “Peggy” Marlow†, *by Jean Bertolotti*
Pearl Remsing, *by Family*

Monday, April 13:

St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

Tuesday, April 14

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Kevin B. Sullivan†**

Wednesday, April 15

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Richard Horvath†**, *by Noreen Horvath*

Thursday, April 16

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **The Souls in Purgatory**, *by Noelia*
Wedding Anniversary: Armando & Susan Quinio, *by Susan Quinio*

Friday, April 17

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Vincent Cellat†**, *by Danny & Betty Lou Varady*

Saturday, April 18

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Sonny SA Dvarty†**, *by Pat Rinaldi*
4:00 p.m. **Sadie & Frank Pickett†**, *by Michele & Brian Pickett*
Amelio Angelini†, *by Gizelda Horvath & Daughters*

Sunday, April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Amelio Angelini†**, *by Mr. & Mrs. Ermelindo Firmani*
Lucina Valeri Bucciarelli, *by Fiorella Vareli-Stark*

12:30 p.m. **María Ojeda**, *by Familia*
Luis Alberto Daniel (Cumpleaños), *by Socorro Cortes*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Cristine & John Suchanek**, *by Patricia Suchanek*
11:00 a.m. **Philip Bongiovanni†**, *by Jennie (Sister)*

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, April 18 **4:00 p.m.**

Lector: **Mary Anne Day**
Eucharistic Minister: **Silvia H. de Colina**
Ushers: **R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**

Sunday, April 19 **8:00 a.m.**

Lectors: **Edna Ramirez**
Carl Tenchavez
Eucharistic Minister: **Gloria Rada**
Ushers: **A. Damone, M. Mehalick**

Sunday, April 19 **11:00 a.m.**

Lector: **Louis Zappo**
Eucharistic Minister: **Stella Salamante**
Ushers: **T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, April 19 **9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: **A. Studden**
Ward Biondi
Eucharistic Minister: **Carla Guerreiro**
Ushers: **J. Adadevoh**

Rest in Peace

Charles Pelosi & Nancy Ricci

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

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 Nelligar, 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. 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.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!

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



**Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026
Congratulations to Ashley, Deisa, Alex, Kyle, Bela Joseph, Giancarlo and Melany**



40 Days of Lent, 40 Items

Please accept our sincere thanks for the overwhelming response to our 40 for 40 Lenten Project. The items will be distributed to Ozanon Family Shelter, Pregnancy Aid, Great Expectations, male and female veterans, homeless, and the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. God bless you for your generosity.



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!!!

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

	4/5/2026
Offertory	\$ 771.00
Easter Collection	\$13,742.00
Holy Land	\$ 1,466.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 124.00

Energy Cost

Our next project will be to our **Energy Cost Project.**

Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$124.00
Total (4/5/2026)	\$174.00

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 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/transfigurationhp> or call their toll free number: (866)930-4774 x6.



Easter Food Blessing at Guardian Angels Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 12 de abril de 2026, Segundo Domingo de Pascua—Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

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: Inés López y Guadalupe Díaz (4/12/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Ubaldo Valdes (4/12/2026)

Lectores: Karen Gonzales y Carmen Chanez (4/19/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Ubaldo Valdes (4/19/2026)

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.

Escuela Bíblica Hispana

En septiembre de 2022, la Diócesis de Metuchen inauguró la **Escuela Bíblica Hispana**, compuesta por 9 cursos de 7 sesiones cada uno. Las clases son presenciales en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway, NJ). Al completar los nueve cursos, el estudiante recibe un certificado diocesano.

Nuevo ciclo: Agosto 2026. Iniciaremos nuevamente con Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras. Las clases serán todos los jueves, de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m., en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann. Costo por persona: \$35.00.

Si deseas inscribirte o recibir más información, escribe a Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llama al (732) 243-4573. También puedes comunicarte directamente con la Diócesis de Metuchen.

CARIDADES CATOLICAS Diócesis de Metuchen

Consejería de Inmigración:
(732) 324-8200
319 Maple Street
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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

45. El Doctor de la Gracia veía en el cuidado a los pobres una prueba concreta de la sinceridad de la fe. Quien dice amar a Dios y no se complace de los necesitados, miente (cf. 1 Jn 4,20). Al comentar el encuentro de Jesús con el joven rico y el «tesoro en el cielo» que está reservado a quienes dan sus bienes a los pobres (cf. Mt 19,21), Agustín pone en boca del Señor las siguientes palabras: «Recibí tierra y daré el cielo. Recibí cosas temporales y daré a cambio bienes eternos. Recibí pan, daré la vida. [...] He recibido alojamiento y daré una casa. He sido visitado en la enfermedad y daré salud. Fui visitado en la cárcel y daré libertad. El pan que se dio a mis pobres se consumió; el pan que yo daré restaura las fuerzas, sin acabarse nunca». El Altísimo no se deja vencer en generosidad por aquellos que le sirven en los más necesitados; cuanto mayor es el amor a los pobres, mayor es la recompensa por parte de Dios.

46. Esta mirada Cristocéntrica y profundamente eclesial lleva a sostener que las ofrendas, cuando nacen del amor, no sólo alivian la necesidad del hermano, sino que también purifican el corazón de quien da y está dispuesto a la conversión, «pues las limosnas pueden servirte para redimir los pecados de la vida pasada, si cambias de vida». Son, por así decirlo, el camino ordinario de conversión de quien desea seguir a Cristo con corazón indiviso.

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***

45. The Doctor of Grace saw caring for the poor as concrete proof of the sincerity of faith. Anyone who says they love God and has no compassion for the needy is lying (cf. 1 Jn4:20). Commenting on Jesus's Encounter with the rich young man and the "treasure in heaven" reserved for those who give their possessions to the poor (cf. Mt 19:21), Augustine puts the following words in the Lord's mouth: "I received the earth, I will give heaven; I received temporal goods, I will give back eternal goods; I received bread, I will give life... I have been given hospitality, but I will give a home; I was visited when I was sick, but I will give health; I was visited in prison, but I will give freedom. The bread you have given to my poor has been consumed, but the bread I will give will not only refresh you but will never end." The Almighty will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve the people most in need: the greater the love for the poor, the greater the reward from God.

46. This Christocentric and deeply ecclesial perspective leads us to affirm that offerings, when born of love, not only alleviate the needs of one's brother or sister, but also purify the heart of the giver, if he or she is willing to change. Indeed, in the words of Pseudo-Augustine: "almsgiving can be beneficial to you in erasing past sins, if you have amended your ways." It is, so to speak, the ordinary path to conversion for those who wish to follow Christ with an undivided heart.

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, 5/20 @ 8:00 a.m. St. Paul's
- Thursday, 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, 4/25, 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

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



**Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, 2026. Thank you
Knights of Columbus for organizing the Easter Egg Hung.
The response was great!**

**JUBILEE OF
ST. FRANCIS**

Franciscan Lecture Series

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of His Death
Come visit our Cathedral for this special lecture series exploring the beauty and depth of Franciscan spirituality.



April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

A Saint Who Changed the World: The Historical Impact of St. Francis
by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR | Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

How St. Francis Shaped Catholic Devotion: Crèche, Stations of the Cross, and Eucharistic Adoration
by Rev. David M. Friel, S.T.D. | Director of Liturgy & Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology

May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

The Practical Wisdom of St. Francis
by Msgr. William Benwell, JCL | Diocese of Metuchen

Can't make it? Watch on 'Live Stream' at stfranciscathedral.org

For more information on this year's Jubilee celebrations and activities, visit www.stfranciscathedral.org

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