

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

May 10, 2026

23 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904

Phone: 732-572-0977 • Fax: 732-572-7497

Website: transfiguration-parish.com/

Parish Email: transfiguration.parish@verizon.net

Religious Education Email: edisonparish@verizon.net

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:

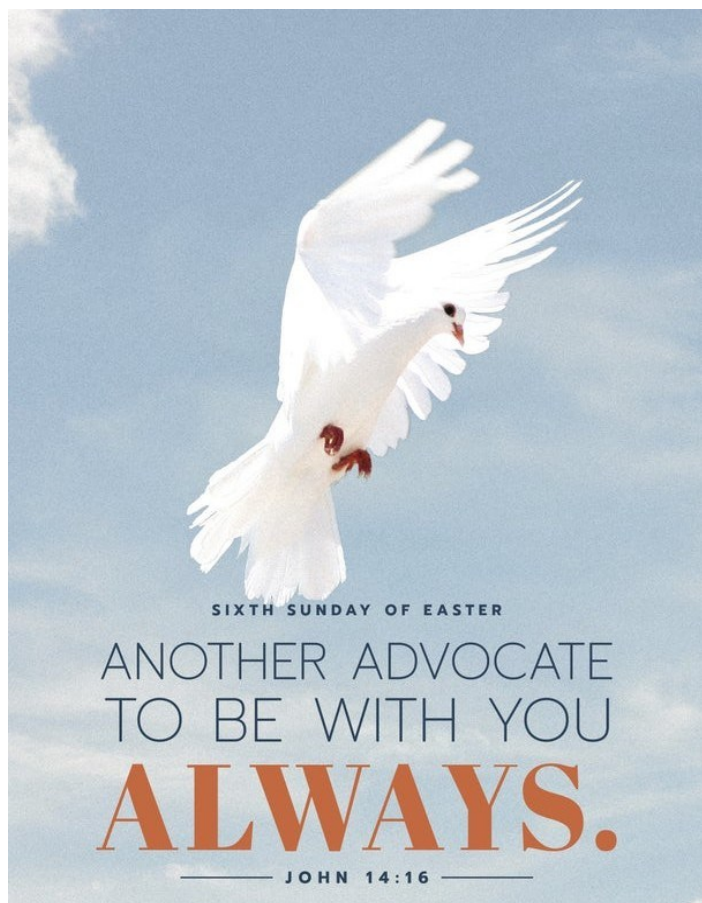
The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

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, May 9

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Mothers of the Parish

12:30 p.m. Madres de la Parroquia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Mothers of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 11

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 12

Guardian Angels Church

**9:00 a.m. Noreen Fitzgerald†,
by Bob & Edna Nellegar**

Wednesday, May 13

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Joseph Boyle†

Thursday, May 14

Guardian Angels Church

**9:00 a.m. Noreen Fitzgerald†,
by Legion of Mary**

Friday, May 15

St. Paul the Apostle Church

**8:00 a.m. Br. Carthage Ryan, CFC†
Diane Harris,
by Danny & Betty Lou Varady**

Saturday, May 16

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Claudia Francis†, by Virginia White

**4:00 p.m. Patrick Obukowho†, by Family
Kathryn Loretta, by Family
Noreen Fitzgerald†, by Mary Anne Day**

Sunday, May 17: The Ascension of the Lord

St. Paul the Apostle Church

**9:30 a.m. Patrick Obukowho†, by Family
Joyce Sawicki†, by John & Gert Melnick
Amelio Angelini†,
by Ellida & Giuliano Ferrara**

**12:30 p.m. Rosa Nila Lloungtop Salazar (Cumpleaños)†,
by Christian, Tiffany, John Angel &
Rosemary**

**Por la llegada del Nieto Saúl,
by Familia Flores Diaz**

Guardian Angels Church

**8:00 a.m. John & Johanna Suchanek,
by Patricia Suchanek
Andy Fresco, Maryjean Fresco,
Josephine Colonna, Andrew Colonna Sr.,
Andrew Colonna Jr., by Carissa Fresco**

**11:00 a.m. Jose F. Manlapig†, by Daughter Gloria
In remembrance of the wedding
anniversary of Richard Marlow & late
Margaret "Peggy" Marlow,
by Tom & Betty Sinker**

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, May 16 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Matthew Biskupek

Eucharistic Minister: Hermie tenchavez

Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, May 17 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Edna Ramirez

Carl Tenchavez

Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Rada

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, May 17 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Louis Zappo

Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, May 17 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ellen Maughan

Athanasios Boulieris

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro

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**

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. 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 Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish. May God bless your motherhood.

National Consecration to the Sacred Heart

In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June. There will be a novena leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12). It will begin on June 3 and end on June 11. You can find suggested prayers for each day of the novena at this link: <https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>. For more information go to: <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>. You can also go to the diocesan Office of Worship resources page for this information: <https://diometuchen.org/resources-1>.

St. Francis Indulgence

On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to “become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace”. The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a plenary indulgence on this occasion during the period of January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or a Place of Worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi (e.g., our Cathedral) or connected to him and then participate in a liturgical celebrations or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

- May 20: Confirmation
- May 31: First Holy Communion
- June 14: Parish Picnic
- July/August: Spaghetti Dinner
- August 22: Summer 50/50 Raffle
- September 18: Bingo Burger
- 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


	5/3/2026
Offertory	\$6,525.00
Mothers Day	\$ 852.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 88.00

Energy Cost

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

Shop Rite	\$300.00
Bring a Dollar	\$645.00
Total (5/3/2026)	\$945.00

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.

Second Collection

The Second Collection scheduled for the weekend of May 16/17 is for the **Development of the People**. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

“No Half Saints” A New Youth and Young Adults Podcast!

The Diocese of Metuchen has launched a new youth and young adult podcast, **“No Half Saints,”** hosted by Jay Donofrio, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Inspired by St. Thérèse’s quote, “You cannot be a half saint,” the podcast highlights ministry leaders across the diocese to inspire young adults to grow in faith and parish involvement. The first episode features Maria Agnese from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bernardsville. New episodes are released every other week on the **No Half Saints YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/@NoHalfSaints>) and the **Diocesan YouTube page** (<http://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofMetuchen>). For more information or guest suggestions, contact Jay Donofrio at jdonofrio@diometuchen.org.

NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY 2026

Six flags great adventure

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH!

OPENING CEREMONY AT 9:30AM FEATURING:



HOLY MASS AT 6:00PM



DIocese of METUCHEN
JR. HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL, YOUNG ADULTS, FAMILIES AND ALL ARE WELCOME!



SCAN to register!

Go to: www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally for more information

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 10 de mayo de 2026, Sexto Domingo de Pascua

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 e Ines López (5/10/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Ubaldo Valdes (5/10/2026)

Lectores: Carmen Chabez y Luisa Torres (5/17/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Ubaldo Valdes (5/17/2026)



**II ETAPA
PLAN PASTORAL PARA EL
MINISTERIO HISPANO**



MAYO 16, 2026 8:30 AM
2:30 PM

146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ, 08854.

No tiene costo.

Por favor confirmar asistencia en

diometuchen.org/planpastoralhispano



Peregrinación Hispana

**AL SANTUARIO NACIONAL BLUE ARMY
DE LA VIRGEN DE FÁTIMA**

674 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD E. ASBURY, NJ 08802

30 de Mayo de 2026 9:30 AM a 3:00 PM

**ADORACIÓN, REFLEXIÓN, CONFESIONES,
SANTO ROSARIO, ÁNGELUS Y MISA**

Lleva tu comida para un compartir



¿Información?
Comunicate al 732-243-4573
o Lescobar@diometuchen.org

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

El cuidado de los pobres en la vida monástica

55. En Occidente, san Benito de Nursia elaboró una Regla que se convertiría en la columna vertebral de la espiritualidad monástica europea. En ella, la acogida de los pobres y los peregrinos ocupa un lugar de honor: «Mostrad sobre todo un cuidado solícito en la recepción de los pobres y los peregrinos, porque sobre todo en ellos se recibe a Cristo». [43] No se trataba sólo de palabras: los monasterios benedictinos fueron, durante siglos, lugares de refugio para viudas, niños abandonados, peregrinos y mendigos. Para Benito, la vida comunitaria era una escuela de caridad. El trabajo manual no sólo tenía una función práctica, sino que también formaba el corazón para el servicio. El compartir entre los monjes, la atención a los enfermos y la escucha de los más frágiles preparaban para acoger a Cristo, que llega en la persona del pobre y el extranjero. La hospitalidad monástica benedictina permanece hasta hoy como signo de una Iglesia que abre las puertas, que acoge sin preguntar, que cura sin exigir nada a cambio.

56. Los monasterios benedictinos, con el tiempo, se convirtieron en lugares que contrastaban la cultura de la exclusión. Los monjes cultivaban la tierra, producían alimentos, preparaban medicinas y los ofrecían, con sencillez, a los más necesitados. Su trabajo silencioso fue fermento de una nueva civilización, donde los pobres no eran un problema que resolver, sino hermanos y hermanas que acoger. La regla del compartir, del trabajo común y de la asistencia a los vulnerables estructuraba una economía solidaria, en contraste con la lógica de la acumulación. El testimonio de los monjes mostraba que la pobreza voluntaria, lejos de ser miseria, es camino de libertad y comunión. No sólo ayudaban a los pobres: se hacían cercanos a ellos, hermanos en el mismo Señor. En las celdas y claustros se formaba una mística de la presencia de Dios en los pequeños.

Indulgencia de San Francisco:

En enero de 2026, el Papa León XIV proclamó el Año Jubilar de San Francisco por los 800 años de su muerte. Durante este jubileo (10 de enero de 2026 a 10 de enero de 2027) se concede **indulgencia plenaria** a quienes, cumpliendo las condiciones habituales, peregrinen a una iglesia franciscana o templo dedicado a San Francisco y participen en una celebración litúrgica o dediquen un tiempo a la oración.

**CARIDADES CATOLICAS
Diócesis de Metuchen**

Consejería de Inmigración:
(732) 324-8200
319 Maple Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



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

Care for the poor in monastic life

55. In the West, Saint Benedict of Norcia formulated a Rule that would become the backbone of European monastic spirituality. Welcoming the poor and pilgrims occupies a prominent place in the document: "The poor and pilgrims are to be received with all care and hospitality, for it is in them that Christ is received." [43] These were not just words: for centuries Benedictine monasteries were places of refuge for widows, abandoned children, pilgrims and beggars. For Benedict, community life was a school of charity. Manual labor not only had a practical function but also formed the heart for service. Sharing among the monks, caring for the sick and listening to the most vulnerable prepared them to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger. Today, Benedictine monastic hospitality remains a sign of a Church that opens its doors, welcomes without asking and heals without demanding anything in return.

56. Over time, Benedictine monasteries became places for overcoming the culture of exclusion. Monks and nuns cultivated the land, produced food, prepared medicines and offered them, with simplicity, to those most in need. Their silent work was the leaven of a new civilization, where the poor were not a problem to be solved, but brothers and sisters to be welcomed. The rule of sharing, working together and helping the vulnerable established an economy of solidarity, in contrast to the logic of accumulation. The monks' witness showed that voluntary poverty, far from being misery, is a path of freedom and communion. They did not limit themselves to helping the poor: they became their neighbors, brothers and sisters in the same Lord. In the cells and cloisters, they created a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones.

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:

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$27,312.75
Recurring Gift	\$0.00
Recurring Received	\$0.00
Amount Received:	\$22,630.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$20,687.25)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	56.90%
Percent of Goal Received:	47.15%
Average Gift Amount:	\$278.70

**A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO INFERTILITY WITH
MONIKA B. POTOCKI, MD, OBGYN**

**Friday, May 15th, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of
Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale**

Dr. Potocki was raised in Livingston and then attended The College of New Jersey in Ewing. After getting her medical degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, she returned to do her OBGYN residency in Newark, NJ. She has worked at the St. Peter's Gianna Center since April 2024, where she specializes in Medical and Surgical Naprotechnology. Her presentation will be about how Naprotechnology is a faith-based, natural, and scientific approach to understanding and treating fertility issues. For any questions, please contact: Trish (908) 328-1268

LIFE-GIVING
Wounds
RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation




Saturday,
 July 11, 2026

**St. John Neumann
Pastoral Center**
 146 Metlars Lane
 Piscataway, NJ 08854


Registration is
 only \$40

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separations, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing.
The retreat price includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials.

To register, go to
https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Kr_vlg?vid=iowdrh
 or scan the QR code to the right.
 Questions? Email Maria Agnese at magnese@diometuchen.org



**SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Life: A Morning for
Grandparents and Seniors (55+)**

"Aging with Purpose: A Life in Full" with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN of Saint Peter's University Hospital. All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal. A hot breakfast will be served. Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

Support Our Advertisers!

JAQUI-KUHN FUNERAL HOME

"Serving Families Since 1933"

Daniel Simone, CFSP, Manager-Owner, NJ Lic. No 3347
Parishioner, Member of Knights of Columbus, Council 6306

17 South Adelaide Ave. • Highland Park, NJ (732) 545-0606

www.jkfuneralhome.com

ROOFING • CHIMNEYS • GUTTERS • MASONRY
SIDEWALKS & STEPS
DECK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT
We Find & Fix Leaks!



EXPERT CHIMNEY & ROOFING

\$1,250 OFF
ANY NEW
ROOF
REPLACEMENT

20% OFF
Any Roof, Chimney,
Gutter, Masonry Repair
& SENIORS

Family Owned/Operated - Lic.#13VH11097900
Bonded & Insured - 20 Years

Serving All of New Jersey

732-520-9554

www.expertchimneyroofing.com



EDISON PIZZA



- PIZZA
- PASTA
- ENTREES
- SUBS



- TAKE-OUT
- EAT-IN
- BYOB
- DELIVERY

MENTION THIS AD FOR 10% OFF • Excludes Catering

On and Off Premises Catering For Any Occasion!
Private Banquet Room For up to 60 People
2303 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison NJ, 08817
732-985-1733 • edisonpizza.com

Plumb-Rite

PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING

732-417-4444

\$35 OFF ANY SERVICE

Free Estimate Since 1983 NJ Plmbg Lic. 8411

Little space.
Big impact.

Advertise Here!

Contact Monica Sankey

msankey@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x3101

Robert Fox, Manager

N.J. License No. 4371

BOYLAN

Funeral Home

10 Wooding Avenue
Edison, New Jersey 08817
(732) 572-0076

BoylanFH.com

~ family owned and operated since 1958 ~

catholicmatch®
New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/NJ

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

833-287-3502

KENNETH VERCAMMEN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Wills & Probate

2053 Woodbridge Ave.
Edison, NJ 08817

732-572-0500



www.njlaws.com

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Transfiguration of the Lord, Highland Park, NJ

04-1001