

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



July 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, July 4****Guardian Angels Church****4:00 p.m. For the Country****Sunday, July 5: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****St. Paul the Apostle Church****9:30 a.m. Dan Varady****Bill Volpe, by Carol & Joe Guchek****12:30 p.m. Por el cumpleaños de Nicolas de la Cruz
by Familia****Guardian Angels Church****8:00 a.m. Christine & John Suchanek,****by Patricia & Bernice Suchanek****Crecenciana Weinhold, by Brizuela Sisters****11:00 a.m. Wedding Anniversary of Janice &****Raymond O'Reilly, by Cathy & Tom****Teresa Albelo†, by Diane & Bill Bocchino****Monday, July 6****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. People of the Parish****Tuesday, July 7****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. Eileen Carroll Nix†****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. John McLoughlin†****Bob Cella, Danny & Betty Lou Varady****Thursday, July 9****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. The Suan Family****Friday, July 10****St. Paul the Apostle Church****8:00 a.m. Br. Januarius O'Kelly, CFC†****Saturday, July 11****Guardian Angels Church****9:00 a.m. Geraldine & Joseph Farrell****4:00 p.m. Sesinando Atienza & Family,****by Josie, Feli & Eden****Terrance L. Mc Comiskey†,****by Cathy McComiskey****Noreen Fitzgerald†, by Jean Bertolotti****Sunday, July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****St. Paul the Apostle Church****9:30 a.m. Sean Sullivan†****Birthday Anniversary of the late Franklin****S. Cumberbatch, Sr.†,****by Ruby Cumberbatch****12:30 p.m. Gloria Ferrandez Álvarez†,****by Familia Singares****Guardian Angels Church****8:00 a.m. Martin & Mary Benech,****by Patricia Suchanek****11:00 a.m. Pacita M. Manlapig†, by Daughter Gloria****Mimi Lauer†, by Jennie**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**Guardian Angels Church****Saturday, July 11 4:00 p.m.****Lectors: Michael Romano****Aleksandro Boulrieris****Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina****Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon****Sunday, July 12 8:00 a.m.****Lector: Orianna Terrado****Eucharistic Ministers: Rodel Santos****Angelo Damone****Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick****Sunday, July 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, July 12 9:30 a.m.****Lector: Brittany Meklin****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, Angelica Francois, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Maggie Keogh, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegel, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Jean & Bill 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, Alyssa Stagno, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Sean W. White, Jeanette Wiegartner, William B. Zalek, and JoAnn Zullo.

Christian One-liner**Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.****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.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. 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 250th Independence Day!

God Bless America!

250 Works of Mercy

A Catholic resource for commemorating America 250

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the U.S. bishops consecrated the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th. One opportunity for parishes and individuals to participate is by contributing to 250 Works of Mercy.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy come to us directly from the Scriptures in the Gospel of Matthew. Rooted in our lives of faith, the actions that Jesus calls us to in feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms are central elements of our Catholic identity. Pope Leo XIV instructs in *Dilexi te*, "As we contemplate Christ's love, 'we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love'" (no. 2).

Individuals and groups can participate in 250 Works of Mercy by engaging in the existing activities and efforts of their parishes, getting involved in new ways, and by participating with local and national organizations on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to the July 4th anniversary. Our works of mercy draw from the deep well of our faith and prayer, constantly reminding us that in tending to our brothers and sisters, we tend to Christ himself.

These works of mercy could take a variety of shapes, such as:

- Assisting women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Donating to food pantries and clothing closets
- Participating in a community beautification program
- Raising money for an overseas development project
- Sponsoring a refugee family
- Tutoring children
- Volunteering at homeless shelters

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

July/August: Spaghetti Dinner
 August 22: Summer 50/50 Raffle
 October 9: 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

6/28/2026

Offertory	\$5,396.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 141.00

Energy Cost

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

Shop Rite	\$ 750.00
Other Donations	\$2,127.00
Bring a Dollar	\$1,563.00
Proceeds from Picnic	\$ 967.00
Total (6/28/2026)	\$5,407.00

Parking Lots Repair

Our next project will be to repair the parking lots at both churches. Cost to be determined.



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>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Greetings Transfiguration Families!

Enrollment for our **2026-27 Program Year** is officially open!! Registration forms can be found in both churches and the parish office. Be sure to take advantage of our early-bird discount which be given to all forms received by August 14th! Should you have any questions, you can email Bridget O'Connor, PCL at edisonparish@verizon.net or call (732) 572-7497 ext. 13. We are greatly looking forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing in faith together!

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 5 de julio de 2026, Decimocuarto Domingo del 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: Carmen Chanez y Luisa Torres (7/5/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Domingo Chanes (7/5/2026)

Lectores: Ines López y Josefa Rivera (7/12/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Diacono Pedro Sánchez (7/12/2026)

EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA DILEXI TE DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV SOBRE EL AMOR HACIA LOS POBRES UN IGLESIA PARA LOS POBRES

Testigos de la pobreza evangélica

63. En el siglo XIII, ante el crecimiento de las ciudades, la concentración de riquezas y la aparición de nuevas formas de pobreza, el Espíritu Santo suscitó en la Iglesia un nuevo tipo de consagración: las Órdenes mendicantes. A diferencia del modelo monástico estable, los mendicantes adoptaron una vida itinerante, sin propiedades personales ni comunitarias, confiando plenamente en la Providencia. No sólo servían a los pobres: se hacían pobres con ellos. Consideraban la ciudad como un nuevo desierto y a los marginados como nuevos maestros espirituales. Estas Órdenes, como los franciscanos, los dominicos, los agustinos y los carmelitas, representaron una revolución evangélica, en la que el estilo de vida sencillo y pobre se convierte en un signo profético para la misión, reviviendo la experiencia de la primera comunidad cristiana (cf. Hch 4,32). El testimonio de los mendicantes desafiaba tanto la opulencia clerical como la frialdad de la sociedad urbana.

64. San Francisco de Asís se convirtió en el icono de esta primavera espiritual. Tomando la pobreza como esposa, quiso imitar al Cristo pobre, desnudo y crucificado. En su Regla, pide a los hermanos que de «nada se apropien, ni casa, ni lugar, ni cosa alguna. Y como peregrinos y forasteros en este siglo, sirviendo al Señor en pobreza y humildad, vayan por limosna confiadamente, y no deben avergonzarse, porque el Señor se hizo pobre por nosotros en este mundo». [Su vida fue un continuo despojarse: del palacio al leproso, de la elocuencia al silencio, de la posesión al don total. Francisco no fundó un servicio social, sino una fraternidad evangélica. Entre los pobres veía hermanos e imágenes vivas del Señor. Su misión era estar con ellos, por una solidaridad que superaba las distancias, por un amor compasivo. Su pobreza era relacional: lo llevaba a hacerse cercano, igual, más aún, menor. Su santidad brotaba de la convicción de que sólo se recibe verdaderamente a Cristo en la entrega generosa de sí mismo a los hermanos.

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Tricky Tray Lista de deseos de donaciones

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Artes y Manualidades	Alimentación y Bebidas	Viajes y experiencias
Joyas hechas a mano	Certificados de Restaurantes	Escapada de fin de semana
Obra de arte	Cerveza/Vino/Licores	Entradas para el club de comedia
Papelería	Vistas a cervecerías	Pases de parque de atracciones
	Clases de cocina	
Salud y Belleza	Clases de Preparación de Tragos	Deportes
Certificados de Spa	Clases de Decoración de Pasteles	Golf
Certificados de masaje	Accesorios para el Bar	Equipamiento para cualquier deporte
Certificados de Manicuras y pedicuras	Café y accesorios para Estación de Café	Memorabilia deportivos
Servicios de Salón		Carreras de coches
Membresías deportivas	Casa y Jardín	
	Artículos artesanales para el hogar	Entrenamiento/Cultura Pop
Moda	Mantenimiento de automóviles	Entradas para conciertos
Prendas y accesorios Personalizados	Servicios de jardinería/jardinería	Entradas de cine
Ropa Infantil	Accesorios y Herramientas de jardín	Entradas para teatro
Ropa femenina	Limpieza de Canales Pluviales	Objetos de Star Wars
Ropa masculina	Limpieza de ventanas	Disney
Joyería	Kit de Preparación para Emergencias	
	Coleccionables/Recuerdos	Electrodomésticos
Hijos y familia	Lavados de coches	Microondas
Eventos familiares	Artículos Americana (banderas)	Cafetera
Fotos familiares profesionales		Máquina de hielo: sobre la mesa
Juquetes/Libros	Electrónica	Aspiradoras
Juegos	Kindle	Horno tostador
	Productos Apple	Air Fryer
Amigos Peludos	Fitbit/Rastreador de pasos	Slow Cooker
Suministros Para mascotas	Tableta	Steamer
Servicios de peluquería para Mascotas	Portátil	Hand Mixer
Cuidado de mascotas	Televisión	
Paseo para mascotas	Consolas de videojuegos	
	Máquina de refrescos espumosos	

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

Witnesses of Evangelical Poverty

63. In the thirteenth century, faced with the growth of cities, the concentration of wealth and the emergence of new forms of poverty, the Holy Spirit gave rise to a new type of consecration in the Church: the mendicant orders. Unlike the stable monastic model, mendicants adopted an itinerant life, without personal or communal property, entrusting themselves entirely to providence. They did not merely serve the poor: they made themselves poor with them. They saw the city as a new desert and the marginalized as new spiritual teachers. These orders, such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians and Carmelites, represented an evangelical revolution, in which a simple and poor lifestyle became a prophetic sign for mission, reviving the experience of the first Christian community (cf. Acts 4:32). The witness of the mendicants challenged both clerical opulence and the coldness of urban society.

64. Saint Francis of Assisi became the icon of this spiritual springtime. By embracing poverty, he wanted to imitate Christ, who was poor, naked and crucified. In his Rule, he asks that "the brothers should not appropriate anything, neither house, nor place, nor anything else. And as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, they should go about begging with confidence, and should not be ashamed, because the Lord made himself poor for us in this world." His life was one of continuous self-emptying: from the palace to the leper, from eloquence to silence, from possession to total gift. Francis did not found a social service organization, but an evangelical fraternity. In the poor, he saw brothers and sisters, living images of the Lord. His mission was to be with them, and he did so through a solidarity that overcame distances and a compassionate love. Francis Poverty was relational: it led him to become a neighbor, equal to, or indeed lesser than others. His holiness sprang from the conviction that Christ can only be truly received by giving oneself generously to one's brothers and sisters.

Transfiguration of the Lord
St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry

Hunger does not recognize a special time of the year and doesn't happen to just the poor. It does not recognize color or religious beliefs, but it happens. When jobs are lost, or when illness brings unplanned medical expenses, it happens. It happens to your friends, your neighbors, and even members of your own family. You might not know about their plight, but it is there. We do our best to help them and when our pantry is full, we can.

The types of food needed are:

cereal	tuna fish	canned vegetables and fruit
pasta	tomato sauce	boxed macaroni and cheese
baked beans	soup	peanut butter
jelly/jam	canned meat products (ravioli, stews, etc.)	rice
boxed or canned potatoes	canned milk	crackers

Hunger happens 365 days a year. Please help us feed those who need help. Thank you and God Bless You!

**Facility Manager Position for Blessed Sacrament
Church in Martinsville NJ**



The Facilities Manager oversees the maintenance, operation, safety, and appearance of all parish buildings and grounds, ensuring facilities effectively support worship, faith formation, ministries, and community activities.

This role coordinates facility projects, repairs, and improvements; supervises one Parish Janitor; and reports to the Pastor. This is a service-oriented position requiring strong relationship-building skills with clergy, staff, volunteers, ministry leaders, parishioners, contractors, and visitors. Hours: Part-time, typically 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., three days per week (flexible). Additional hours may be required for major projects, events, or emergencies. The Facilities Manager serves as the primary contact for facility emergencies and is expected to be reasonably available outside normal hours when needed.

**2026 Children's Choir Summer Camp
August 10-14 & August 16**

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its **4th ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR CAMP** for all high school students, and rising 3rd-8th grade students. Students from any parish within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ! Additionally, the choristers will reconvene on Sunday, August 16, to sing for the 12 Noon Mass at the Cathedral and will have a BBQ after Mass. Tuition for the week is \$250.00, and need-based scholarships are available. No choristers are turned away! For registration information, please contact Christ Deibert at Music@StFrancisCathedral.org.

Celebrate Life
A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

**Aging Well:
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, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

**Thursday, July 23, 2026
9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

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

The event is free, but registration is required.

Scan the QR code to register

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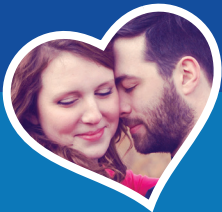
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