

# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



July 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Access from corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & 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.



## 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, July 11**Guardian Angels Church

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

**Monday, July 13**St. Paul the Apostle Church8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish****Tuesday, July 14**Guardian Angels Church9:00 a.m. **Brother Switin Forde, CFC†****Wednesday, July 15**St. Paul the Apostle Church8:00 a.m. **Dan Varady****Thursday, July 16**Guardian Angels Church9:00 a.m. **Frances Colasuonno†**, by Family**Friday, July 17**St. Paul the Apostle Church8:00 a.m. **For the Sick****Saturday, July 18**Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Frank Colasuonno†**, by Family  
4:00 p.m. **Susan Keyes**, by Family  
**Natividad Atienza & Family**,  
by Josie, Feli & Eden  
**Noreen Fitzgerald†**, by Joan Zanistowski  
**Jacqueline Afonso†**, by Cathy White

**Sunday, July 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Bill Volpe**  
12:30 p.m. **Por las Personas de la Parroquia**

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Francesco Colasuonno†**, by Family  
11:00 a.m. **Margaret & Clifton Berlet†**, by Family  
**Hugh Mc. Court†**, by Staples Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULEGuardian Angels Church**Saturday, July 18** 4:00 p.m.**Lector:** Mary Anne Day**Eucharistic Minister:** Carla Guerreiro

**Ushers:** R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon  
**Sunday, July 19** 8:00 a.m.

**Lectors:** Edna Ramirez

Carl Tenchavez

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gloria Ramirez**Ushers:** A. Damone, M. Mehalick**Sunday, July 19** 11:00 a.m.**Lector:** Louis Zappo**Eucharistic Minister:** Stella Salamante**Ushers:** T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. WeirSt. Paul the Apostle Church**Sunday, July 19** 9:30 a.m.**Lectors:** Ellen Maughan

Athanasios Boulteris

**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/](http://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 Kriegl, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Argentina de Mauriz, Jean & Bill Mikita, Bob Neller, 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**

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Lenten Project: Thank You**

One of the missions we helped with our parish Lenten Project this year, was to help build a new church for the community of St. Paul's Church in the Diocese of Cheyenne, WY. Please see below several thank you notes from Fr. Brian Hess, Pastor, Troy Bifulco, Lay Director.



Fr Abraham and Transfiguration Parish  
Thank you for your incredible gift to St Paul's in Sundance! The parish has been working on this project since before I arrived in 2019, and were very close to breaking ground. Your generous gift is incredibly helpful, and it demonstrates that we really are One Body in Christ! May God bless you for your generosity! In Christ,  
Fr Brian Hess

Dear Fr Abraham and Parishioners,

I'm a parishioner of St Paul's Catholic Church in Sundance, WY. I wanted to Thank you for your generous gift. It is a humbling experience to receive such a generous gift from catholic family we have never met.

We are a small parish community in the town of Sundance, WY (population 1200) people. Our parish is made up of roughly 85 families. Our Community is set in the Black hills of Wyoming 15 miles west of South Dakota. It is a pretty rural. We are an hour from Mount Rushmore.

Thank you for being the Lords hands and feet in our community. We recently got the bids for our project from the Architect and they come back significantly more than we expected. The gift you have given us helps us to bridge that gap and offers us hope. We will continue to trust in Gods plan for our parish, offering our humble project to St Joseph and our Blessed Mother in our Masses. You ~~will~~ will be in my prayers

If you end up near Sundance in the Black Hills,

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026**

July/August: Spaghetti Dinner TBD  
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**

|                       | <u>7/5/2026</u>   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Offertory</b>      | <b>\$5,797.00</b> |
| <b>Shop Rite</b>      | <b>\$ 150.00</b>  |
| <b>Bring a Dollar</b> | <b>\$ 188.00</b>  |

**Parking Lots Repair**

Our next project will be to repair the parking lots at both Churches. Cost as follows:

LoChiatto Paving: Guardian Angels: Repair parking lot in several sections, strip off first layer of Asphalt, sweep clean and apply tack coat, install 2 to 3 inches of black top: **\$13,741.00**

Liberty Lines: Cracks clean and fill with vulcanized rubber and re-stripe all existing markings at both churches: **\$ 7,505.00**

**Total cost: \$21,246.00**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Shop Rite</b>      | <b>\$150.00</b> |
| <b>Bring a Dollar</b> | <b>\$188.00</b> |
| <b>Total (7/5/26)</b> | <b>\$338.00</b> |



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**Religious Education News**

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 14<sup>th</sup>! Should you have any questions, you can email Bridget O'Connor, PCL at [edisonparish@verizon.net](mailto: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, 12 de julio de 2026, Decimoquinto 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:** Ines López y Josefa Rivera (7/12/2026)

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

**Lectores:** Bertha Rojas y Cristobalina Gutoerrez (7/19/2026)

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**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.

INSCRÍBANSE  
PARA LA  
EDUCACIÓN  
RELIGIOSA

La inscripción para nuestro **Año del Programa 2026-27** ya está oficialmente abierta.

Los formularios de registro están disponibles en ambas Iglesias y en la Oficina Parroquial. Asegúrese de aprovechar nuestro descuento por inscripción temprana, el cual se aplicará a todos los formularios recibidos antes del 14 de agosto. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con Bridget

O'Connor, PCL, escribiendo a edisonparish@verizon.net o llamando al (732) 572-7497 ext. 13. ¡Esperamos con mucha alegría otro maravilloso año de aprendizaje y crecimiento en la fe juntos!

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**DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV  
SOBRE EL AMOR HACIA LOS POBRES**

**Un Iglesia para los Pobres**

**Testigos de la pobreza evangélica**

65. Santa Clara de Asís, inspirada por Francisco, fundó la Orden de las Damas Pobres, más tarde llamadas clarisas. Su lucha espiritual consistió en mantener fielmente el ideal de la pobreza radical. Rechazó los privilegios pontificios que podrían garantizar la seguridad material de su monasterio y, con firmeza, obtuvo del Papa Gregorio IX el llamado Privilegium Paupertatis, que garantizaba el derecho a vivir sin poseer ningún bien material. Esta opción expresaba la confianza total en Dios y la conciencia de que la pobreza voluntaria era una forma de libertad y de profecía. Clara enseñaba a sus hermanas que Cristo era su única herencia y que nada debía oscurecer la comunión con Él. Su vida orante y oculta fue un grito contra la mundanidad y una defensa silenciosa de los pobres y olvidados.

**AYUDA PARA VENEZUELA**

**¡Podemos apoyar a Venezuela!**

Tras los dos fuertes terremotos que sacudieron el norte de Venezuela el 24 de junio, **Catholic Relief Services** —en representación de los católicos de Estados Unidos— está trabajando en colaboración con Cáritas Venezuela para responder ante este desastre. Juntos, atienden las prioridades más urgentes identificadas sobre el terreno. Como católicos, nos podemos solidarizar con el pueblo venezolano mediante la oración y las donaciones que multiplican el impacto de la ayuda. Cada donativo es una bendición para un pueblo que ahora debe afrontar esta situación, en medio de la crisis económica y social más profunda que ha vivido desde 2015.

Para donar, por favor visite [www.crs.org/es](http://www.crs.org/es).

## CHURCH FOR THE POOR

65. Saint Clare of Assisi, who was inspired by Francis, founded the Order of Poor Ladies, later called the Poor Clares. Her spiritual struggle consisted in faithfully maintaining the ideal of radical poverty. She refused the papal privileges that could have guaranteed material security for her monastery and, with firmness, obtained from Pope Gregory IX the so-called *Privilegium Paupertatis*, which guaranteed the right to live without any material goods. This choice expressed her total trust in God and her awareness that voluntary poverty was a form of freedom and prophecy. Clare taught her sisters that Christ was their only inheritance and that nothing should obscure their communion with him. Her prayerful and hidden life was a cry against worldliness and a silent defense of the poor and forgotten.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly

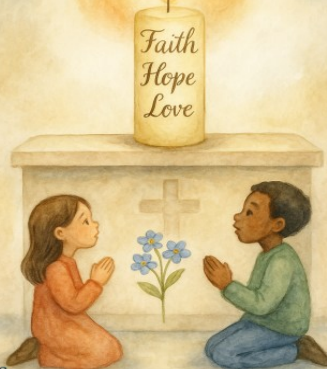
## LIGHT A CANDLE

in grateful thanks for

## Our Beloved Grandparents & Elderly

26 July 2026

*Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Lost Hope*



## DURING MASS

invite families to light a candle for all Grandparents and the Elderly—honoring their fidelity, prayers, and love. Place a dedicated candle near the altar or Marian shrine.

## AT HOME

light a candle in gratitude for living Grandparents and the Elderly or in memory of those who have passed. Pray together: "Lord, bless those who taught us to hope in You."

## GRANDPARENTS NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

## Cathedral Letters Concepts:

Has informed us that July ***Offering Envelopes*** will be delayed. If you still have older envelopes, please feel free to use them, or you may use the envelopes available in the church. You are also welcome to sign up for **e-GIVING**. Please see page 3 for more information.

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6-25-26

Dear Fr. Abraham  $\frac{2}{1}$

parashiners of Transfiguration of the Lord,

My name is Mary. I am one of the directors of St. Paul's in Sundance, Wyoming. I want to extend gratitude on behalf of myself and our parishoners for the generous donation you are making toward the construction of our new church. This project has been a labor of love for our parishoners for the past several years. We have worked tirelessly raising money for the building & we are getting very close to breaking ground. Your generous donation will move us one step closer. God is good & your parish is a shining example of this! I will be praying that God rewards you for your generosity. I will close with Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased."

Thank you & God Bless!

Mary Henastler, Director St. Paul's Sundance, WY

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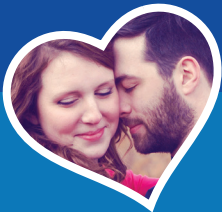
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