

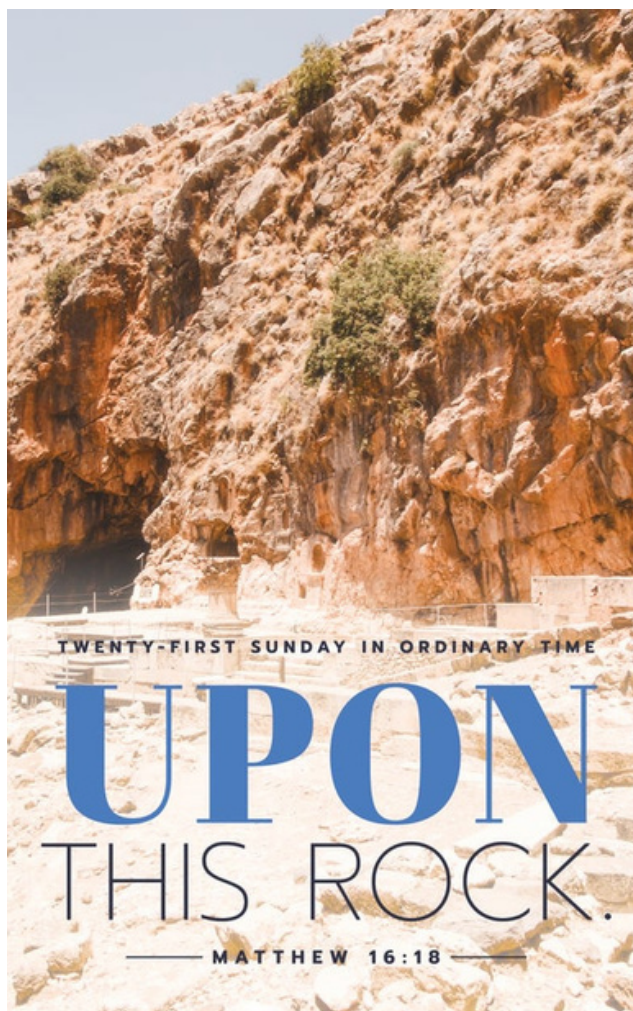


TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

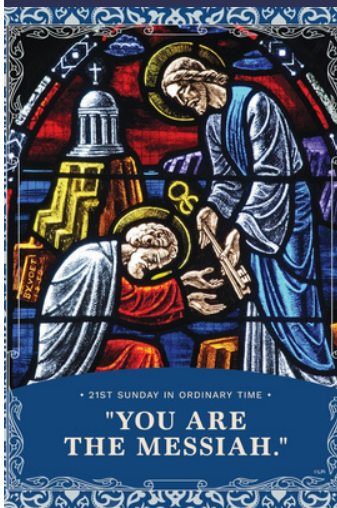


AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.



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.

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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN THE 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

MASS SCHEDULE

GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday | 9:00 a.m.
Thursday | 9:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.
Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
or by appointment

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday | 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION

By appointment

ROSARY

Sunday | 11:30 p.m. (Spanish)

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH OUR LADY EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday | 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday | 8:00 a.m.
Friday | 8:00 a.m.

CONTACT US!

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, August 29 4:00 p.m.

- Lector: John Melnick
- Eucharistic Minister: Hermie Tenchavez
- Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, August 30 8:00 a.m.

- Lector: Orianna Terrado
- Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez
- Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, August 30 11:00 a.m.

- Lector: Pete Staples
- Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina
- Ushers: T. Sinkler, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, June 28 9:30 a.m.

- Lector: Ann Studden,
- Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro
- Ushers: J. Adadevoh

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, Ernesto De Leon, 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 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, 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. † George Lawrence & Daniel Fasano, by Family

4:00 p.m. † Noreen Fitzgerald, by Kathleen Resko Brock

4:00 p.m. † Ralph F. del Rocco, by Moira Dwyer-Del Rocco

4:00 p.m. † Jaqueline Afonso, by Jean Bertolotti

Sunday, August 23

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. For the 61st wedding anniversary of Frank and

Sharon Loftus

12:30 p.m. Por las victimas de los terremotos en Colombia y en Venezuela

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Mary Anne Conlon, by Patricia Suchanek

11:00 a.m. † Sam Garruto, by Dolores LeVan

11:00 a.m. † Stephen Sloss, by Gloria Rada

Monday, August 24

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 25

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. † Maria Cruz, by Daughter and Law and Family

Wednesday, August 26

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:00 a.m. Dan Varady

Thursday, August 27

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Bill Volpe

Friday, August 28

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Bunny Leonard, by Patrick Rizco

Saturday, August 29

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. † Stephen Sloss, by Mystical Rose Praesidium

4:00 p.m. † Noreen Fitzgerald, by Cathy McComiskey

4:00 p.m. † Stephen Sloss, by Cathy McComiskey

Sunday, August 30

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. † Jack Brennan

9:30 a.m. Dan Varady & Family, by Karaen Mohamed

12:30 p.m. † Por el descanso de Johnny Serrano Jr.,

by Familia Singares Samudio

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. For the sick

11:00 a.m. Margaret & Clifton Berle, by Family

11:00 a.m. † Stephen Sloss, by Diane Ciotta & Tommy

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

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.

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Newly consecrated church in Mattawa, WA to accommodate massive growth

In 2025, for our Lenten Project, our parish helped the community of Mattawa, WA, in the expansion of their church to accommodate more people. On July 31st this year, their new church was inaugurated. Below are pictures of before and after.

Before



After



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 26: Spaguetti Dinner

October 4: Communion Brunch

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

8/16/2026

Offertory:	\$4,940.00
Missionary Coop.:	\$1,794.00
Bring a Dollar:	\$ 179.00

Parking Lots Repair

Shop Rite	\$ 450.00
Bring a Dollar	\$1,509.00
Other Donations	\$6,280.00
Total (8/16/2026):	\$8,239.00



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.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

WE ARE COLLECTING BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WILL NEED HELP. ITEMS SUCH AS PENCILS, ERASERS, NOTEBOOKS, BACKPACK, ART SUPPLIES, OR PERSONAL ITEMS LIKE A LUNCHBOX AND REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE CAN BE DONATED. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS AND PUT THEM IN A DESIGNATED BOX AT BOTH CHURCHES.



Blessed Stanley Rother: American Martyr

American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story is coming to theaters on August 25 & 26 (English) and August 27 (En Español). The feature-length documentary narrated by Golden Globe and Emmy Award winning actor Martin Sheen, follows the life, death and impact of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest from Oklahoma, who served the indigenous Tzu'tujil people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala until his martyrdom during the Guatemalan Civil War. Celebrate the power of community and take a group from our parish to the movies: <https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>

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.

**LE INVITAMOS A REZAR EL ROSARIO
TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LAS 11:30 A.M.**



**Salva Vidas a través de
CRS y Caritas.
Ayuda a las personas
del Terremoto en
Venezuela y en
Colombia**

**Lectores: Guadalupe Diaz e
Irene Manzanares (8/23/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Pedro Sanchez
(9/6/2026)**

**Lectores: Luisa Torres y Cristobalina
Gutierrez (8/30/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe
Lucero (8/30/2026)**

Membresía Parroquia

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.

EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA

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

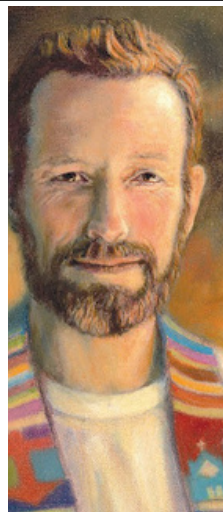
La Iglesia y la educación de los pobres

70. Ya en el siglo XIX, también en Francia, san Marcelino Champagnat fundó el Instituto de los Hermanos Maristas de las Escuelas, «sensible a las necesidades espirituales y educativas de su época, especialmente a la ignorancia religiosa y a las situaciones de abandono que vivía particularmente la juventud», dedicándose de lleno, en una época en la que el acceso a la educación era todavía privilegio de unos pocos, a la misión de educar y evangelizar a los niños y jóvenes, sobre todo a los más necesitados. Con el mismo espíritu, en Turín, san Juan Bosco inició la obra salesiana, basada en los tres principios del “sistema preventivo” —razón, religión y amor— y el beato Antonio Rosmini fundó el Instituto de la Caridad, en el que la “caridad intelectual” —junto con la “material” y, en la cúspide, la “espiritual-pastoral”— se presentaba como una dimensión indispensable para cualquier acción caritativa que mirase al bien y al desarrollo integral de la persona.

INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Los formularios para nuestro Programa 2026-2027 de Educación Religiosa están disponibles en ambas Iglesias y en la oficina parroquial.

Si tiene alguna pregunta favor comunicarse con Bridget O'Connor al email: edisonparish@verizon.net o llamando al (732) 572-7497 ext 13.



American Martyr: La historia de Stanley

Rother llega a los cines el 27 de agosto (en español). Este inspirador documental, narrado por el Padre Rafael Capó, sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Misionero Papal de la Misericordia por nombramiento del Papa Francisco, cuenta la extraordinaria historia del Beato

Stanley Rother, un sacerdote estadounidense de Oklahoma que entregó su vida al servicio del pueblo tz'utujil de Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. Descubre el legado de fe, amor y entrega que lo convirtió en el primer sacerdote nacido en Estados Unidos, reconocido como mártir. ¡Celebra el poder de la comunidad! Réune a tu parroquia y vivan juntos esta inspiradora historia de fe en la pantalla grande.

<https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
DILEXI TE
OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
TO ALL CHRISTIANS
ON LOVE FOR THE POOR**

The Church and the education of the poor

70. In the nineteenth century, also in France, Saint Marcellin Champagnat founded the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. "He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situation of neglect experienced in a particular way by the young." He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the mission of educating and evangelizing children and young people, especially those most in need, during a period when access to education continued to be the privilege of a few. In the same spirit, Saint John Bosco began the great work of the Salesians in Italy based on the three principles of the "preventive method" — reason, religion, and loving kindness. Blessed Antonio Rosmini founded the Institute of Charity, in which "intellectual charity" was placed alongside "material charity," with "spiritual-pastoral charity" at the top, as an indispensable dimension of any charitable action aimed at the good and integral development of the person.

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:

Religious Education

Registration forms for our **2026-2027 Program Year** can be found in both churches and the parish office. Should you have any questions, you can email Bridget O'Connor, PCL at edisonparish@verizon.net or call (732) 572-7497 ext. 13.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA). The Order of the Christian Initiation, OCIA, is the ordinary way in which adults who were not raised in the Catholic Faith become initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Who is the OCIA for? It is for adults from all walks of life who consider joining the Catholic Church: someone who was baptized Catholic, but never received any other Sacraments:

- Someone who was baptized into a different faith.
- Someone who was never baptized and is beginning their faith journey.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish would like your help in recommending names of potential candidates for our upcoming OCIA Program. Perhaps you have thought about becoming a Catholic yourself, or maybe you know a family member or a friend who might be interested. Please contact Fr. Abraham or the parish office for more information.



Bakeless Bake Sale

Saturday, August 29 & Sunday, August 30
At All Masses

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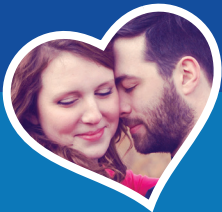
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