

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



September 20, 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.

HOLYDAYS 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 9:00 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

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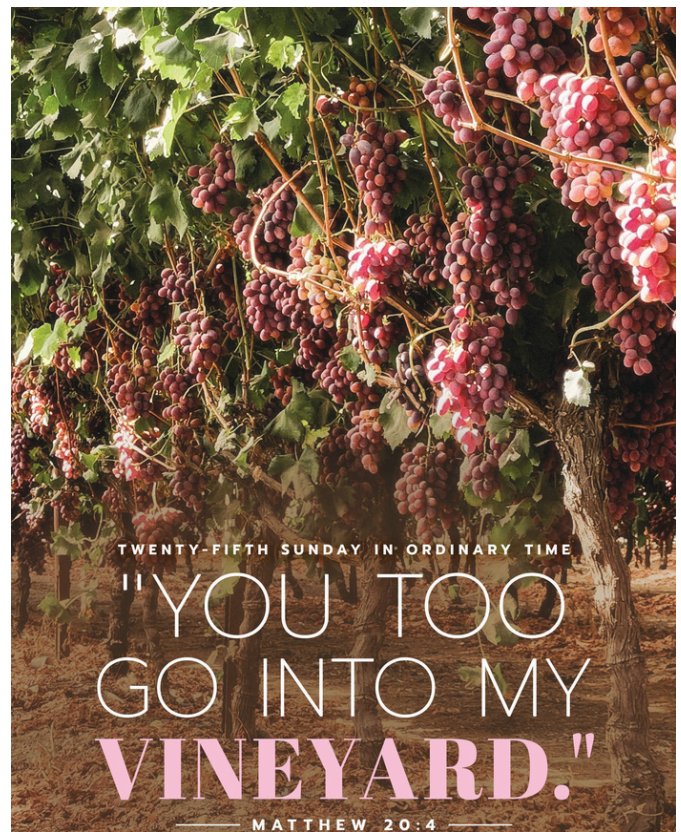
Parish Membership: We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. The parish cannot issue certificates 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.

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 INTENTION**Saturday, September 19****Guardian Angels Church**

4:00 p.m. †Noreen Fitzgerald, *by Friends*
 †Jaqueline Afonso & †Stephen Sloss,
by Karen Mohamed
 Family Anniversaries, *by Bill & Patti Klimashousky*

Sunday, September 20**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. †Daniel "Dan" Varady, *by Rita & John Ferrara*
 †Bill Volpe, *by Peg Majaros*
 12:30 p.m. Por el cumpleaños de Amelia Aguayo, *by Familia*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Briska Family, *by Patricia Suchanek*
 11:00 a.m. †Joan Gage, *by Michael & Brian Pickett*
 †Jane & Thomas Oneil, *by Mary Hannah*

Monday, September 21**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 22**Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. †Noreen Fitzgerald, *by Cathy McComiskey*
 †Stanley Zolnierowicz, *by Pat Rinaldi*

Wednesday, September 23**St. Paul the Apostle Church**8:00 a.m. †Daniel "Dan" Varady, *by Cathy McComiskey***Thursday, September 24****Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. Religious Sisters of Mercy

Friday, September 25**St. Paul the Apostle Church**8:00 a.m. †William "Bill" Volpe, Jr., *by Ed & Kim Krupa***Saturday, September 26****Guardian Angels Church**

9:00 a.m. †Greg Tufaro, *by Virginia White*
 4:00 p.m. †Edilberto Zoleta & Family, *by Josie, Feli & Eden*
 †Noreen Fitzgerald, *by Nelida Colon*
 Felipe de la Cruz, *by Familia*

Sunday, September 27**St. Paul the Apostle Church**

9:30 a.m. †John Terence Dealy
 †William "Bill" Volpe, Jr., *by Cathy McComiskey*
 †Daniel "Dan" Varady, *by Judith & Anthony Pochesci*
 12:30 p.m. Isabella De la Cruz, *by Familia*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. †Catherine McMorro Kealey
 11:00 a.m. †Amelio Angelini, *by Gianni Lorena & Massimo Citeroni*
 †Stephen Sloss, *by Dolores Le Van*

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 Angel Church****Saturday, September 26** 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Jason Biskupek
 Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro
 Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

Sunday, September 27 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 27 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Katie Farrar
 Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante
 Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church**Sunday, September 27** 9:30 a.m.

Lector: Ellen Maughan
 Eucharistic Minister: Betty Lou Varady
 Ushers: John 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, Janice Berle, Ann Belsky, Lucca Bernal, Hazel Blackwell, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, Ernesto De León, 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 Jo Ann 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.



Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
has appointed

Most Rev. Michael A. Saporito

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark

as

Bishop of Metuchen

**Pope Leo XIV Appoints Bishop Michael Saporito as
Bishop of Metuchen**

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Michael A. Saporito, an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, as the Bishop of Metuchen. Ordained to the Priesthood in 1992, he has been a Bishop since 2020.



Blessing of Catechists on Sunday, September 13 at St. Paul's

**Mass Book 2027 will open on Tuesday, September 29.
If you have more than one intention, please send your
complete list to the Parish Office.**

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
Guardian Angels Hall

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, September 26, 2026
5:00 PM

DINNER INCLUDES:

- SPAGHETTI
- MEATBALLS
- SAUSAGE (SWEET AND HOT)
- GRATED CHEESE
- DESSERTS
- SOFT DRINKS / COFFEE / TEA

BYOB

Children 10 and under are free.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

September 26: Spaghetti 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

9/13/2026

Offertory: \$4,692.00
 Shop Rite: \$ 50.00
 Bring a Dollar: \$ 234.00

Parking Lots Repair

Shop Rite \$ 650.00
 Bring a Dollar \$ 2,326.00
 Other Donations \$10,015.00
 Total (9/13/2026): \$12,991.00

Guardian Angels Parking Lot Repairs Final Cost.
 Repairs (patching) in several sections. Strip off first
 layer of Asphalt sweep clean and apply tack coat Install
 2 to 3 inches of black top: \$19,141.00.

Cleaning cracks of all dirt and debris, all grass
 removed, cracks filled with hot vulcanized rubber and
 leveled off: \$10,862.

Total Cost: **\$30,003.00**



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 (866)930-4774 x6.

Second Collection

The **Second Collection** for this weekend will be to help with
 the **Energy Cost** for our parish. Please be as generous as
 your means allow.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
PARISH

Cake Sale

at
GUARDIAN ANGELS

Saturday, September 26th 3:30 PM-6:00PM
 Sunday, September 27th 9:00 AM to Noon

Take Home
something Yummy!

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 Cake & Cookies & Pies & Brownies &
 Cupcakes & Muffins & Special Treats too!

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 Irene Manzanera (9/20/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Deacono Ubaldo Valdes (9/20/2026)

Lectores: Ines Lopez & Cristobalina Gutierrez (9/27/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Domingo Chanez (9/27/2026)

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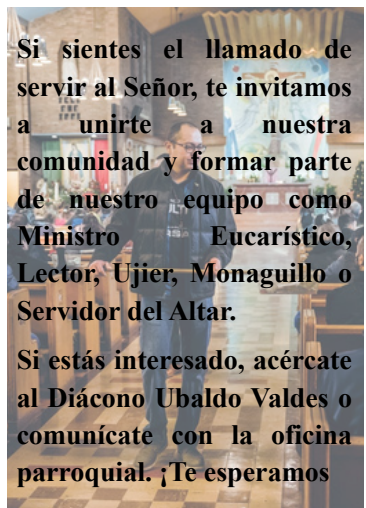
**DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV
SOBRE EL AMOR HACIA LOS POBRES**

Acompañar a los migrantes

74. En el siglo XIX, cuando millones de europeos emigraban en busca de mejores condiciones de vida, dos grandes santos se destacaron en la atención pastoral de los migrantes: san Juan Bautista Scalabrini y santa Francisca Javier Cabrini. Scalabrini, obispo de Piacenza, fundó los Misioneros de San Carlos para acompañar a los migrantes en sus comunidades de destino, ofreciéndoles asistencia espiritual, jurídica y material. Veía en los migrantes destinatarios de una nueva evangelización, alertando sobre los riesgos de la explotación y la pérdida de la fe en tierra extranjera. Respondiendo con generosidad al carisma que el Señor le había concedido, «Scalabrini miraba más allá, miraba hacia el futuro, hacia un mundo y una Iglesia sin barreras, sin extranjeros». Santa Francisca Cabrini, nacida en Italia y naturalizada estadounidense, se convirtió en la primera ciudadana de los Estados Unidos en ser canonizada. Para cumplir su misión de atender a los emigrantes, cruzó el Atlántico varias veces e «impulsada por una singular audacia, empezó de la nada la construcción de escuelas, hospitales y orfanatos para multitud de desheredados que se aventuraban a buscar trabajo en el nuevo mundo, sin conocer la lengua y sin medios que les permitieran una inserción digna en la sociedad norteamericana, en la que a menudo eran víctimas de personas sin escrúpulos. Su corazón materno, que no se resignaba jamás, llegaba a ellos dondequiera que se encontraran: en los tugurios, en las cárceles y en las minas». En el Año Santo de 1950, el Papa Pío XII la proclamó patrona de todos los migrantes.



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



Si sientes el llamado de servir al Señor, te invitamos a unírte a nuestra comunidad y formar parte de nuestro equipo como Ministro Eucarístico, Lector, Ujier, Monaguillo o Servidor del Altar.

Si estás interesado, acércate al Diácono Ubaldo Valdes o comunícate con la oficina parroquial. ¡Te esperamos

Su Santidad, el Papa León XIV, ha designado al ***Excelentísimo Mons. Michael A. Saporito*** — quien se desempeñaba como Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Newark— como el Obispo de la Diócesis de Metuchen. El Obispo Saporito recibió la ordenación sacerdotal en 1992 y ejerce el ministerio desde el año 2020.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND STEWARDSHIP 2026

Called to Ministry & Service: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10. Transfiguration of the Lord Parish offers various ministry opportunities to grow in faith and service. We encourage all of our parishioners to serve in some way as part of their faith. Please call the parish office at (732) 572-0977 if you want to volunteer for any of the following areas of parish life:

Altar Servers: Children (grades 4 and up) serve at Sunday and Holy Day Masses in Church. Training is provided. Adults are welcome to serve at the Sunday Masses.

Lectors: Proclaim the Word of God at the Sunday Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation and read announcements. Junior Lectors for grades 5 to 12 are invited to join the Lector ministry.

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers help the clergy in distributing the body and blood of our Lord during Mass. They also bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass because of illness or advanced age.

Ushers: The Ushers greet parishioners coming to celebrate the Eucharistic celebration. They are responsible for seating the congregation, guiding them at times of movement, preparing the Offertory procession, taking up the collection, and distributing the Church bulletin.

Counters: These volunteers assume the responsibility of counting and banking the Sunday and Holy day collections.

Music Ministry/Choir: Serve God and the parish community through music leadership at the liturgies. Encourages participation of musical persons of all ages and musical talents.

St. Vincent De Paul: Volunteers help distribute food every to those in need in Edison and Highland Park.

Social Committee: Members help organize social events of the parish.

Decoration Committees (Guardian Angels and St. Paul's): These Committees are responsible for decorating Guardian Angels and St. Paul's churches for Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and other important days during the year.

Grounds Committees (Guardian Angels and St. Paul's): Committee members look after gardening and landscaping parish grounds at Guardian Angels and St. Paul's.

Ministry to the Homebound: Extraordinary Communion Ministers bring Communion to homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

Catechists for Religious Education: Our catechetical program is designed to support parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children. The catechists are dedicated volunteers, who are committed to the Church and want to share their faith with young people. You can volunteer as a catechist, aide, or office helper.

ATTENTION MEN – our Knights of Columbus Council needs YOU!:

Our Knights of Columbus St. Paul Council #6306 invites all men to join us in serving our parish and community. Our "band of brothers" strives to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through service, prayer, formation, and fraternity. Our first meeting is this Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting attendance is encouraged but not required – all that is required is a desire to serve and to grow in faith! For more information, please email us at kofc6306@yahoo.com or call Brian Szura at (908) 421-1242.

Rosary Altar Society

The mission of the Rosary Altar Society is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayers, recitation of the Rosary and helping in the beautification of the church by providing fresh flowers on the altar. We meet every first Sunday of the month except January, February, July and August. We pray the rosary prior to each meeting in the hall after the 11:00 am Mass at Guardian Angels Church. We have activities like the bake sale, bakeless bake sale, the Annual Communion Brunch, the Rosary Rally in the Grotto, the Holy Hour in November, and the Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent. If you are interested to be a member, please contact Lourdes or fill the card in the back of the church, or call the parish office.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. In our parish, members meet once a week, every Saturday at 10:00 am in the Legion room for prayer, planning and discussion. Then, members work each week in pairs. Works include parishioner visitation, visits to the sick and aged, visits to the nursing homes, pilgrim Virgin Statue visits and meeting other spiritual needs of the parish community. The Legion is in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor. If you are interested to be a member, please contact Gloria Rada or fill the card in the back of the church, or call the parish office.

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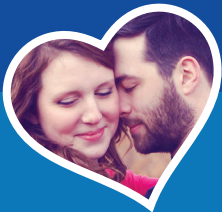
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