

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



September 27, 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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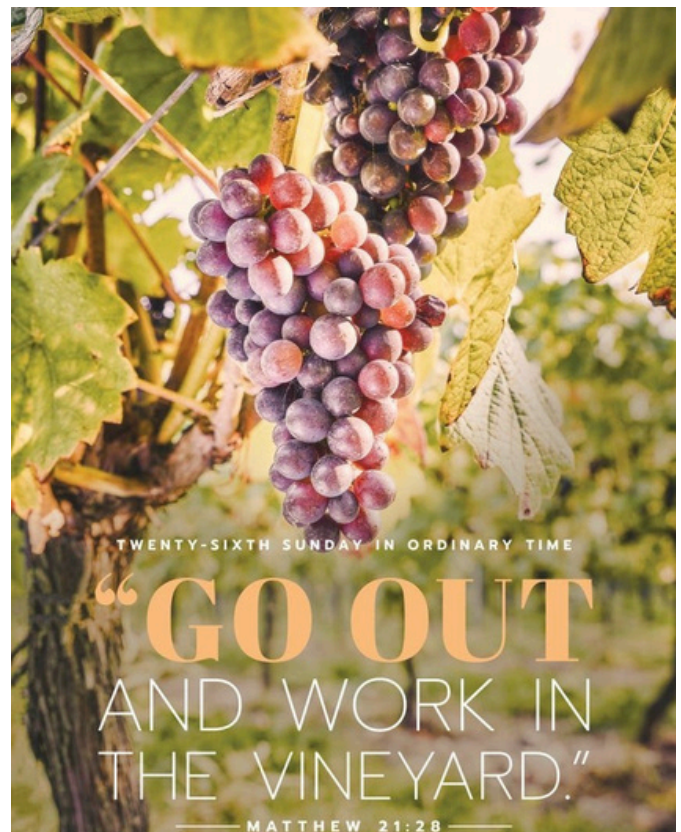
Parish Membership: We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. The parish cannot issue certificates 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.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”**

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, September 26

Guardian Angels Church

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

Monday, September 28

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 29

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. †Michael James Scanlon

Wednesday, September 30

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. †William "Bill" Volpe Jr., by Mary Anne Day

Thursday, October 1

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Paul Krebbs

Friday, September 25

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. †John & Jean Scanlon Petraglia

Saturday, September 26

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the 1963 CFC's
4:00 p.m. †Lucy Ciccolini, by Maria Ciccolini
†Noreen Fitzgerald, by Maria Sanchez
†Terrance L. McComiskey, by Cathy McComiskey

Sunday, September 27

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. †William "Bill" Volpe, Jr., by Mary Ann Pochinski
†Daniel "Dan" Varady, by Ray & Kathleen Joraskie

12:30 p.m. †Maria Ines Tulipano, by Maria Singares

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. †Inocencia Lopez, by Daughter Iris Caffiero
11:00 a.m. Jeanette & Thomas Callanan, by Family & Catherine and Tom Callanan
†Michael B. Murphy, by Jim & Chris Burke
Sesinando Atienza & Family, by Josie, Feli & Eden

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, Octubre 3 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Michele Pickett

Eucharistic Minister: Vivian Luna

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

Sunday, Octubre 4 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ryan Salamante

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodel Santos
Angelo Damone

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, Octubre 4 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Peter Staple

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Barta

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

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, Octubre 4 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Jobbins

Aaliyah Rectos

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro

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.



Welcome Bishop Michael Saporito

On Tuesday, September 15, 2026 it was announced that Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Michael Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, as Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen.

"I am deeply grateful and humbled that Pope Leo XIV has called me to serve as the Bishop of Metuchen. While it is not easy to leave the people and places that have formed and sustained me, I welcome this new mission with trust in the Holy Spirit. I look forward to meeting the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese, walking with them as we seek to follow Jesus Christ and bear witness to the hope of the Gospel," Bishop Saporito said.

Bishop Saporito was born on May 3, 1962, in Newark NJ to the late Arsenio and Anna Saporito. He is the third child of four children,

He was raised in Bloomfield and attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School and Paul VI Regional High School in Clifton. Graduating from Rutgers University Newark in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, he was employed in public accounting for three years after graduation. He entered Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in Sept. of 1987 and was ordained a priest on May 30, 1992.

Bishop Saporito served in parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark throughout his years in ministry. He has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's Church in West Orange, St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge, Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus, and St. Elizabeth in Wyckoff. He served as the Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Maplewood from 2004-2011, and Pastor of St. Helen Parish in Westfield from 2011-2020.

On Feb. 27, 2020, Pope Francis named Rev. Michael Saporito as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. He was ordained to the episcopacy on June 30, 2020 and has been the Regional Bishop of Bergen County over the last 6 years.

Guardian Angels Senior Club

Meets every other Thursday at 12:00 p.m. in Guardian Angels Hall. Membership is open to anyone 50+. Dues are \$15.00. There is a short meeting followed by games, conversation, and refreshments. If you are interested or would like more information, please join us or call Christine at (732) 801-6370

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

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

9/20/2026

Offertory:	\$4,692.00
Shop Rite:	\$ 25.00
Bring a Dollar:	\$ 144.00

Parking Lots Repair

Shop Rite	\$ 675.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 2,470.00
Other Donations	<u>\$10,045.00</u>
Total (9/20/2026):	\$13,190.00

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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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.



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 Lopez & Cristobalina Gutierrez (9/27/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Domingo Chanez (9/27/2026)

Lectores: Carmen Chanez y Bertha Rojas (10/4/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Lucero (10/4/2026)

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

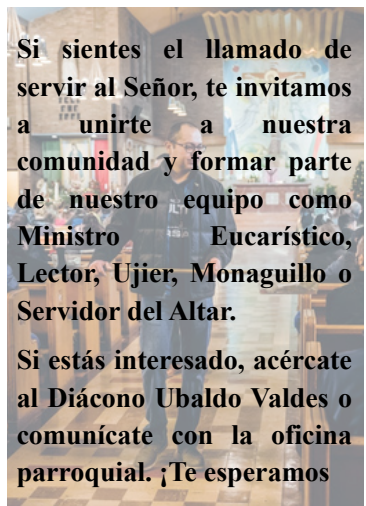
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DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV

SOBRE EL AMOR HACIA LOS POBRES

Acompañar a los migrantes

75. La tradición de la actividad de la Iglesia con y para los migrantes continúa y hoy ese servicio se expresa en iniciativas como los centros de acogida para refugiados, las misiones en las fronteras y los esfuerzos de Cáritas Internacional y otras instituciones. El Magisterio contemporáneo reafirma claramente este compromiso. El Papa Francisco recordaba que la misión de la Iglesia junto a los migrantes y refugiados es aún más amplia, insistiendo en que «la respuesta al desafío planteado por las migraciones contemporáneas se puede resumir en cuatro verbos: acoger, proteger, promover e integrar. Pero estos verbos no se aplican sólo a los migrantes y a los refugiados. Expresan la misión de la Iglesia en relación a todos los habitantes de las periferias existenciales, que deben ser acogidos, protegidos, promovidos e integrados». Y añadía: «Cada ser humano es hijo de Dios. En él está impresa la imagen de Cristo. Se trata, entonces, de que nosotros seamos los primeros en verlo y así podamos ayudar a los otros a ver en el emigrante y en el refugiado no sólo un problema que debe ser afrontado, sino un hermano y una hermana que deben ser acogidos, respetados y amados, una ocasión que la Providencia nos ofrece para contribuir a la construcción de una sociedad más justa, una democracia más plena, un país más solidario, un mundo más fraterno y una comunidad cristiana más abierta, de acuerdo con el Evangelio». La Iglesia, como madre, camina con los que caminan. Donde el mundo ve una amenaza, ella ve hijos; donde se levantan muros, ella construye puentes. Sabe que el anuncio del Evangelio sólo es creíble cuando se traduce en gestos de cercanía y de acogida; y que en cada migrante rechazado, es Cristo mismo quien llama a las puertas de la comunidad.



Nuestros feligreses Carmen y Domingo Chanez participaron con el estandarte de St. Paul the Apostle durante la Misa de la Herencia Hispana, celebrada en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís en Metuchen, el pasado viernes 18 de septiembre.

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

Accompanying migrants

74. In the nineteenth century, when millions of Europeans emigrated in search of better living conditions, two great saints distinguished themselves in the pastoral care of migrants: Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, founded the Missionaries of Saint Charles to accompany migrants to their destinations, offering them spiritual, legal and material assistance. He saw migrants as recipients of a new evangelization, warning of the risks of exploitation and loss of faith in a foreign land. Responding generously to the charism that the Lord had given him, "Scalabrini looked forward to a world and a Church without barriers, where no one was a foreigner." Saint Frances Cabrini, born in Italy and a naturalized American, was the first citizen of the United States of America to be canonized. To fulfill her mission of assisting migrants, she crossed the Atlantic several times. "Armed with remarkable boldness, she started schools, hospitals and orphanages from nothing for the masses of the poor who ventured into the new world in search of work. Not knowing the language and lacking the wherewithal to find a respectable place in American society, they were often victims of the unscrupulous. Her motherly heart, which allowed her no rest, reached out to them everywhere: in hovels, prisons and mines." In the Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed her Patroness of All Migrants.

Mass Intentions - 2027 Mass Book

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: _____

COR - a New Men's Spiritual Reflection Group!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, "Cor" is an initiative that seeks to form courageous missionary disciples. Open to all parish men - not just Knights — Cor focuses on Prayer to deepen faith, Formation for spiritual growth, and Fraternity to build Christ-centered brotherhood. Inspired by Jesus's formation of His disciples, Cor empowers men to transform their hearts, lead families, and strengthen our parish community. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Join us October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul's basement. Contact Bill Donner at (732) 910-7722 or bill.donnerjr@gmail.com to attend or for more info!

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

Annual Parish Brunch

October 4, 2026

12:00 Noon

Guardian Angels Church Hall



**GUEST SPEAKER :
REV. SEAN WINTERS**

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Adults: \$15 Children 5 to 10 years old: \$5.00

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl group meets on Monday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Parish Center. We have donated items to nursing homes, hospitals, and to members of our Parish who are in need of comfort due to illness in the family or the loss of a loved one. We welcome anyone who wants to learn how to knit or crochet. Contact Cathy White (732) 277-8882.

**Burger
Bingo**



Date: Friday, October 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Guardian Angels Hall

Entry: \$15.00 at the door

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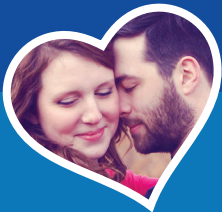
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