



**Church of the
Guardian Angel**
A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Blessed be God forever

**320 Franklin Turnpike
Allendale, New Jersey 07401**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Guardian Angel Parish in the Archdiocese of Newark, are a community of Catholic Christians being formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community open to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, we strive to work, share, and enjoy life as a witness to the true meaning of Christian Living.

We believe our mission is:

To be a community of loving and caring people.
To teach and witness the Good News of Jesus Christ.
To celebrate that Good News in Sacraments and Prayer.
To minister to all people in their spiritual and physical needs.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call Ali Zambrotta at 201-825-2545 to arrange for infant baptism and parental instruction.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please call Sam Chey at 201-934-5554 for information about teen sacramental preparation.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

The LORD'S DAY

Saturday Eve - 5:30 P.M. (Sunday Obligation)

Sunday - 7:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A. M.

WEEKDAYS: Monday - Friday - 9:00 A.M.

(Rectory Chapel)

HOLY DAYS: schedule posted in bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. and by appointment.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and to request Communion for the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Rectory at least one year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact Father Charlie or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

RCIA-The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are a baptized Catholic who would like to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call Fr. Charlie at 201-327-4359 or Marge Mannion at 201-825-2131.

**April 27, 2008
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

PASTORAL STAFF

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Youth Ministry	201-934-5554
Religious Education	201-327-0352
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Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Council meets in the Rectory on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Coordinator: Arlene Sabino 201-934-8441
Tess Frederick 201-327-3753

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Guardian Angel is a tithing parish. Biblical tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your Parish Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Ministry of Worship

Altar Server
Patrick Donahue (201) 962-2119
Altar Linens
Tillie Ascher (201) 818-3371
Adult Leaders for Children's Church
Robin & Brian Galvin (201) 327-0889
Counters
Lucille Corbett (201) 327-3958
Eucharistic Ministers
Mary O'Flaherty (201) 652-5286
Music/Choir Ministry
Susan Zaremba Malone (201) 585-8578
Readers of the Word (Lectors)
Robert & Patty Durso (201) 760-9169

Ministry of Faith Formation

Catechetical Ministry (1-9)
Cathy Hunt (201) 327-0352
Women's Spirituality/Cornerstone
Carolyn Blake (201) 825-1931
Men's Spirituality/Cornerstone
Rey Escalon (201) 934-7436
Rite of Christian Initiation – Children
Cathy Hunt (201) 327-0352

Ministry of Evangelization

AIDS Ministry
Noreen Prior (201) 236-1921
Arlene Sabino (201) 934-8441
Sunshine Ministry
Elayne McGill (201) 327-1547

Ministry of Service

Art & Environment Ministry
Sheila Lopez (201) 785-0175
Lynn Novak (201) 825-8090
Bereavement Ministry
John & Tess Frederick (201) 327-3753
Communication/Marketing
Jerry Del Gatto (201) 825-7383
Computer/Data Entry Ministry
Mary Russell (201) 327-2586
Giving Tree Ministry
Anna DiMiceli (201) 825-7039
Grounds & Maintenance Ministry
Father Charlie (201) 327-4359
Homeless Shelter Ministry
Chuck Assurato (201) 327-1393
Hospitality Ministry
Kathleen Lucas (201) 236-2577
Office Help Ministry
Noreen Prior (201) 236-1921
Social Concerns Ministry
Gene Meehan (201) 327-7857
Soup Kitchen Ministry
Chuck Assurato (201) 327-1393

Ministry of Stewardship & Finance

Finance Council
Michael Simendinger (201) 236-3135
Pastoral Council
Susan Bolton (201) 825-9105
Stewardship Committee
Noreen Prior (201) 236-1921

Ministry of Community Building

Carnival
Irene Nayden (201) 327-4936
Senior Group
Ann Dunn (201) 327-5865

Ministry of Youth Stewardship

Youth Group
Sam Chey (201) 934-5554

April 27, 2008
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Dear parishioners,

Just a week ago it seems we were all talking about one thing – the Holy Father’s visit to the United States, and especially to New York City. Of course his visit was a blessing not only for those present, but for a much wider audience via internet, television and radio. I had the privilege of being one of the priests from the Newark Archdiocese invited to concelebrate the Mass with the Pope at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. It was a remarkable, memorable, wonderful, historic celebration.

We also had parishioners present for many parts of the Holy Father’s visit: the United Nations, the youth rally and the Yankee Stadium Mass. We’d like to invite you to come to a parish gathering to reflect on our experiences – whether in person or from afar. We will meet in Msgr. Salemi Hall (the Barn) on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

In the meantime, I thought that this week I’d share with you some excerpts from the homily Pope Benedict preached at the Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on April 19.

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Gathered as we are in this historic cathedral, how can we not think of the countless men and women who have gone before us, who labored for the growth of the Church in the United States, and left us a lasting legacy of faith and good works? ...

I am particularly happy that we have gathered in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. Perhaps more than any other church in the United States, this place is known and loved as “a house of prayer for all peoples” (cf. Is 56:7; Mk 11:17). ...I would like to draw your attention to a few aspects of this beautiful structure which I think can serve as a starting point for a reflection on our particular vocations within the unity of the Mystical Body.

The first has to do with the stained glass windows, which flood the interior with mystic light. From the outside, those windows are dark, heavy, even dreary. But once one enters the church, they suddenly come alive; reflecting the light passing through them, they reveal all their splendor. Many writers – here in America we can think of Nathaniel Hawthorne – have used the image of stained glass to illustrate the mystery of the Church herself. It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and ecclesial life, that we see the Church as she truly is: flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, adorned by the manifold gifts of the Spirit. It follows that we, who live the life of grace within the Church’s communion, are called to draw all people into this mystery of light.

This is no easy task in a world which can tend to look at the Church, like those stained glass windows, “from the outside”: a world which deeply senses a need for spirituality, yet finds it difficult to “enter into” the mystery of the Church. Even for those of us within, the light of faith can be dimmed by routine, and the splendor of the Church obscured by the sins and weaknesses of her members. It can be dimmed too, by the obstacles encountered in a society which sometimes seems to have forgotten God and to resent even the most elementary demands of Christian morality. You, who have devoted your lives to bearing witness to the love of Christ and the building up of his Body, know from your daily contact with the world around us how tempting it is at times to give way to frustration, disappointment and even pessimism about the future. In a word, it is not always easy to see the light of the Spirit all about us, the splendor of the Risen Lord illuminating our lives and instilling renewed hope in his victory over the world (cf. Jn 16:33). Yet the word of God reminds us that, in faith, we see the heavens opened, and the grace of the Holy Spirit lighting up the Church and bringing sure hope to our world. “O Lord, my God,” the Psalmist sings, “when you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth” (Ps 104:30).

In Christ,
Father Charlie



St. Luke’s Church

Visit www.churchofstluke.org for more information and parish bulletin.

Mom’s Journaling Program ... At St. Lukes

Moms of all ages have been deeply moved by this beautiful program of journaling, sharing, prayer and reflection. Come and let God touch your heart and fill you with laughter, love and friendship with other women. You will gain a renewed appreciation of your role as mother, nourish your inner spirit, and begin to see the miracles that appear every day during this exhilarating and sometimes exhausting role.

Six weeks, beginning May 1st

Thursday mornings

9:15 – 10:45 AM – St. Luke’s Parish Center

Childcare available for a nominal fee with a reservation.

Call Ginnie Bailey @ 201-444-0272 ext. 11

for more information or to reserve your space and childcare.

Church of the Presentation

Visit www.churchofpresentation.org for more information and parish bulletin.

Catholicism 101 Continues...

Our next session is Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 – 11:30 am, and repeated at 8:00 pm.

Our next topic will be: *Different Models of Church*; Guest Speaker: Zeni V. Fox; All are welcome!

Fr. Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., S.S.D

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Sunday
5:30 (Sat.)
7:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

April 27
Peter Storms
Jerry Crean
Jerry Crean
Yvonne Morvan

Monday
9:00 am

April 28
Philip Keating

Tuesday
9:00 am

April 29
Jerry Crean

Wednesday
9:00 am

April 30
Catherine Aniano

Ascension of the Lord

Thursday
9:00 am
3:45 pm
8:00 pm

May 1
John & Mary Walsh
Robert W. Emery
Francis & Barbara Farrissey
-intentions of-

Friday
9:00 am

May 2
People of the Parish

Saturday
5:30 pm

May 3
Raymond Zubiaurre

Sunday
7:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

May 4
Peter Quinn
Thomas Rider
Kathleen Hylas

ASCENSION OF THE LORD CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Thursday (May 1) is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. This solemnity is rooted in the mission of Jesus Christ. Those left behind following his glorious Ascension into heaven must carry on this mission. Jesus will guide his disciples through the Holy Spirit, which the Father has sent in his absence, until he returns in glory at the end of time.

Our parish will celebrate Mass in the church at 9 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REQUEST YOUR HELP

This weekend of April 26-27, the Knights of Columbus from St. Gabriel's parish, Saddle River, will be outside our church to collect your donations in their annual fund drive to support programs for mentally handicapped adults and children. Ninety percent of the funds go to Bergen County organizations, while ten percent goes to national agencies. Last year parishioners at the church of the Guardian Angel contributed over \$700 at the Masses on April 14-15. Several of the Knights of Columbus members will be on hand, attired in the familiar red and gold aprons and caps. Thank you for your generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20; or Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 (for St. Joseph the Worker)
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your stewardship of treasure for last weekend was **\$7,001.00**. Thank you and as stewards of our finances, everyone is encouraged to use the envelopes as a way of planning your gifts.



This weekend, the second collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This appeal supports places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parish doors open and to educate children in the faith. Please give generously to help your fellow Catholics here in America. It's one practical way that our parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts.



As the month of **May** begins, we are reminded that this is one of two months when Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month is referred to as the month of Mary. October is referred

to as the month of the Rosary.

We invite you to two special Marian celebrations this May. On Sunday May 4 at the conclusion of the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the children who have received First Communion this year will lead us in a prayer procession from the Church to the prayer garden adjacent to the rectory, where we will have a crowning of the Blessed Mother statue. Many of the children wear their First Communion clothes, and this is truly a joyful event! All are welcome!

While our parish celebrates the Rosary on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Church, on Monday May 5 we will instead pray the rosary outdoors around the prayer garden. This has become a tradition in our parish – especially for children and their parents to join together in prayer. We hope everyone will join us!



“Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” – Acts 8:14 – 17

What an exciting reading to reflect on as we draw ever closer to confirming over thirty teens into our parish. It was just last week that Pope Benedict XVI ended his visit to the U.S., a visit with the theme of Christ our Hope. After the Ascension, which we will celebrate this Thursday, the disciples and Mary held on to that hope in prayer. God answered those prayers in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who remains with the Church. On that day, the Church grew twenty times in size. In a couple of weeks our Church will grow in size with members welcomed into the fullness of the faith and we will do so respecting the tradition so evident in today’s first reading.

During his visit, Pope Benedict was offered a variety of bread at many occasions. Bread, a staple of meals, a community of people sharing in the bounty of the Lord; we extend an invitation to all of you to join us this Tuesday for our Spaghetti Dinner. It is a wonderful occasion after the break to share stories of our various vacations and join in fellowship!

Something to Think About: The life of the Church is centered around a meal. The idea of a family dinner for many in the U.S. is foreign, and maybe at times that adds to the disconnection of the faith to many. The days are becoming more and more beautiful, what a wonderful atmosphere to bring the family together for a meal.

CONFIRMATION, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS: EVENTS!

Spaghetti Dinner: Tuesday, April 29: 5:30PM – 8:30PM cost \$10 per person or \$35 per family of 4. This Tricky-Tray event is our youth ministry’s biggest fundraiser. Please consider donating a Theme Basket for the evening. If you would like to make a Theme Basket, please contact Linda Rosato at 201-962-3198.

Mission Trip: Young Neighbors in Action: Chocolate Easter Crosses are being sold to benefit this mission trip. They make terrific favors for first Communion. To order them please contact Bill & Barbara Konvit at 201-825-2972 or konvit@aol.com!

Parish Movie Night: This Sunday, May 25 at 6:00pm Admission is free! Drinks and snacks will be made available for purchase to support Youth Ministry. All Junior High and High School students are invited to come at 4:30pm to help set-up and serve the event.

Youth Ministry Needs: Office Help: We are seeking teens to volunteer at the office between the hours of 3-5pm on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Retreat Opportunities: To be announced.

YOUNG ADULTS!

(20’s & 30’s: Single or Married)

Young Adult Small Christian Community

Guardian Angel and a few local parishes have united for a regional young adult group. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Our next meeting is to be announced at St. Joseph’s in Oradell.

Catholic Underground

May 3: 7:30 – 10:30 PM Join other young adult Catholics from the tri-state area for adoration and fellowship in Manhattan at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 East 90th St, NY 10128 (between 2nd and 3rd Ave) Featured Performer: Award winning singer/songwriter Rick Elias www.rickelias.com
<http://catholicunderground.net/index.php>
If you’re interested, RSVP; we will meet and leave from the Church Rectory at 6:45 pm.

Spiritual Exercises Retreats

Retreats begin Friday evening at 5:00pm and conclude by 5:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

773 Armonk Road, Mt Kisco, NY 10549
(914) 244-3685

Women: Men: 2008 calendar coming soon!

http://www.olmk.org/events/sp_ex.php

<http://www.newarkoym.org> is the official site for youth & young adult events in the Archdiocese.

For more information on any event, please call or email me!
Grace and Peace,

Sam Chey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Telephone: 201-934-5554

Office Hours are 1-6pm MTWT and by appointment

Pastoral Council Discernment:

Learn to discern: the gifts, skills, and tools for finding out where the Spirit is leading you.

Have you considered serving on our Pastoral Council Ministry? We invite you to join us at our discernment on Monday, May 12th @ 7:30 PM in our Rectory.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please contact either Father Charlie at 201.327.4359 or Susan Bolton at 201.825.9105. Please consider this very worthy ministry.

THANK-YOU AND FAREWELL TO OUR SEMINARIAN

At our parish Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, April 29 (5:30-8:30 p.m.), we will bid a fond farewell to Andrew Park, a seminarian who has been assisting at our parish this year. Andrew is a third theologian at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, and is studying for the priesthood for the Newark Archdiocese.

As part of their training, all seminarians assist at a parish on a weekday. Andrew has been with us on Tuesday afternoons and evenings from October to April. He taught a 7th-grade mini-course in the fall and the 4th-grade Religious Education class all year. He also assisted with some of the Confirmation preparation program. Andrew also visited parishioners in the hospital and attended a variety of other parish meetings.

As his academic semester ends, so too does his assignment with us. Andrew will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in May, and receive a new parish assignment to serve during his final year at the seminary. We hope you will join us at the Spaghetti Supper to give him our prayers and good wishes.

CAREER MANAGEMENT HELP AVAILABLE

For parishioners who may be seeking (or being forced to seek) new opportunities in employment, we are happy to inform you about the "Career Management Group" at the Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River. This group was first formed in the 1980's, and continues to offer guidance including advice on resumes and interviewing. Those interested are matched up with a mentor. To participate, please call the Presentation receptionist at 201-327-1313. Parishioners are also welcome to come to the monthly networking meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday April 28 at 8 p.m. in the library (enter through the back door of the parish complex). Church of the Presentation is a "New Energies" partner parish for Church of the Guardian Angel and St. Luke's parishes.

SEMINARY SPONSORS LOCAL LECTURES

-Thursday May 8, 2008

The Case for Life in the Face of Death

What is the Christian understanding of suffering and death?

-Thursday May 15, 2008

How to Make the Right Medical Decision

How do we entrust our medical care to God's plan?

-Thursday May 22, 2008

Witnessing for the Defense of Life. The Law and End of Life Decisions

How do we weigh the moral implications of our legal decisions?

Place: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood NJ.

Time: 7:30pm - 9pm

Cost: \$10 per lecture, or \$25 for all three.

For registration, contact Debbie Kurus at (973) 313 - 6329 or email kurusdeb@shu.edu

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS!

The annual Archdiocesan St. Florian Mass in celebration of the Fire Service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 pm. All active and retired firefighters, professional and volunteer, their families and friends are invited to attend. Firefighters are asked to attend in uniform and to be seated in the Cathedral by 2:45 pm for the pipes and drums processional. More information is available at www.rcan.org/stflorianmass.

Arrupe Social Justice Lecture

Marc H. Morial, president of the National Urban League and former two-term mayor of New Orleans, will give the eleventh annual Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Lecture on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm in St. Peter's Church (144 Grand St., Jersey City, NJ). The lecture, "*Reflections on Race; Where We Stand in 2008*," is free and open to the public. Please call 201-547-6418 or visit <http://ministry.spprep.org> for more information.

INTER-RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS OF BERGEN COUNTY

A Chance for a New Beginning

Did you know that FAMILIES make up the largest and fastest growing segment of the homeless population, both nationally and locally? Low paying jobs and the high cost of housing make it difficult for more and more families to make ends meet. The Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless is currently the only organization in the county providing the services these working families need to return to self-sufficiency. The Emergency Family Shelter at St. Cecelia's, the New Leak Transitional Housing Program and the Break the Cycle Scholarship Fund are just a few ways the IRF helps families get back on their feet again.

The Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless is selling raffle tickets for its Super 50/50 Raffle to be held on June 16, 2008 at its Annual Meeting. The winner need not be present.

GRAND PRIZE: \$25,000 OR 25% OF PROCEEDS

SECOND PRIZE: \$5,000 OR 5% OF THE PROCEEDS

20 THIRD PRIZES: \$1,000 OR 1% OF THE PROCEEDS EACH

A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$100.00 each. You can purchase a ticket by calling the IRF OFFICE at 201-833-8009 or online at www.IRFhomeless.org

Vocation Reflections

"...and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows Him." This Advocate and Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit, dwells in the hearts of each baptized Christian. The world cannot accept, and even at times rejects, the Truth that this Spirit has given in the form of the Catholic faith. As a priest, deacon or religious, it is the duty of those in the consecrated or ordained life to recall and remind the faithful to follow the guidance of this Spirit, not of the world. Are you willing to seek the faithful out and assist them in following the Holy Spirit as He dwells in the Church and in their hearts? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for the wisdom, truth and strength of the Triune God and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Nor is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

-St. Gregory Nazianzen

IMPORTANT CHURCH SITES ON THE INTERNET:

The Holy See

www.vatican.va

The Archdiocese of Newark

www.rcan.org

The Church of the Guardian Angel

www.guardianangelallendale.parishesonline.com

Traveling and looking for Mass schedules?

www.masstimes.org