



**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, 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.

**Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
March 23, 2008**

PASTORAL STAFF

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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
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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

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
March 23, 2008



Dear parishioners,

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen!

What joy we Christians have to celebrate the great feast of Easter! What hope we have to celebrate once again that Jesus Christ is the true victor, the risen Savior! His suffering, death and resurrection are reminders to us that even in our own lives, suffering and death do *not* have the last word ... for we have been baptized into the death AND resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The long journey of Lent is over ... what has been our experience? There were many ways we came to together as people on a pilgrimage of **prayer**: Sunday and weekday Mass, a dramatic presentation on the healing ministry of Jesus, an inspiring parish mission led by Father Stan Fortuna, weekly Stations of the Cross, the "Living Stations" presented by our parish youth... We begin and end Lent with a day of **fasting**: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In **almsgiving**, many of us look to make special donations to those in need – either on our own or through the Peter's Pence collection, which supports charitable works.

Although we do not have adult candidates for initiation this year, let us remember all the thousands throughout our nation and the world who are being initiated into the Catholic Church – the "elect" receiving full initiation at the Easter Vigil, and the "candidates" being received into the church throughout the Easter Season. I hope that we here at the Church of the Guardian Angel will continue to reach out in prayer, evangelization and welcome. For any of you who may have interest in inquiring about the Catholic faith – do not delay! We stand always ready to accompany you – please call me!

The Easter season also is a time for the sacraments of initiation for young people. I am thinking especially of the children who will be receiving Eucharist for the first time here at weekend Masses during the Easter Season. Let us rejoice with them and their families! And let us help them remember that they have been preparing not simply for "First Communion," but rather to join their families with all of us every Sunday at the table of the Lord, in faithful response to our Lord's command: "Do this in remembrance of me."

Entering the Easter Season also calls us to pray especially for our teenagers who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here on May 17th, that they will be open to receiving and sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We also have many parents preparing for the baptisms of their children – let us remember them and all the parents seeking to live the promises they made to raise their children in the ways of faith.

Our presence here together to celebrate Eucharist on Easter also calls to mind God's invitation to us to this great banquet every Sunday. While people in many parts of the world gather faithfully for Mass *at risk of their lives*, what could

possibly prevent us from gathering? While many sports and leisure activities have a passing attraction to us, they do not define who we are, and cannot bring the hope of eternal life. While you are filled with Easter joy, why not let this be the time for you and your families to renew your commitment to this central part of our lived faith? From the days of the earliest Christians this has always been honored. St. Justin wrote in the second century: *"It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead."*

The great Easter Season goes 50 days to the celebration of Pentecost on May 11th. May the outward decorations of flowers and new plantings be a reflection of the new life of faith that will grow in our lives – and in the life of Guardian Angel parish. May the Good Shepherd, the Risen Savior, lead us, guide us, always ... may we seek His voice above all others ... and may we have the grace and courage to follow His call in our lives!

In Christ,
Father Charlie



St. Luke's Church

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

Women's Reflection

We all know in our hearts the cherished value of a friend who shares our Spiritual Journey with us... Give yourself the gift of time spent growing closer to God and to other Women. The First Saturday of each month, 8:30-10:00 AM beginning April 5, 2008. Light Breakfast will be served. We'll be using Fresh Bread by Joyce Rupp \$15 to cover cost of book. For further information, call Ginnie Bailey @ 201-444-0272 or Clare Joaquim @ 201-670-6928

Why is Easter so "early" this year?

In the Catholic tradition, Easter is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which this year is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on this calculation, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22), which is quite rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see for the rest of our lives! And only a very few among us have ever seen it this early. And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

- 1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)
- 2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was in 1818.

So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Mass Schedule

March 23, 2008

Easter Vigil

Saturday **March 22**
9:00 am **Morning Prayer**
12:00 Noon **Blessing of Easter Food**
8:00 pm **People of the Parish**

Easter Sunday

Sunday **March 23**
7:30 am **People of the Parish**
10:00 am **People of the Parish**
12:00 Noon **People of the Parish**

Monday **March 24**
9:00 am **Dorothy McCaffrey**

Tuesday **March 25**
9:00 am **Peter Quinn**

Wednesday **March 26**
9:00 am **John J. Cebak**
 -15th Anniversary-

Thursday **March 27**
9:00 am **Jerry Crean**

Friday **March 28**
9:00 am **Rose Russo**

Saturday **March 29**
5:30 pm **John Goomas**

Sunday **March 30**
7:30 am **Maurice Walsh**
10:00 am **John Goomas**
11:30 am **Kathleen Hylas**

During the EASTER OCTAVE, all weekday Masses March 24-28 are held in the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
 Jn 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your stewardship of treasure for last weekend was **\$9,803.00**. Thank you and as stewards of our finances, everyone is encouraged to use the envelopes as a way of planning your gifts.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



We rejoice with all Catechumens in the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the world who are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation – (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) – at the Easter Vigil this year. May they continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus in their life as a newly baptized Catholic Christian.

Throughout this Easter Season a total of 1060 catechumens and candidates in our Archdiocese will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. The Church surrounds them with prayer and support. Although we do not have any participants from Guardian Angel this year please continue to pray for them as members of the Body of Christ.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process which assists adults in coming to a mature and free decision to become full members of the church. If you are not a member of the Catholic community, have you ever considered being baptized, or completing your initiation Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you find a sense of peace – of being home here in the Catholic Church? Do you desire more? OR - Maybe you know someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church or has not completed their initiation Sacraments. We invite you to follow that gentle tug at your heart and give us a call. – All are welcome – No obligation – just come and see. Our team is ready to meet you. Easter Blessings!

For more information Contact Fr. Charlie 201-327-4359 or Marge Mannion 201-825-2131.

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have been inquiring about the status of our Guardian Angel parish capital campaign. Last summer and autumn, all parishioners were invited to participate in providing your perspectives on the current and projected future needs of our parish – especially in regards to our structural facilities. We developed a “Statement of Needs” to reflect our priorities. This has a focus on our lack of adequate meeting and classroom space, the need to upgrade a variety of indoor and outdoor aspects of the church and grounds, and possibly some repairs to the rectory.

In the last few months, a transitional Construction Committee reviewed the experience of various architects, interviewed several, and came to a clear consensus on a selection. We have reached a tentative agreement, and await the final review of the contract by the Archdiocesan legal and financial offices. We have already scheduled a series of meetings this spring to work with the architect.

We have continued to work with our fundraising consultant to have the materials process in place once we have more specifics from the architect. In addition, I will soon begin inviting parishioners to serve on a “Campaign Cabinet” which will guide the invitation to parishioners to be part of this project together through our financial contributions.



“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.”
 – Psalm 130:7

Praise the Lord! He is Risen! In this time of celebration we would like to thank the teens (John Langan, Morgan Taylor, Ryan O’keefe, Krysten Kozlowski, Taylor Brown, Billy McEntee, Danielle Baez, Matt Clark, Emily Keller, Ralph Lenzi, Emma Munro, Zachary Taylor, Chris Clark, Joy Forlenza, Thomas Kiely, Julius Lizardo, Nina Shulgach, and Jiezhelle Lizardo) and adults (Marianne Del Bueno and Tiffany Hogue) as well as musicians (Robert Anderson, Ted Clark, Mark Czuj, and Steve Kozlowski), who brought us our Living Stations prayer service.

We would also like to thank all of you for supporting our Mission Trip to Chicago by purchasing our Easter chocolate crosses. Our parish will be sending five teens and two adults this July (20-26) to Chicago to participate in the Center for Ministry Development’s Young Neighbors in Action program, where we will assist in rebuilding communities physically and spiritually. Please keep us all in prayer.

Something to Think About: Easter is a great opportunity to celebrate with family and reach out with a renewed spirit to mend the bonds that have been broken and strengthen those that are already present.

CONFIRMATION, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS:

EVENTS!

Confirmation: Classes Tuesday, March 25: 7:00 PM in the Rectory

Communion Breakfast: March 30: Immediately following the 10:00am mass in the auditorium. \$5 per Person, \$25 per Family

Mission Trip! Young Neighbors in Action: Chocolate Easter Crosses are being sold at all of our masses to benefit this mission trip. You can also order them!

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:

Rejoice: Rejoice is a co-ed youth retreat and prayer festival open to young adults and teens 15 years old and older. At Rejoice, youths and young adults experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They gather together in prayer around the Blessed Sacrament sharing their faith gaining strength and comfort through spiritual outpouring of their peers. Through inspirational speakers, great music and most of all Jesus, participants will return to their parishes filled with God’s love.
 When: April 4-6, 2008 Cost: \$50

(Youth Ministry continued next column)

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

The CORNERSTONE TEAM wishes everyone a very blessed EASTER. May the Alleulia of Easter continue through the Easter season. *The CORNERSTONE RETREAT begins this Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m.* and continues through the CLOSING MASS on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. The entire parish is invited and we especially encourage all past Cornerstone participants and families to lend your support and love to this year’s celebration of WOMEN LIVING FAITH.

We ask for your prayers for the women participating in the Cornerstone Retreat this coming weekend. It’s not too late to sign up - just call or email Ali Zambrotta or Kathy Lucas, 201-825-2545, abzambrotta@yahoo.com, 201-236-2577, jkrany@optonline.net.

NEW PASCHAL CANDLE

Each year every parish obtains a new Paschal (Easter) candle which is blessed and lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass. The candle is the symbol of Christ’s triumph over sin and death. It is lit for all Masses of the Easter Season, as well as at baptisms and funerals. This year, the Paschal Candle is a gift to the parish, given in memory of John Goomas.

**YOUNG ADULTS!
 (20’s & 30’s: Single or Married)**

Young Adult Small Christian Community
 Guardian Angel and a few local parishes have united to for a regional young adult group. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Our next meeting is March 26 at St. Joseph’s in Oradell.

Catholic Underground

April 5: 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)
<http://catholicunderground.net/index.php>
 If you’re interested, RSVP; we will meet and leave from the Church Rectory at 6:45

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!

Sam Chey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Office Hours are 1-6pm MTWT and by appointment



In one of the Easter gospels (John 20) we meet the risen Christ who asks Mary Magdalene, "Why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She, like many of us, doesn't recognize Jesus at first. It's only when he calls her name that she realizes who is calling her. Jesus, too, is also calling to us.

JustFaith is our invitation. Jesus is inviting us to a new experience of care and concern for our sisters and brothers. **JustFaith** is a program that explores a new way to look at our world. This program meets once a week for 30 weeks and is designed to empower and transform people of faith to develop a hunger and thirst for justice. **JustFaith** includes readings, videos, conversations about challenging topics, face-to-face encounters with those who are poor, and an inspection of that sacred place where spirituality and Christian activism meet.

Our parish will join with our New Energies partner parishes, Presentation and St. Luke's, to offer **JustFaith** beginning in September. You are invited to attend an information session on **Tuesday evening, April 1st at 7:30 pm at Presentation** parish. For more information or to sign up to participate in JustFaith, please contact Frank Puthoff at 201-485-8182 or at frankmputhoff@hotmail.com.

GIVE YOURSELF THIS GIFT OF TIME... AND BEGIN TO HEAL.

If you are experiencing pain following the loss of a loved one, support is available to you through the Bereavement Ministry.

In coming together with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and sharing our stories in a atmosphere of faith, hope and love, with a code of confidentiality, we embark on a shared journey from grief toward healing. As participants in a eight week **Bereavement Support Group**, we will examine the many facets of grief (anger, loneliness, guilt, healing, etc.) and we will receive spiritual and emotional support from one another. The eight week session (one evening a week for eight consecutive weeks) beginning April 7th.

This is being offered by facilitators from St. Luke's, Guardian Angel and the Church of the Presentation, and will be held at the Church of the Presentation. It is open to all parishes and people of all faiths.

If you would like more information about the Bereavement Ministry and /or you are seeking support at this time, please feel free to contact the Church of the Presentation, Bereavement Ministry Hotline at 201 327-1313 ext 46, and you will be contacted.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

He is Risen!! Jesus has risen to give us new life. Clear out the old to make room for the new! Plan to enrich your marriage by attending the next Marriage Encounter Weekend July 11-13, 2008 for more info call 800-823-5683 or www.geocities.com/wwme.newarknj

Annulment Information Evening

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16, 2008**. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at St. Theresa's RC Church, (School Auditorium), 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, at 7:30 PM. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

True Love Waits 2 Adult Training Seminar

LIFENET will be conducting an adult training seminar to teach youth leaders, teachers and others with a heart for youth to present "True Love Waits 2" (TLW 2) a new program to empower high school and college students and young adults to save sex for marriage. Seminar will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm at the C.Y.O. Youth Center, 499 Belgrove Drive in Kearny, NJ. Come and be trained to present this exciting new 5-session program to young people in your sphere of influence. Cost is \$90 per person before April 19th and \$100 thereafter. (Includes continental breakfast, lunch, course curriculum and documents and many extras.) Call 201-804-8331 for more information. Note: TLW 2 is a sequel to the original True Love Waits program, but is a stand alone program and attendance at the original training seminar is not a prerequisite.

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

TO ALL WOMEN WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED CORNERSTONE

You are invited to welcome and/or serve the candidates who will be a part of this year's WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE on March 28 -March 29.

We need help with the following:

Friday, March 28: Donation of "finger food"

Desserts__ Appetizers__

Saturday, March 29: Assist in kitchen

Breakfast__ , Lunch__ , Dinner__

Name_____

Phone_____

Please return this form to the Women's Cornerstone Mailbox in the back of church or call or email Kathy Brach, 201-236-3116, kbrach@optonline.net