



**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.

(Rector's 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 Rector's Office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and to request Communion for the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Rector's Office 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.

**March 30, 2008
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

PASTORAL STAFF

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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 Assicurato (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 Assicurato (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

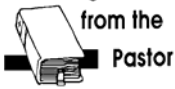
Carnival
Irene Nayden (201) 327-4936
Senior Group
Ann Dunn (201) 327-5865

Ministry of Youth Stewardship

Youth Group
Sam Chey (201) 934-5554

March 30, 2008
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

A Message



Dear parishioners,

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen – He is truly Risen!

The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, marks the end of the Easter Octave – the special week that continues to celebrate the great day of Easter. And Easter itself brings to a close the season of Lent, and the great “Three Days” of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Now we continue with the Easter Season until the great celebration of Pentecost!

There are so many who help to prepare the liturgies we celebrate. Some of them are obvious to everyone because they are in the sanctuary, in the choir, playing an instrument, welcoming you at the door, proclaiming the word, serving at the altar; sharing the Sacrament with you. Others work quietly, ahead of time, preparing the liturgy; cleaning the worship space; scheduling liturgical ministers; preparing worship aids; arranging flowers and the environment for worship; slicing the palm branches; ironing, polishing, vacuuming, sweeping and dusting; cleaning out pews as you leave for the people coming in for the next liturgy; and in general, worrying about things you'd never dream need to be worried about -- but that you'd notice right away if someone hadn't worried about them!

Religious Education and Youth Ministry work to encourage the young people and their families to be present and participate in the liturgies; parish staff answer phone calls, reply to emails, run copies, answer questions, stand by to be of assistance and fill in a hundred gaps a day!

It's a common experience that when things go well, I'm the one who gets the kind words and compliments. But in so many ways the thanks should go to scores of others who work so hard and so generously offer their time, talent and treasure for the liturgy – and the life of the parish! I hope you'll seek out those who have helped serve you – and offer them thanks as well. And perhaps too you may be inspired to offer your own assistance, and deeper participation in the life of Guardian Angel parish. Names and phone numbers of our ministry leaders are listed each week in our bulletin, on the page opposite this one.

In Christ,
Father Charlie



St. Luke's Church

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

St. Luke's Play Group

Monday Mornings – 10-11:30 AM

In the Parish Center Please call to register: Ginnie Bailey @ 201-444-0272 ext. 11

Catholic Story Hour

For young children (ages 1-5 years) and their care givers Join us to learn about our faith through story time, Singing, coloring and more! We meet Friday Mornings 9:30 – 10:30 AM – October through May St. Luke's Parish Center

To sign up, please contact Ann Woods at 201-670-8856.

Spiritual Reflection for Women at St. Luke's

Please join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark We'll utilize communal reading, reflection, journaling and discussion to learn how our Scriptures come alive in personal and relevant ways! Thursday Mornings 9:00-10:45 AM - Parish Center. Childcare is available with reservation for a nominal fee of \$5 per session per child. Women of all ages are most welcome!

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.



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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”
-John 20:29b

March 30, 2008

<u>Sunday</u> 5:30 (Sat.) 7:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	<u>March 30</u> John Goomas Maurice Walsh John Goomas Kathleen Hylas
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 am	<u>March 31</u> Jerry Crean
<u>Tuesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>April 1</u> Richard Murdock
<u>Wednesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>April 2</u> John Zitolo
<u>Thursday</u> 9:00 am	<u>April 3</u> People of the Parish
<u>Friday</u> 9:00 am	<u>April 4</u> Cyril Connelly
<u>Saturday</u> 5:30 pm	<u>April 5</u> Mary Lawrie
<u>Sunday</u> 7:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	<u>April 6</u> Matthew Harrison John Goomas William McNulty



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Information from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops – Office of Media Relations.....

“Tens of thousands of people from around the country have been received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, on March 22, through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Called catechumens, they will be baptized, confirmed and receive Holy Communion on that day. In addition, during the Easter Season, others known as candidates and who already have a valid baptism will be admitted into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The numbers vary across dioceses and people joining are of every age and come from all walks of life. Most of those coming into the church through the RCIA program are adults, but in some instances children are part of both groups, usually as families enter the church together.

The Rite of Christian initiation of Adults is an ancient rite that was reinstated after the Second Vatican Council and is the regular way for adults to come into the Church.

According to the latest annual figures from the Official Catholic Directory, almost 64,500 adults were baptized in the church in the United States last year, and almost 93,000 came into full communion.”

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, call Fr. Charlie 201-327-4359, or Marge Mannion 201-825-2131 for more information. No obligation – we welcome all inquiries

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps. 40; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your stewardship of treasure for Easter weekend was **\$38,851.00**. Thank you and as stewards of our finances, everyone is encouraged to use the envelopes as a way of planning your gifts.

Reflection on Stewardship

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become his disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

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.



participants will return to their parishes filled with God's love. Please pray for our teens, who will be attending April 4 – 6.

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.”
– Acts 2:42

The quote from today’s first reading seems so idyllic. At the heart of the quote is communal life; as Catholics, that is Eucharist! It was a tremendous joy to see so many parishioners at the various Easter masses last weekend. Humbly, as a community, we approach the altar to receive true flesh and true blood that heals and makes new the brokenness of the past week and revives and glorifies the joys of the past week. But it is not for us to simply come and receive, we are also called to go forth and take with us, serving one another and sharing in fellowship. We are blessed to have the community come together for our Communion Breakfast after the 10 o’clock mass. The youth ministry office and parish staff continue to seek to provide opportunities for parishioners to come together in fellowship and prayer.

Something to Think About: One of the great gifts Pope John Paul II let us have before his passing, is the declaration that the Sunday following Easter would be Divine Mercy Sunday. What a powerful statement and reinforcement of the love of Christ. Today would be a terrific opportunity to extend additional mercies to those we encounter.

CONFIRMATION, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS:

EVENTS!

Confirmation: Classes Tuesday, April 1: 7:00 PM in the Rectory

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

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. To order them please contact the Youth Ministry Office!

Parish Movie Night: Sunday, April 20 at 6:00pm we will be showing Alvin and the Chipmunks in Hi-Def in the auditorium. 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:

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,

**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 to be announced 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!
Grace and Peace,

Sam Chey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

schey@guardianangelchurch.org

guardianangelym@yahoo.com

Telephone: 201-934-5554

Office Hours are 1-6pm MTWT and by appointment

ART DISPLAY IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

Many of you have admired the beautiful framed sculpture on display in our church vestibule during Holy Week, and inquired about it. It is created by Michael Bertelli (whose wife Janet is one of our parish Readers). Following is some information he has put together to inform us about the work.

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The relief sculpture was inspired by painting and sketches of Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641), a protege of Peter Paul Reubens. Van Dyck was the premier portraitist of Europe and court painter to Charles I.

This is the second time I've approached the subject. Back in 1980 I carved a 3'x3' bas wood relief that resides with a collector in Florida. This time I worked in clay over an on-again off-again three-year period. A rubber mold was made of the clay, into which was poured Hydracal (a very dense form of plaster). The I painted, polished and framed it.

- Mike Bertelli



“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” These are the words that

Jesus speaks to his disciples after the Resurrection. These very words Jesus speak to us today. He sends us to care for the poor, the marginalized, the outcasts.

A program that helps us to do this is **JustFaith**. It is a course of study that provides us with 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, and face-to-face encounters with those who are poor. It is Christ’s invitation to us to explore 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.

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

The Beginning Experience Weekend offers a powerful revitalizing program in an atmosphere of understanding and support. The next weekend will be May 2-4 at the Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. For more information, please call Peggy O'Neill at 973-887-4541; or Bernice Carr at 201-848-8261.

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

St. Paul RC Church at 200 Wyckoff Ave. in Ramsey will hold a prayer service for the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday March 30th beginning at 3:00 pm. The service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Veneration of the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, and Liturgy of the Word. All are welcome!

“Bye Bye Birdie” at Don Bosco

Conrad Birdie has been drafted! Don Bosco Prep proudly presents the rock 'n roll musical “Bye Bye Birdie” on **April 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th** at 8:00 pm and on April 6th at 3:00 pm. This year's production includes over 50 cast members and another 50 crew members from Don Bosco Prep, IHAA and AHA and includes our very own **Mary Nayden and Tim Walsh**. Tickets are \$15.00 each are available at the door or by calling 201-327-8003 x 126 or email boscoplays@aol.com

Summer Sports Camps at SJR

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site for sports camps in football and basketball for area youth this summer.

The 24th annual Green Knights Football Camp runs in two sessions: June 24-27; and June 30-July 3. The camp runs daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and is open to **boys, grades 4-10**. Free T-shirts to campers. Guest lecturers, great fun and competition!

The 20th annual Green Knights Basketball Camp, for boys ages 9 to 15, runs in three sessions: July 7-11; July 14-18; and July 21-25. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Free basketball and T-shirts to each camper. Guest lecturers, great fun and competition!

Spring Craft Show Paramus Catholic

Paramus Catholic High School is pleased to announce its Spring Craft show to be held on Sunday, April 13th from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Over 125 artisans offering a wide variety of items will display unique handmade seasonal gifts and decorations, floral arrangements, jewelry, pottery, and much, much more. This is a P.J. Promotions Show - telephone 201-666-1340. Admission is \$3.00. The school is located at 425 Paramus Road opposite Bergen Community College. For more information, call Theresa Kehoe at 201-907-0448 or Kathy Weis at 201-445-9323.

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