



**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.

May 4, 2008

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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
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

May 4, 2008
Seventh Sunday of Easter

A Message



Dear parishioners,

We have recently celebrated at our weekend Masses the First Communion of our second-graders. Now this weekend I am in Franklin, Virginia at the Church of St. Jude to concelebrate at Sunday Mass as my niece, Sarah Conner, receives her First Communion. She is the fourth of my 10 nieces and nephews, and I am indeed fortunate to have been able to be present for all of their celebrations.

I thought that this weekend, I would share with you excerpts from the homily preached by Pope Benedict XVI at the Mass at Yankee Stadium on Sunday April 20. Parishioners Beverly DeLaBruyere, Michelle Donahue, Marianne Kosits and Sigita Paulius attended – in case you'd like to ask them what they thought!

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In the Gospel we have just heard, Jesus tells his Apostles to put their faith in him, for he is "the way, and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Christ is the way that leads to the Father, the truth which gives meaning to human existence, and the source of that life which is eternal joy with all the saints in his heavenly Kingdom. Let us take the Lord at his word! Let us renew our faith in him and put all our hope in his promises! ...

Our celebration today is also a sign of the impressive growth which God has given to the Church in your country in the past two hundred years. From a small flock like that described in the first reading, the Church in America has been built up in fidelity to the twin commandment of love of God and love of neighbor. In this land of freedom and opportunity, the Church has united a widely diverse flock in the profession of the faith and, through her many educational, charitable and social works, has also contributed significantly to the growth of American society as a whole...

This great accomplishment was not without its challenges. Today's first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, speaks of linguistic and cultural tensions already present within the earliest Church community. At the same time, it shows the power of the word of God, authoritatively proclaimed by the Apostles and received in faith, to create a unity which transcends the divisions arising from human limitations and weakness. Here we are reminded of a fundamental truth: that the Church's unity has no other basis than the Word of God, made flesh in Christ Jesus our Lord. All external signs of identity, all structures, associations and programs, valuable or even essential as they may be, ultimately exist only to support and foster the deeper unity which, in Christ, is God's indefectible gift to his Church.

The first reading also makes clear, as we see from the imposition of hands on the first deacons, that the Church's unity is "apostolic". It is a visible unity, grounded in the Apostles whom Christ chose and appointed as witnesses to his resurrection, and it is born of what the Scriptures call "the obedience of faith" (Rom 1:5; cf. Acts 6:7).

"Authority" ... "obedience". To be frank, these are not easy words to speak nowadays. Words like these represent a "stumbling stone" for many of our contemporaries, especially in a society which rightly places a high value on personal freedom. Yet, in the light of our faith in Jesus Christ - "the way and the truth and the life" - we come to see the fullest meaning, value, and indeed beauty, of those words. The Gospel teaches us that true freedom, the freedom of the children of God, is found only in the self-surrender which is part of the mystery of love. Only by losing ourselves, the Lord tells us, do we truly find ourselves (cf. Lk 17:33). True freedom blossoms when we turn away from the burden of sin, which clouds our perceptions and weakens our resolve, and find the source of our ultimate happiness in him who is infinite love, infinite freedom, infinite life. "In his will is our peace".

In Christ,

Father Charlie

PAULIST PRIESTS HELPING US

This weekend I am in Franklin, Virginia, for the First Communion of my niece, Sarah, at St. Jude parish. I am happy to be able to go to concelebrate the Mass and minister the Eucharist to her. As many of you know, I come from a large family (I'm the oldest of 8 children). I have baptized all 10 of my nieces and nephews - in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and California. Sarah is the fourth oldest - and I am grateful to have been at all of their First Communion celebrations. In my absence, the parish is being covered by Paulist priests Fr. Michael Kerrigan and Fr. Larry Boadt. You may recognize them, since they do assist us here on occasion. They both work at Paulist Press in Mahwah. I am grateful for their service and appreciate their willingness to serve in our parish.

New Energies
PARISH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

St. Luke's Church

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

Vacation Bible Camp at St. Luke's!

Come discover the amazing power of Jesus! You'll play super-sonic games, join in songs, crafts, videos and learn a new Bible verse each day.

June 23-26

9 AM – 12 Noon

Ages 5-10

\$55 first child, \$25 each sibling

Please call Ginnie Bailey @ 201-444-0272 if interested.

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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Mass Schedule

May 4, 2008

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

May 4
Raymond Zubiaurre
Peter Quinn
Thomas Rider
Kathleen Hylas

Monday
9:00 am

May 5
Christopher Burns

Tuesday
9:00 am

May 6
Jerry Crean

Wednesday
9:00 am

May 7
People of the Parish

Thursday
9:00 am

May 8
Philip Keating

Friday
9:00 am

May 9
Margaret Krug

Saturday
5:30 pm

May 10
Ted Clark, Sr.

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

May 11
Peggy Haynes
Thomas Rider
& Rose Gannucci
Rosemary Abate

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,
 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your stewardship of treasure for last weekend was **\$7,439.00**. Thank you and as stewards of our finances, everyone is encouraged to use the envelopes as a way of planning your gifts.



The second collection last weekend, for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, amounted to \$1,806.00. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISMS

Blessings to the baby baptized last Sunday!
Bradley Nicholas Hogue, son of Tiffany & Andrew

MOTHER'S DAY NEXT WEEKEND

At all the Masses on the weekend of May 10-11, we will offer a special blessing for mothers. Our mothers, living and deceased, hold a special place in our prayers and in our hearts. It would be especially nice for families to be able to come to Mass together, to join in prayer together as we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) and pray for all mothers.

PENTECOST IS COMING!

While we were well aware that Easter was "early" this year, you may not have realized that Pentecost also will be "early" since it comes 50 days after Easter - and closes the Easter season. We celebrate Pentecost in May, which means that this year it falls on Mother's Day.

Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Church to act as teacher, counselor, advocate, helper. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, which drapes the altar on this Sunday. We also encourage you to "wear something red" to Mass on Pentecost - as a way of bringing the decoration in the whole body of the church, filled with the Spirit!



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!

Save the Date

You are invited to a Mass honoring our mothers on **Wednesday, May 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory chapel. Mass will be followed by a **CORNERSTONE REUNION**. Reconnect with your cornerstone sisters and rekindle your cornerstone experience sharing the fruits of the vineyard as well as the fruits of the spirit. All are welcome.



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

Will resume in the fall.

<http://catholicunderground.net/index.php>

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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Office Hours are 1-6pm MTWT and by appointment

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

– John 17:9–11a

Today's Gospel reading actually stops in mid-verse. The conclusion of the verse is "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are." In 13 to 14 days we will anoint over thirty teens in the Holy Spirit and welcome them into the fullness of parish life, and we will all be one.

It was a tremendous privilege to join with the teens and other adults to serve our parish community at the Spaghetti dinner. There are so many to thank that this column could not prove adequate. But in particular let us recognize the efforts of Darcy Linares, who organized the event, John Cebak and Cindy Cavagrotti, who coordinated and served the food, Mary Russell, Anna DiMiceli, and Ginny Ghetto, who cooked and cleaned, and Linda Rosato, who has yearly assisted with the theme baskets. There are other families and adult volunteers, who though unmentioned made this dinner possible through gifts of theme baskets and labor in setting up and cleaning up. We thank the teens, who planned to assist and those teens and children, who surprised us with their assistance.

I praise God for every moment, and in particular this moment, that allowed us in these trying times to feel a sense of oneness in parish life.

Something to Think About: There are many events this month to celebrate. Often times we stress ourselves with large celebrations. I hope that you will find time in between the larger celebrations to celebrate in the intimacy of your immediate family.

CONFIRMATION, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS: EVENTS!

Spaghetti Dinner: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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

Parish Movie Night: Sunday, May 25 at 6:00pm. We will be showing Disney's "Enchanted." 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.

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

The Cornerstone Team met on April 30 for a wrap up session on the Cornerstone Weekend, held March 28, 29. The Team received many positive responses regarding the weekend and looks forward to reconnecting this coming Wednesday with all the participants. The theme for the meeting was WELCOMING THE HOLY SPIRIT. We are all grateful for the hard work of so many that made this weekend a spiritual spa for all the participants. In our list of thanks June Taylor's contribution in ordering the Cornerstone sweatshirts was left off - belated thanks to June. We hope all past Cornerstone participants will join us on May 7.

"We are all called to do something beautiful for others." -Mother Teresa

The collection for the Soup Kitchen will be next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 way 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

Bergen Catholic High School Summer Camp Programs

The Crusader Basketball School: 3 sessions: July 7-11; July 14-18; and July 21-25. For boys ages 8-15. For information, call BC Basketball Office at 201-634-2204.

2008 Championship Football Camp: 2 sessions: July 28-July 31; August 4-7. For boys 5-9. For information, call BC Football Office at 201-634-4127.

The Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp: 2 Sessions: July 7-11; July 14-18. For boys 8-15. For information, call BC Lacrosse Office at 201-634-4141.

Soccer's Edge: 1 Session: June 23-June 27. For boys entering grades 6,7, and 8. For information call 201-847-2500.

Wrestling: Open mats: Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; April 2-July 28. Ages 8 and up. For information contact dbell@bergencatholic.org.

Camp applications are available at www.bergencatholic.org.

Vocation Reflections

Would you like to help Vocations? Here's a excellent opportunity!!!!

The fifty-fourth annual Archbishop's Vocations Fund Dinner hosted by the Serra Clubs of District 22 will be held this year at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ on June 3, 2008. The dinner will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the exact format as last years which was a huge success. This occasion is another activity offering parishioners, friends of Serra and others an opportunity to help in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The cost of the dinner is \$75.00 per person. Please consider joining Archbishop Myers and the Serrans in their work by planning to attend.

For more information please call the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365 or e-mail kellybar@rcan.org.

Reflections on Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do." Good stewards follow his example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

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