



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

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**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**

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

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## A Message from the Pastor

December 3, 2017  
First Sunday of Advent

# Advent Season

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*Come join and be uplifted!*

### MONTHLY ROSARY

MONDAY DECEMBER 4 Church 7:30 p.m.

### "BE MY WITNESS" END-OF-SEASON GATHERING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6 Barn 7:30 p.m.

*Follow The Star and Be The Light this Advent Season. All are invited to our Be My Witness Advent Prayer Service and Celebration this Wed., Dec. 6, at 7:30pm in the red barn.*

*Completing the 12 sessions of the Be My Witness faith sharing program has sealed us as missionary disciples bringing light, blessing and healing to the Body of Christ. God is with us as we pray, sing and share stories and refreshments. Come and join us. For more information contact ccblake38@gmail.com*

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - a Holy Day of Obligation

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 Church (Mass)  
9:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

### LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER WITH AN ADVENT GOSPEL

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13 Church 8 p.m.

*God is with us! Amidst hectic schedules of work, school and preparing for Christmas, we have prepared for YOU a special hour of peace to restore your sense of Advent with a session of quiet prayer inspired by a passage from the Gospels, using a method of relaxing, contemplative prayer accessible to everyone! led by Father Charlie*

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 Church 12 NOON  
*(priests and parishioners from Guardian Angel and neighboring parishes)  
(Confessions also in our Church Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.)*

### FESTIVAL OF CAROLS:

### OUR ADVENT MUSICAL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 Church 7:00 p.m.  
*All are invited to this festive gathering - a parish tradition of marking the transition from Advent toward Christmas with instruments, choir music and a children's Nativity pageant. This joyful uplifting annual treat is not to be missed!*

Dear parishioners,

Advent greetings to you all! This weekend we begin a special season of anticipation, and a new Church year.

*"The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ..." (Titus 2:11-13, emphasis added).*

These verses come from the Second Reading at the celebration of Eucharist at Night on Christmas, and foreshadow the church's traditional understanding of this anticipatory season. The verses contain in kernel form the theme of the days of Advent, part of the opening of the new liturgical year that begins with the liturgical time of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany. It is a time of a three-fold focus in the life of the Christian disciple: a time of *conversion*, of *right living*, and of *joyful expectation*.

This weekend at Mass, we heard as the Collect (Opening Prayer) the following words: *"Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever."*

Can we choose to "run forth" toward an encounter with Christ in the Eucharistic assembly and ritual prayers? The beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, known as the Preface, has a threefold emphasis: Christ's First Coming (in "the lowliness of human flesh"), movement toward his Second Coming ("in glory and majesty") and the posture of watchfulness and hope in which we are called to live now ("now we dare to hope").

Reflect too on images we find in the Prayer After Communion. It calls to mind that while we "walk amid passing things," we are yet to remain focused on loving the "things of heaven" and "what endures," having been taught by the celebration of the eucharist ("these mysteries"). There is indeed great power in the ritual and prayers of the Mass! May our Advent Season be marked by a deeper attentive participation in Mass and an accompanying renewed openness to God's call.

In Christ,

*Father Charlie*

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY DECEMBER 8

On Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honor our belief that Mary was free from the corruption of sin - even from the moment of her conception.

This solemnity is the patronal feast for the United States and is a Holy Day of Obligation.  
**We will celebrate Mass in the Church on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

*The rectory offices will be closed in observation of the Holy Day.*



# Masses for the Week

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**Sunday December 3**  
 5:30 pm Kathleen Carty  
 7:30 am John Carlson  
 10:00 am Alex Vicelli  
 11:30 am Jacob O'Reilly Dunn

**Monday December 4**  
 9:00 am Warren Macek

**Tuesday December 5**  
 9:00 am People of the Parish

**Wednesday December 6**  
 9:00 am Theresa Frederick

**Thursday December 7**  
 9:00 am William Bischoff

**Friday December 8**  
 9:00 am Paul Herman  
 3:45 pm Valerie Pryor  
 8:00 pm People of the Parish

**Saturday December 9**  
 5:30 am George Zandalasini, Jr.

**Sunday December 10**  
 7:30 am Ann & Pat Job  
 10:00 am Frances Indelli  
 11:30 am Eileen Knapp

## BAPTISM



*We celebrate the baptism of Veronica Rose Taylor, daughter of Bill Taylor and Toni Manderano. May Veronica Rose always find a welcome home here at Church of the Guardian Angel.*

### RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

**Help religious communities.** "Your generous contribution this weekend helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

### 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.

#### Weekly Offering

November 19th collection was \$8,787 with \$5,343 from the collection basket and \$3,444 from Faith Direct.

November 26th collection was \$8,093 with \$4,649 from the collection basket and \$3,444 from Faith Direct.

During Advent and Christmas, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to Guardian Angel are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ513**.

Thank you,  
 Fr. Charlie

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1,  
 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## GIVING TREE

'Tis the season! Share the joy of Christmas with the kids of PS #28! Once again our parish will be providing gifts for Kindergarten and Pre-K students at Paterson's Public School #28. Please bring your wrapped gift **with the tag attached** to the Church by **Sunday, December 10th**. Unwrapped gifts are also welcomed for Pre-k and Kindergarten age. Santa and his helpers will deliver the packages on Wednesday, December 13th. If you have any questions or would like to help distribute the gifts, please call Anna DiMiceli at 201-825-7039 or [annadimiceli@realtor.com](mailto:annadimiceli@realtor.com).

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lighted this week in memory of John Hines.*



## CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

### DECEMBER ITEMS NEEDED

**85 Boxes of Instant Potatoes per week**  
**85 Bottles of Pancake Syrup per week**

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Anthony Food Pantry in the back of the Church. Monetary donations are always welcome and can be placed in the orange bucket at the Food Pantry. Donations for the week ending November 26 included **17 Bags of Rice** and **15 Bottles of Pancake Syrup**. Please note that *Perishable Items Cannot Be Accepted*. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact Sue Zitolo at 201-934-9372, [szitolo@aol.com](mailto:szitolo@aol.com) or John Lowe at 201-327-9397, [john.lowejr@att.net](mailto:john.lowejr@att.net).



## FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY

**Family Promise** is looking for sleepover chaperones for our week in January on Tuesday the 2nd and Thursday the 4th. Contact Tony Sabino - [tonys22466@aol.com](mailto:tonys22466@aol.com)  
**Chaperone responsibilities:** Arrive around 6:30pm, socialize with the families making them feel welcome and comfortable. You get to eat, mingle and sleep and in the morning just make sure everyone is up for pickup at 6am. Then you are on your way. Guests are usually in bed early and lights out is 10PM. The volunteers are free to go to sleep at that time. The parents are responsible for their children at all times. The sleep over volunteers are there to provide support, in case one of the parents needs assistance for some reason. There are always two volunteers assigned each night, so you are never on your own.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## **Catholic Highlight of the Week:**

Has Catholicism ever taken your breath away? Have you ever stepped back in your mind and thought, "Wow, that is amazing!"

If you haven't, that's OK. Most people haven't. If you haven't experienced the faith like that, then you haven't really experienced Catholicism yet. And in a way, that's exciting.



Meeting people where they are . . . Leading them to where *God calls them to be!*

*Dynamic Catholic isn't just a website. It's a community, a movement, a group of people much like yourself who are trying to make sense of life and live the best life they can.*

We're excited for you to have your breath taken away. We're excited for you to be amazed. We can't wait to see the look in your eyes when all the pieces fall into place and life finally makes sense.

So, how can we serve you? Are you looking for something specific? Do you have the sense that something is missing in your life, but you don't know what it is? Are you ready to grow spiritually? Are you hungry to learn more? Or maybe, you are just trying to make sense of life.

Well, you've come to the right place. Wherever you are in your journey, we want to meet you right there and walk with you, step by step, helping you to discover God and become the-best-version-of-yourself.

Visit [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) for amazing, life-changing, FREE books, CDs, prayer cards, and email inspirations!

## COMING SOON...

Tuesday, Dec. 5	Confirmation Penance Service 7:30pm Church
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Youth Group 7:30pm Rectory
Tuesday, Dec, 12	Confirmation Small Group Prep 7:30pm Rectory
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Advent Lectio Divina 8:00pm Church
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Youth Group Christmas Party 7:30pm Rectory

Katie Cavazzini - Youth Minister  
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[kcavazzini@guardianangelchurch.org](mailto:kcavazzini@guardianangelchurch.org)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During this first week of Advent we continue to prepare our second graders to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children and their families will gather next Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the church for a Prayer Service which will include individual confession for the children and their families. For the past few weeks, the focus has been on a lifetime of finding healing and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation. It has been a period of spiritual preparation with a focus on God's mercy and willingness to always forgive us. Please remember the children in your prayers this week as they reflect on their relationship with God in their lives every day.

There are plenty of family Advent resources in the Religious Education office for anyone interested. A suggestion would be to light an Advent wreath every day before dinner. Please contact the Religious Ed office at [inayden@guardianangelchurch.org](mailto:inayden@guardianangelchurch.org) or [jborzilleri@guardianangelchurch.org](mailto:jborzilleri@guardianangelchurch.org) if you would like to pick up any Advent materials.

Just a reminder Religious Ed classes for grades 1 through 7 will meet at their usual time and place this Tuesday.

The 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes will meet in the church at 7:30 for their Advent Penance Service.

Every year the Religious Education Office arranges for all of the students to attend a Reconciliation Service during Advent. Each service is specifically prepared for a particular age group. **This year the schedule for the Religious Education Advent Reconciliation Services is:**

Tuesday December 5	7:30 PM	Grades 8 & 9
Saturday December 9	11:00 AM & 2:00 PM	First Reconciliation
Tuesday December 12	3:30 PM	Grades 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday December 12	7:30 PM	Grades 6 & 7

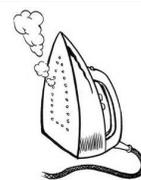
While this is a requirement for the students as part of the Religious Education program, it is hoped that regular participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation will become a habit long after they have completed their formal Religious Education. Families of the students as well as any other parishioners are welcome to join in these gatherings. There will be priests from neighboring parishes available to hear confessions at these times.

**Festival of Carols practices** continue this weekend. We will meet in the **church on Sunday from 1:00 to 2:00.**

**Christmas Eve Children's choir rehearsals** will begin this **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 6:00 in the church.**

## ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

Please consider becoming part of the Altar Linen Ministry! The commitment is minor, only about four times a year. The duties include washing and ironing the linens used at daily and weekend masses. A few of our participants are retiring so we are looking to add some new members. Please contact Jean Borzilleri at 201-327-0352 or at [jborzilleri@guardianangelchurch.org](mailto:jborzilleri@guardianangelchurch.org).



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.**

[www.saintjosephregional.org](http://www.saintjosephregional.org)

### THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 Mass**  
**Image processed, Rosary at 6pm,**  
**Veneration until 7pm**

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 am- 1:00 pm**

**Image displayed at all Masses**

Countless miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Guadalupe as She lovingly intercedes through the Missionary Image. It's a replica of Juan Diego's tilma divinely imprinted with Our Mother's Image in 1531. Mother Mary will be waiting to help you with any struggle or need! More info: Lynn:201.960.9600. General info: <http://www.jkmi.com>.

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### RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**Benedictine Center of St Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ offers retreats:**

An Advent retreat **"It's Time for Hope."** The pace of life can sometimes drain our hope. What sustains you? Join us in renewing our hope in Jesus and recharging our spiritual batteries. **December 9**, 9AM-3:30 PM., Open to all. \$35 for the day, lunch included.

**December 8-10.** Women are invited to spend the weekend \$135.

For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; [maritaosb@aol.com](mailto:maritaosb@aol.com)

### CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

The 47th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th at 8pm (two performances). Doors open at 7pm both nights. Christmas music in nine languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more information call 973-484-2400 or visit: [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

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The Archdiocese of Newark [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org)

The Catholic Advocate [www.rcan.org/advocate](http://www.rcan.org/advocate)

**Away for the weekend? Go to: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

**New Energies**  
PARISH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

### **St. Luke Church:**

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### **Church of the Presentation:**

Visit the website at [www.churchofpresentation.org](http://www.churchofpresentation.org) for more information, and the parish bulletin.

### **STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance.

Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

### **GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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