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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.

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Please call Jo Ann Del Gatto at 201-981-7081 to arrange for infant baptism and parental instruction.

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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.

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

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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. Robert at 201-327-4359 or Susan Brown at 201-327-2360.

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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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STEWARSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

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<i>Living Stations</i>	Andrew Monticello	(201)-327-4359 x222
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<i>Youth Mass Music Ministry</i>	Andrew Monticello	(201)-327-4359 x222

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December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new Church calendar year, and a new beginning for our Parish of Guardian Angel, as I try to fill Fr. Charlie's shoes. He has been wonderful to me in helping me learn and adjust to my new position as Administrator, and I thank him for that. Everyone that I have met so far has been so welcoming, be they staff or parishioners. For that I am also grateful.

As we begin Advent together, perhaps I can share some of my thoughts with you. It seems to me that this world is moving so fast, and it is a tough world, containing much fear and anxiety. The news is filled with stories of war, terrorism, racial tension, economic woes, and school shootings. And then, there are the more "normal" worries of daily life for each of us, with our families, friends, jobs, and the like.

But, at the same time, this is a world where great goodness also exists. We may have just counted our blessings with our celebration of Thanksgiving this past Thursday and given thanks to God for those blessings. Probably, not everything has been perfect in our lives — I am not glossing over that — but I am sure that we all have many things for which we can be thankful.

On the one hand, there is fear and anxiety in the world; on the other hand there is gratitude and praise for God. God's answer to bringing unity to those two opposites is reflected in the season of Advent. At the beginning of Advent, we ponder the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the world, when He comes in glory to bring final justice, peace and reward to the faithful. Things will end well. And so we look forward to that Second Coming of Christ at the end of time with hope and gratitude. Later on in Advent, our reflections shift towards preparations for the Birth of the Christ-child. And as we look forward to that re-presentation of Jesus being born in the world and our hearts, coming to us in the midst of the fear, anxiety and pain of daily life, we remember the events that occurred in a far away land in a distant time, preparing for His arrival on the Nativity. We look forward to that with hope and gratitude, as well — knowing our salvation began on Christmas Day.

Therefore, in both of the appearances of Jesus Christ, there is unity — a unity of hope. We have hope in God's design for the world, that it truly will end well for those who believe, and we have that hope because God sent His Son to us, as one of us, to make that happen.

In Christ,

Fr. Robert

P.S. Please join us for a very special Advent Family Event happening in the Auditorium on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:30 pm. **Array of Hope** will be with us in concert for an evening of Faith, Hope, and Love. I am looking forward to it!

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AWAKENING HEARTS

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"It's a multi-generational musical journey of faith"
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Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Guardian Angel RC Church Auditorium
Contact Frances Ferraro or Ali Zambrotta at 201-327-0352
Free will offering of \$10 per family

First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:44

Allendale Church Community Christmas Concert

The Allendale Church Community Combined Choir will present a Christmas Concert to benefit **Family Promise of Bergen County** on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4 pm at Archer United Methodist Church in Allendale.

The concert will include sacred choral anthems and organ compositions, accompanied by flutes, trumpet and percussion. A chorus of 40+ singers from Allendale and neighboring towns will perform seasonal based anthems. Special music will include the Ramapo Valley Youth Chorus, piano soloist, Dmitri Kochtcheev, vocal soloist, Laura Van Orden, and a flute ensemble. An offering will be taken at the concert to benefit **Family Promise of Bergen County**, an ecumenical non-profit 501©3 organization that has provided shelter, counseling and support to homeless, working families with dependent children for the past 28 years. Churches around the County provide the sheltering. The Allendale churches host families four weeks each year.

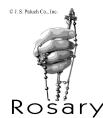
MASSES for the WEEK

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Saturday	November 30
5:30 pm	Jack McLaughlin
Sunday	December 1
7:30 am	Concetta Sciglitano
10:00 am	Susan Borges
11:30 am	John Zambrotta
Monday	December 2
9:00 am	William Czander
Tuesday	December 3
9:00 am	Frank Ascher
Wednesday	December 4
9:00 am	Margaret O'Reilly
Thursday	December 5
9:00 am	Rose Fucillo
Friday	December 6
9:00 am	Emma Perez Labiosa
Saturday	December 7
5:30 pm	Mary Romain
Sunday	December 8
7:30 am	Constanica Serad Escalon
10:00 am	Paul Herman
11:30 am	Mary DiNardo & Julia D'Onofrio

Keep in Prayer

Please say a extra-special prayer for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this upcoming Saturday! Pray that the Lord reveals to them the beauty of His boundless love and mercy in the confessional! Thanks — Fr. Robert



Our parish will have its monthly Rosary Devotion Monday evening at 7:30 in the Church. All are welcome.

GIVING TREE

Our Christmas tradition continues! Once again our parish will be providing gifts for Kindergarten and special needs students at Paterson's Public School #28. The Giving Tree is located in the vestibule of the Church. Please purchase and wrap the requested item and return the gift with the tag attached to the Church by



Sunday, December 15th. Select as many tags as you wish. Santa and his helpers will deliver the packages on Wednesday, December 19. If you have any questions or you would like to help distribute the gifts, please call Anna DiMiceli at 201-825-7039.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The Art and Environment committee is looking for 2 additional people to help. The time commitment is minimal, a few hours a month. The committee decorates the church to reflect the liturgical season. The busiest times of the year are Easter and Christmas when the church is filled with flowers that need watering. Anyone interested can either email Julia DiNardo at jdin@optonline.net or call 201-723-7783.



STEWARSHIP 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.

The **November 24th** collection will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.



ADVENT BREAKFAST

All are welcome on Wednesday, December 4th for an Advent Breakfast following the 9am Mass in the rectory. So we can plan according please contact Director of Religious Education Frances Ferraro if you would like to attend or contribute a food item. Thank you!

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

See flyer at Food Pantry with Number of Families supported by Northern NJ Center for Food Action locations.

DECEMBER FOOD ITEMS NEEDED 85 Cans of Coffee per week

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Anthony Food Pantry at entrance to the Church. Monetary donations are always welcome and can be placed in the orange bucket at the Food Pantry. **If each parish family donates one or more Cans of Coffee on a weekly basis throughout December, we can meet our goal.** 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 or John Lowe at 201-327-9397, john.lowejr@att.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY



- All teens and families are encouraged to attend Array of Hope Advent Concert, Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:30pm in the auditorium.
- There is **no CCD until the January Large Group Sessions**
- Youth Group continues the 4th of December
- Youth Group will have the Youth Group Secret Santa and Christmas Decorating Party December 11th!
- Youth Group meets Wednesday nights in the Red Barn at 7:30 to 9 PM and is open to all high school teens. We usually spend the first half hour to forty-five minutes talking about our faith and praying together. The rest of the time is time to hang out and enjoy each other's good company, with board games or outdoor/backyard style games!
- I am still waiting on Sponsor Forms.. Please have the document (can be found on our website under Confirmation Program) filled out by the sponsor, sealed by the sponsor's parish, and brought/delivered to Guardian Angel.
- I would like to build a schedule of service, whether it be once a month or more/less with teens that are interested. That would be ideal, but it depends on availability and interest, of course. Service is a huge part of our mission as Catholics. Just a friendly reminder that colleges absolutely love to see their applicants have a record of service through high school (not to mention it can seriously offset some tuition costs).
- There is no Youth Mass In the month of January.

Contact information for Alex:
acapicchioni@guardianangelchurch.org
201-327-4359 x204 or 201-934-5554

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

Free Advent Reflection series from Immaculate Conception Seminary

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology invites you to celebrate the truth, the goodness and the beauty of the Advent season through our Advent video reflection series. Sign up to receive an e-mail each day of Advent with a video reflection on that day's reading, offered by our inspiring faculty and administration. Experience the Lord with us this Advent season. Sign up at: shu.edu/theology.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This weekend we celebrate the first week of Advent and light the first purple candle – HOPE. If you don't currently use an Advent wreath in your home, please consider purchasing one (easily available online). It will serve as a visible and concrete reminder of your Catholic faith and allow your families to engage in the sacred art of "holy waiting." It can also be a welcome respite from the unceasing messages of materialism and consumerism which can obscure the true meaning of Christmas.

Array of Hope – December 3 from 7:30-9pm – mark your calendars and get ready for this exciting event! What a wonderfully creative way to begin our journey during Advent as we wait and watch in anticipation of our Lord! (All Religious Education students Grads 1-9 are required to attend as part of their ongoing faith formation. HOME SCHOOL/ANGEL WINGS - Participation would fulfill ONE of the OPTIONS for SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS)

Tiny Saints – Our Tiny Saints Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Dec 1 and Sunday, Dec 8 after all the Masses. Please consider purchasing a few items for YOUR tiny saint; these items make wonderful and fun Christmas gifts and First Holy Communion gifts. We will have many TINY SAINTS charms on display along with TINY SAINTS lanyards and TINY SAINTS rosary beads. There is also a TINY SAINTS order form for review if you'd like to purchase a TINY SAINT that we don't have on display.

Advent Giving Tree – please consider selecting a tag from our Advent Giving Tree and purchasing a gift for a child in need. Please return your wrapped gift to the gathering space by December 15 (church doors are locked by 5pm). Please contact Anna DiMiceli at 201-315-3023 if you have any questions.

Children's Church – Our next Children's Church is set for Sunday, Dec 15 at 11:30am Mass. We invite your children to learn about the important truths from Jesus in "bite sized" pieces of faith – presented in age appropriate language and followed by a fun and engaging craft.

Festival of Carols/Nativity Recreation – Please consult our Religious Education website for rehearsal dates and times. Contact Frances or Ali at 201-327-0352 to sign up for this family fun event. (HOME SCHOOL AND ANGEL WINGS FAMILIES – THIS WOULD FULFILL ONE OPTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS.)

Christmas Eve Choir – Please consult our Religious Education website for rehearsal dates and times. Contact Frances or Ali at 201-327-0352 to sign up for this family fun event. (HOME SCHOOL AND ANGEL WINGS FAMILIES – THIS WOULD FULFILL ONE OPTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS.)



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Questions: Call the rectory office at 201-327-4359 x202

HOUR OF GRACE DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY ON THE FEAST OF HER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DATE: Sunday, December 8, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
(After 12:00 Noon Mass)

PLACE: Most Blessed Sacrament Church,
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Advent

By Frances Ferraro

"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time" is the first verse from a popular James Taylor tune from the 1970's. For many, "enjoying the passage of time" can be a challenge at any time during the year. Consider how we are consistently tempted to "jump ahead" to the next season without the opportunity to savor and enjoy the present. The media is little help to us; think of the "back to school" advertisements that begin in July or the Halloween candy that appears on the shelves in our supermarkets by mid-August. As for the Christmas season, the early decorating of shopping centers and department stores catapult us to December 25 - with no pause from Thanksgiving to Christmas. No wonder it's difficult for us to focus on the sacred season of Advent! How can we reclaim this liturgical season of holy waiting amidst the unceasing messages of materialism and consumerism which can obscure the true meaning of Christmas?

There is a way and people have been using it for centuries. Everything about an Advent wreath shouts "JESUS IS COMING!" From the shape of the wreath to the number and color of the candles used - each item used engages our faith in creative ways. The circular shape of the wreath (no beginning or end) symbolizes God's unending love for us and the everlasting life we find in Jesus. The four candles used also have significance; each represents 1,000 years (4,000 years total) and is a visual reminder of the elapsed time between Adam and Eve until the birth of our Jesus. The color purple (for the candles and vestments) represent penance and preparation.

The first purple candle (HOPE) is lit on the first Sunday of Advent (Dec 1, 2019) and is referred to as the PROPHECY candle; we remember the prophets who have gone before us (fun fact: Isaiah is the most quoted Old Testament prophet in New Testament.)

The second purple candle (FAITH) is lit on the second Sunday of Advent (Dec 8, 2019) and is referred to as the BETHLEHEM candle; we reflect on the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

The rose candle (JOY) is lit on the third Sunday of Advent (Dec 15, 2019) and is referred to as the SHEPHERD'S candle. This is also known as Gaudete (rejoice!) Sunday; we've arrived at the midpoint of Advent. In other words, we're almost there!

Finally, the third purple candle (PEACE) is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 22, 2019) and is referred to as the ANGEL'S candle. During this final week, we are reminded of the message of the angels: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." (Lk 2:14)

The tradition of using an Advent wreath in your home allows you to press the PAUSE button during this holiest time of year and is a visible reminder of what we instinctively know to be true; in the birth of a child lies the hope of the world.





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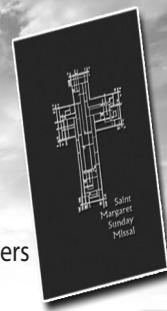
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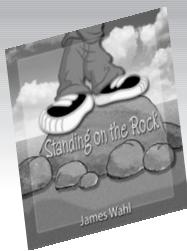
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