



Fourth Sunday of
Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please email Deacon Rey Escalon at
escalonr@hotmail.com to arrange for infant baptism
and parental instruction.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please contact Youth Ministry office at 201-327-
4359 x204 for information about teen sacramental
preparation.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve - 5:30 p.m.

(Sunday Obligation)

Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: schedule posted in bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 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 Tad 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. Tad at 201-327-4359
x201 or Frances Ferraro 201-327-0352 for children
and teens.

MESSAGE FROM FR. TAD

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021*



The Gospel of Luke this weekend is the story of the **Visitation**. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and in that visit we are given the words that we need to hear: “*Blessed are you who believed that -what was spoken to you by the Lord - would be fulfilled*”.

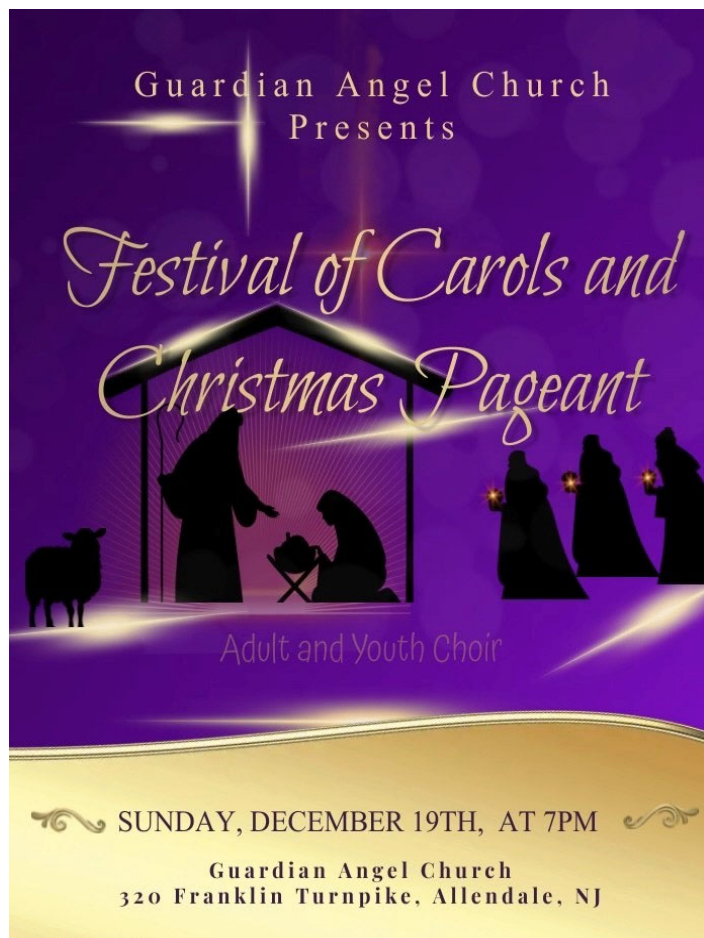
Mary cares about all of us, about you, and every person you know. From heaven, she mourns for those who reject her Son, and she laughs for joy with those who delight in the Lord. She is real. Her love for us is real. She very much wants to have a good relationship with each of us and to praise the Lord with us. *We should follow her example in our personal life.*

She shows us that it is possible to move beyond our own personal life and difficulties and engage in real and true ministry.

Ministry is not simply doing things for others, loving difficult people, serving the poor and teaching others. True ministers allow also themselves to serve and be served, taught, cared for, consoled, and loved. Mary –mother of Jesus is the best model and example for us.

May Christ be born in us and in our world. May this Christmas be a “**Merry Christmas**” for us.

Fr. Tad



DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 pm Family Mass ✕ **6:00pm Holy Mass** ✕ **8:00pm Holy Mass**

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30am Holy Mass ✕ **9:30am Holy Mass** ✕ **11:30am Holy Mass**

DECEMBER 31 - VIGIL MASS - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Eve)

5:30pm Holy Mass

Let's celebrate together the end of the year and pray for God's blessings in the new year.

SAVE THE DATE - EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 9, 2022 - 3-5PM IN THE RECTORY



Saturday	December 18
5:30 pm	Ralph J. Scarpa
Sunday	December 19
7:30 am	Garrett Cremin
9:30 am	Kenneth Kunisch
11:30 am	Mary & Joseph DiNardo
Monday	December 20
9:00 am	Gerald Squillini
Tuesday	December 21
9:00 am	Joan Pryor
Wednesday	December 22
9:00 am	Angela Brady
Thursday	December 23
	People of the Parish
Friday	December 24
4:00 pm	Florencia Bazo
6:00 pm	Kathleen Mary Rooney and Patricia Bernadette Henry
8:00 pm	In Thanksgiving for the carnival volunteers
Saturday	December 25
7:30 am	Nancy Lee Geyer
9:30 am	Hedwig Jank and Family
11:30 am	Natale Mazzaferro
Sunday	December 26
7:30 am	Al Haynes
9:30 am	Deceased members of the Federici and Gutto Families
11:30 am	Rebecca Schindler

The Rectory Front Office is closed December 24th to January 3rd, 2022. All Rectory offices are closed December. 24th, 27th, 31st and January 3, 2022



By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

This weekend Taylor Catherine Umbach, daughter of Frederick and Ashley, will be baptized in our parish. May Taylor always find a welcome home here at Guardian Angel.

Looking for a Tax-Wise Giving Strategy?

**Retirement Account Required
Minimum Distribution (RMD)
Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)**

Depending on your age **, you may be required to take a RMD distribution from your Tax-Sheltered Retirement Account (e.g., IRA (traditional, SEP & SIMPLE) or after an IRA Rollover from a 401 (k), 403 (b), 457 (b) etc.)

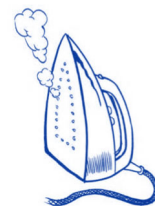
You can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your Tax-Sheltered Retirement Account directly to a qualified charity such as Guardian Angel Church without having to pay federal income taxes on this withdrawal. Depending on your state residence you may be subject to state income taxes. This popular gift option is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover, but you might also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution or QCD. Please authorize your broker or bank to permit transfer of funds directly from your account to Guardian Angel Church to receive the federal income tax benefit. Guardian Angel Church's **Tax ID number is 221-552-660.**

For further information, please contact **Frank Anello at 201.264.5945** or your tax accountant. You may also visit the Archdiocese website at RCAN.org and search for "QCD".

****Beginning date for your first required minimum distribution** is generally the calendar year you reach age 72 (age 70 ½ if born before July 1, 1949).

CAN YOU HELP THE LINEN MINISTRY?

The Linen Ministry needs new volunteers to launder the linens used at Masses. No special skills are required and your assignment is only 5-6 times per year. Please contact Anna DiMiceli at 201-315-3023 or email at anna.dimiceli@coldwellbankermoves.com



Collections for December 12th will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.

Throughout the Christmas season and all year your generous online donations are needed to help sustain our church and it's ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ513. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Fr. Tad



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL. The next rehearsal date is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 22 from 3:45pm-5pm.** Arrival time for the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass is 3:30pm for all Christmas Eve Choir participants.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES. Religious Education classes **begin on Tuesday, January 4, 2021** from 3:30pm-5pm. We've missed you!

FAMILY MASS. Our next **Family Mass** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 9 at 11:30am.** We look forward to celebrating Mass with you! Please be sure to check your **email the week of December 28 for the Signup Genius link to participate.**

ANGELS IN ACTION. Our **January initiative** is "**hearty soup and crackers.**" Please drop off your donated items to the Rectory front porch area **beginning January 4, 2022.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND CHALLENGES IN CATECHESIS. As a parish community, we welcome all families and support them by making faith formation and Sacraments available to children with special needs and challenges. Please contact our office for more information on how we can best serve your family.

Religious Education — 201-327-0352

Frances Ferraro - Director of Religious Education: fferraro@guardianangelchurch.org

Ali Zambrotta - Secretary Religious Education / PGC Coordinator: azambrotta@guardianangelchurch.org

"In the birth of a child lies the hope of the world." Anonymous

GUARDIAN ANGEL CHURCH ORNAMENT AND T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Guardian Angel T-Shirts (\$10) and Christmas Ornaments (\$15) are available for purchase through the Religious Education Office or any staff member. Contact Frances at 201-327-0352 or fferraro@guardianangelchurch.org. You can also call or email the rectory office at 201-327-4359 x202 or gachurch@guardainangelchurch.org. We can arrange pick up of the items.

Guardian Angel spirit wear T-Shirts are \$10
Adult and Children sizes available



Christmas Ornaments are \$15.
This beautifully crafted Christmas ornament is solid brass beautifully present.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Dear young friends,

Are you trying to get into the true spirit of Christmas but the same popular, blaring, obnoxious Christmas music has become an unwelcome distraction? Then try something new...or old. Actually it's really, really old. Open your Spotify or iTunes app, search for "Hildegard von Bingen" and rock out to the greatest hits of the 12th century! In all seriousness, Saint Hildegard von Bingen is one of only 4 female Doctors of the Church, and one of our most fascinating Saints. Besides being a composer of absolutely ethereal chant music such as "Songs to the Virgin Mary and Her Son," which is perfect for holiday baking and decorating, and especially quiet meditation on the gift of God's Son come to Earth, Hildegard was also a writer of visionary theology, a playwright, healer and prioress and a devoted Catholic leader who advised bishops, popes and kings. Her accomplishments are many and demonstrate the timeless nature of worship, which comes in all forms!

Jennifer Kavanagh
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CAROLING AND CAMPFIRE

Over 60 students in our Religious Education middle school program gathered on the church plaza celebrating the coming of Christmas and their last instructional class. They were led in song by Music Director, Klajdi Cerriku, and Cantor, Brittany DiNardo. The children enjoyed singing Christmas carols, sipping their hot chocolate, munching on cookies and staying warm by the fire.



Learning from John the Baptist

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

In the Gospel of Luke people ask John the Baptist what they ought to do. At the time this scriptural event occurred (2,000 years ago) there was a lot of stress in the world. Palestine was a Roman colony and there were wars and politics and even various opinions about religion. People were looking for God's help and a sense of direction. They approached John. He was a great prophet who was preaching and baptizing out by the Jordan River. "What should we do?" they asked.

All these years later (today in 2021), people are in the same situation. There are political problems, a virus pandemic, stress. There are even lots of opinions about religion. We are asking ourselves, "What should we do?"

John the Baptist gave three recommendations to the people of his time and I think they can apply to us today in our stressful world. He said: share, be fair and be humble. Let's break it down.

Share – God's desire for us on this earth is to share the blessings that we have received. We are called to be generous. John the Baptist preaches clearly that God's will for us is to share. "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Sharing is very needed in today's world. There are a lot of people needing food, friendship and prayer. And we can be the ones who give it to them. So... amid the stresses of life don't be selfish. A selfish attitude just makes things worse in the world. Share your love, share your things and share your time with others.

Be Fair – John the Baptist told the tax collectors and the soldiers to be fair and to treat everyone the same. He preached that everyone has dignity and should be respected. Giving special favors to some people while disregarding others is not God-like. It hurts society and causes division. The gospel calls us to be just in all we say and do. In our world today we are called to practice fairness so that the two extremes – favoritism on the one hand and neglect on the other – do not dominate our culture.

Be Humble – When the people asked the prophet what they needed to do he told them to be humble. John the Baptist said, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). He said that his cousin Jesus was so great that he (John) wasn't even worthy to touch his sandals. For us today, humility is crucial for growth as spiritual people. If we act like we just want to be left alone and don't need friends or family we won't learn how to love properly. If we think we can handle all the stresses in life on our own and don't need God's help, things will eventually become overwhelming. We need God. John the Baptist points us to Him.

May Jesus come into our hearts this Christmas and may we take the advice of John the Baptist to share, be fair and be humble.



GUARDIAN ANGEL HERITAGE FUND

The Heritage Fund is a restricted fund, approved by the Archdiocese of Newark, **allowing parishioners and others to make donations that will fund property and building needs and improvements, liturgical needs, parish life needs, etc.** Gifts to the Heritage Fund are not assessed by the Archdiocese.

We are in the planning stages and more news will be coming in the next few months. This is an exciting step to ensure the long term future of Guardian Angel parish.

If you are interested to learn more about The Heritage Fund or want to participate on the committee please contact the Rectory Office.



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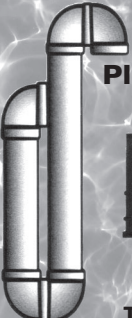
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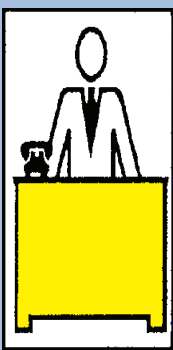
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