

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please email Deacon Rey Escalon at
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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 Lent March 27, 2022

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent remind us that **God is always waiting for us** to return to Him so we can receive the blessings, love, and help He offers us.

In the gospel, Jesus provides a reflection on the nature of love and our relationship with God, He tells the **parable of the prodigal son**, which is sometimes called the parable of the **forgiving father**.

God gives us **our life, many gifts, and talents**; we must receive them and sometimes give them back, sharing with others.

And sometimes we're afraid of God and we think, "Oh, I've done all kinds of things that are terribly wrong, and I don't know what to do and I'm ashamed," we think that maybe God will be angry. We're frightened of our own fears.

But God does not expect anything except our **love**. And when we come with our love, and we are sorry for what we did wrong - He opens His arms like that father from today's gospel who forgives His **younger son** all his mistakes and sins.

But we are sometimes also like the **older son**, from the gospel, who judges and asks, "How come God is good to sinners and He's not so good to me? Doesn't He know how faithful and true and all of these things I am?" So there could be a little bit of this son in us also. That's why Jesus is telling this story.

We need to always remember: **God is good to all of us**, not only to those who think they are good and faithful.

Fr. Tad



LENT 2022

All are welcome to join in
our Lent activities

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT 10am

Join our Lenten Bible Study, *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, in the barn each week during lent.

LENTEN CHARITY ACTIONS

SATURDAY / SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH & 27TH

Almsgiving is a part of Lent. Let us think of others and support those in need during this collection.

Center for Food action

Mary's Purse

AIDS Ministry

Soup Kitchen

Little Sisters of the Poor

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST 7:00 pm

This week the Confirmation Class and Youth Group will led the stations.

LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

SATURDAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND & 3RD

Fr. Abraham Feliciano SDB, Director of Don Bosco, will offer a Lenten retreat with a special homily at all Masses.

Father Abraham Feliciano, SDB, is originally from Paterson, NJ, and was ordained a Salesian priest in 2006. As a Salesian, he has served as pastoral associate, coordinator of youth ministry, youth minister, high school theology teacher, and chaplain for various Salesian presences in Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, DC. From 2012-to 2021, he served as the Province Youth Ministry Delegate for the St. Philip the Apostle Province – which covers Canada and the Eastern United States. Currently, Fr. Abraham is the Director of Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, NJ, where he previously served from 1996-97 and 1998-2000 during his initial formation as a Salesian

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH 1:00 pm

Parish Lenten confession

CHILDREN/YOUTH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Weekly updates listed in *Religious Education* and *Youth Ministry* News in the bulletin



Saturday	March 26
5:30 pm	Mary Donohue
Sunday	March 27
7:30 am	John Lowe, Sr.
9:30 am	Mary Convery
11:30 am	Samuel Lisung
Monday	March 28
9:00 am	Bernadette Zielinski
Tuesday	March 29
9:00 am	Molly Taylor
Wednesday	March 30
9:00 am	Bernadette Zielinski
Thursday	March 31
9:00 am	Rev. Stanley Milewski
Friday	April 1
9:00 am	Bernadette Zielinski
Saturday	April 2
9:00 am	People of the Parish
5:30 pm	Herbert Haller
Sunday	April 3
7:30 am	Jack Scarry
9:30 am	Anthony J. Cicalo
11:30 am	Guelfo Orsini

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

Thank you to the 47 families that have contributed to the Annual Appeal.

Our pledge total as of 3/23/22 is **26,275 of which \$20,525 has been received.** We are at 65% of our pledged goal. Pledges made and paid **by June 30, 2022** that exceed the stretch goal will be rebated to the parish. Our **base goal** this year is **\$40,199** and our **stretch goal** is **\$47,196.**

Pledge forms are available in the church, rectory office or you can donate online through our website or www.rcan.org/sharing. Every bit helps! Please take a few moments and prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The **March 20th collection** was \$6,426 with 2,970 from the collection basket, mail in and drop off at the rectory and \$3,456 from Faith Direct.

MASS INTENTION BULLETIN CORRECTION

Thursday, March 24		Genevieve Kupchak
Friday, March 25		People of the Parish
Saturday, March 26	5:30pm	Mary Donohue
Sunday, March 27	7:30am	John Lowe, S.r
	9:30am	Mary Convery
	11:30am	Samuel Lisung



The Journey to the Font A Story of Conversion, Week 2

Our catechumen **Adele** continues her journey to the font this weekend where she will celebrate the second scrutiny during the Lenten season. On the first Sunday of Lent (March 20), Adele heard the gospel of the Samaritan woman. On this Sunday (March 27), she will hear the gospel of the man born blind; the following Sunday (April 3), she will hear the gospel of Lazarus. The gospel readings teach her and remind each of us of Jesus as the living water, Jesus as the light of the world and Jesus, as the resurrection and the life. During these three Sundays, Adele progresses in her perception of sin and her desire for salvation. In addition, she will continue to receive new strength in the midst of her spiritual journey as she opens her heart to receive the gifts of the Savior. Our role as a parish community is to pray that Adele may be freed from the power of the Evil One and protect her on her journey as we continue our own spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery.



Frances Ferraro

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION



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On **Saturday, April 2nd** parishioners are welcome to gather in devotion to pray the rosary on the first Saturday of the month after the **9am Mass** in the church. For more information about The Five First Saturdays Devotion you can go to **www.themostholysrosary.com**. For information about the parish gathering, contact coordinator Michelle Branigan at **makb0313@yahoo.com**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...



ANGEL WINGS. Angel Wings registration is OPEN. Our office hours are 8am-2pm, Monday through Thursday. Please note, our office is closed on Friday.

FAMILY MASS. Our next Family Mass is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2022. We look forward to celebrating Mass with you!

YOUTH CHOIR. Our next Youth Choir rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, March 31 from 5:30pm-6:15pm in the church. Young musicians and walk-ins are always welcome!

LENTEN PENANCE PRAYER SERVICE. Our Lenten Penance Prayer Service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29 from 5pm-6pm in the Church. To ensure an easy and contemplative experience, please be sure to sign in as you enter. Students will be called to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the order they arrive. Reminder: masks are optional for children; social distancing guidelines remain in effect.

LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITY HOUR. Please join us on Sunday, April 3 from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Auditorium for our Lenten Family Activity Hour. Children will assemble fun and easy crafts and decorate "Easter Basket" cupcakes. We will also be raffling off family/faith-themed Easter Baskets to *many* lucky winners! Please check your email for the SignUp Genius. Reminder: masks are optional for children; social distancing guidelines remain in effect.

ANGELS IN ACTION. Our initiative for the month of March is collecting canned fruits and vegetables. *Donations are urgently needed!* All donations benefit the Center for Food Action in Mahwah, NJ.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Pope Francis

Religious Education — 201-327-0352

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Dear Friends,

This week in the Gospel reading we hear the story of the Prodigal Son. What we don't often remember in the story is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we've made, or how many times we have made them.

Jennifer Kavanagh

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PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Guardian Angel Church seeks to hire a “Religious Education Secretary and Local Safety Environment Coordinator.” This **part-time position is 15 hours per week**. The Religious Education Office is closed on Friday and during the month of August.

The applicant will be present during the designated office hours, answer and return phone calls, check emails, messages, and update website with current information regarding Religious Education schedules, activities, etc.

During the catechetical year, the applicant will maintain attendance records, secure volunteer catechists, serve as substitute catechist as needed, prepare/setup for Religious Education classes and attend all Parent meetings and Religious Education events (*occasional evenings and weekends*).

Maintain Protecting God’s Children (PGC) staff and volunteer files, perform background checks, coordinate PGC classes, work in close liaison with Archdiocesan personnel (training available).

Maintain communication with Pastor and parish staff.

ANY OTHER TASK DEEMED SUITABLE BY THE PASTOR AND DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AS NEEDS ARISE.

Requirements:

- Active practicing Catholic
- Minimum High School Diploma.
- Intermediate experience working with Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Publisher (ability to create, edit, save, and send spreadsheets, documents, presentations), SignUp Genius and ZOOM.

Please email resume with Job Application as the subject to Lori O’Reilly; Parish Secretary / Bookkeeper, at loreilly@guardianangelchurch.org.

Anniversary Masses

We are excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of **honoring those couples** in the Archdiocese who will be **celebrating 5, 25 & 50 years** of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022!

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate anniversary Masses in the Cathedral Basilica in Newark.

April 24th at 3pm 5 & 25 years (All counties) -
(Register by April 15th)

May 15th at 3pm 50 years (All counties) - (Register by May 6th)

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can join us as well. Please contact the **Rectory Office to register for the Mass**. Couples must be registered to attend. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Always present and largely unnoticed, a once quiet epidemic is now exploding in New Jersey. Our state is experiencing an unprecedented hunger crisis.



Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Center for Food Action’s six food pantries served an average of 400 households a week. The number of people and families in need has grown to more than 1,000 a week. With your support, and the support of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, CFA rose to the challenge.

As food inflation rises, so do the numbers of people in our communities seeking assistance.

In 2021 the Mahwah location served 2,084 households. The largest number to date!

MARCH NEEDS:

In March we are collecting **canned fruits and canned vegetables** for the Center for Food Actions.

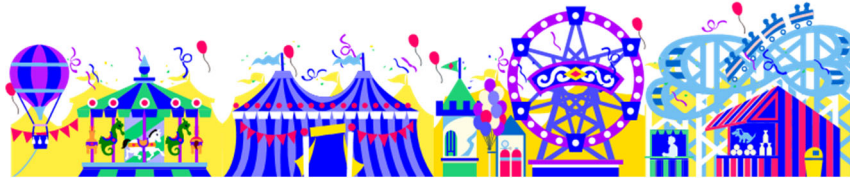
Please drop off your donated items to the rectory porch **Monday to Thursday from 9am to 2pm**. Thank you for your continued support!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

It is the possibility of saying “no” which gives so much charm to the heart when it says “yes”. A victory may be celebrated only on those fields in which a battle may be lost. Hence, in the divine order of things, God made a world in which a man and woman would rise to moral heights, not by that blind driving power which makes the sun rise each morning, but rather by the exercise of that freedom in which one may fight the good fight and enjoy the reward of victory - for no one shall be crowned unless he has struggled.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!



SAVE THE DATE!!

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH
6:00 TO 10:00 PM**

LOTS OF GREAT GAMES AND RIDES - FUN FOR ALL AGES!

THE FOOD COURT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MAMA PAPAROZZI'S FAMOUS MEATBALLS, SAUSAGE & PEPPERS, BEER AND WINE, AND PLENTY OF OTHER CARNIVAL TREATS.

We need your help to make this carnival a success. It takes 50 volunteers each night to run games, sell tickets, and work in the food & beverage tents. We recognize you don't know your schedule for June right now; however, if you could let us know that you are willing to help, as the dates get closer we will reach out to confirm your availability.

Please contact Michelle Murray murraymich4@gmail.com

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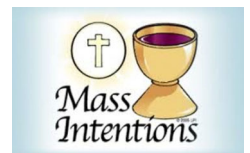
Silvana Anello Rental Coordinator 201.783.5414 or
sanello@guardianangelchurch.org

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Many of our upcoming parish Masses do not have a designated intention. **The intention can be for someone living, deceased or in thanksgiving.**

It is a beautiful way to acknowledge any occasion; for example a birthday or anniversary. We have lovely cards for both living or deceased that can be given to the person. The Mass intention is prayed aloud at the beginning of the Mass and during the General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful.) Suggested offering for a Weekday Mass intention is \$15 and \$20 for a weekend and holy day.

Stop by the rectory office or contact our parish Secretary for available dates and Masses..



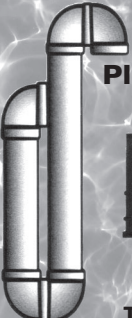
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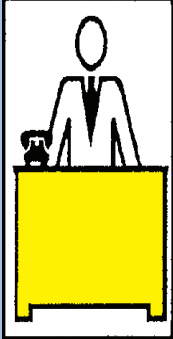
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