



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

***Blessed be God forever***

***320 Franklin Turnpike  
Allendale, New Jersey 07401***

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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**

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

**SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION**

Please contact Katie Cavazzini 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.  
(Rectory 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 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 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 Susan Brown at 201-327-2360.

**PASTORAL STAFF**

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Stan Brach and Jean Escalona, *Trustees*

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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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT****Ministry of Worship**

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>Adult Leader for Children's Church</i>        |                                |
| Irene Nayden                                     | (201) 327-0352                 |
| <i>Altar Linens</i>                              | Jean Borzilleri (201) 818-1559 |
| <i>Altar Server</i>                              | Michael Schmidt (201) 934-3353 |
| <i>Collection Counters</i>                       | Frank Anello (201) 934-1331    |
| <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i> |                                |
| June Taylor                                      | (201) 825-8812                 |
| <i>Monthly Rosary</i>                            | Kathie Brach (201) 236-3116    |
| <i>Music/Choir Ministry</i>                      |                                |
| Andrew Monticello                                | (201)-925-4756                 |
| <i>Readers of the Word (Lectors)</i>             |                                |
| Robert & Patty Durso                             | (201) 760-9169                 |

**Ministry of Faith Formation**

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|---|----------------|
| <i>Baptismal Preparation Ministry</i>     |                |
| JoAnn Del Gatto                           | (201) 981-7081 |
| <i>Catechetical Ministry (1-9)</i>        |                |
| Irene Nayden                              | (201) 327-0352 |
| <i>Cornerstone - Men's Spirituality</i>   |                |
| Rey Escalon                               | (201) 264-0145 |
| <i>Cornerstone - Women's Spirituality</i> |                |
| Carolyn Blake                             | (201) 825-1931 |

**Ministry of Faith Formation (Cont'd)**

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| <i>RCLA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> |                |
| Susan Brown  | (201) 327-2360 |
| <i>RCLA - Rite of Christian Initiation-Children</i>  |                |
| Irene Nayden   | (201) 327-0352 |

**Ministry of Evangelization**

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>AIDS Ministry</i>         | Noreen Prior (201) 236-1921  |
|                              | Arlene Sabino (201) 934-8441 |
| <i>Messengers of Love</i>    | Elayne McGill (201) 327-1547 |
| <i>Photography Ministry</i>  | Bill Konvit (201) 825-2972   |
| <i>Prayer Chain Ministry</i> | Arlene Sabino (201) 934-8441 |

**Ministry of Service**

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <i>Art &amp; Environment Ministry</i>     |                                 |
| Sophia Boniello                           | (201) 803-6459                  |
| Julia DiNardo                             | (201) 723-7783                  |
| <i>Bereavement Ministry</i>               | Joe Lisella (201) 825-2204      |
| <i>Communication/Marketing</i>            |                                 |
| Gerry Del Gatto                           | (201) 825-7383                  |
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| <i>Food Pantry Ministry</i>               | John Lowe (201) 327-9397        |
|   | Sue Zitolo (201) 934-9372       |
| <i>Funeral Ministry</i>                   | John Frederick (201) 327-3753   |
| <i>Giving Tree Ministry</i>               | Anna DiMiceli (201) 825-7039    |
| <i>Grounds &amp; Maintenance Ministry</i> |                                 |
| Father Charlie                            | (201) 327-4359                  |
| <i>Homeless Shelter Ministry</i>          | Joe Zitolo (201) 934-9372       |
| <i>Hospitality Ministry</i>               | Kathleen Lucas (201) 236-2577   |
| <i>Peace &amp; Justice Ministry</i>       | Gerry Del Gatto (201) 825-7383  |
| <i>Remembrance Mass</i>                   | Kathie Brach (201) 236-3116     |
| <i>Respect Life Ministry</i>              | Veronica Lenzi (201) 962-3027   |
| <i>Soup Kitchen Ministry</i>              | Chuck Assicurato (201) 327-1393 |
| <i>Welcome Ministry</i>                   | Jean Escalona (201) 825-3817    |

**Ministry of Stewardship & Finance**

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Finance Council</i>       | Michael Simendinger (201) 236-3135 |
| <i>New Energies</i>          | Susan Bolton (201) 248.0412        |
| <i>Pastoral Council</i>      | Elaine Kehoe (201) 818-3946        |
| <i>Stewardship Committee</i> | Jean Escalona (201) 825-3817       |

**Ministry of Community Building**

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Carnival</i> | Irene Nayden (201) 327-4936 |
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**Ministry of Youth Stewardship**

|                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Festival of Carols</i>             | Andrew Monticello (201)-925-4756 |
| <i>Living Stations</i>                | Andrew Monticello (201)-925-4756 |
| <i>Youth Group (Grades 6-8, 9-12)</i> |                                  |
| Katie Cavazzini                       | (201) 934-5554                   |
| <i>Youth Mass Music Ministry</i>      |                                  |
| Andrew Monticello                     | (201)-925-4756                   |

Visit [www.guardianangelchurch.org](http://www.guardianangelchurch.org) for up to date information about the parish! Are you a snowbird? Moving? You can update your address by going to the About section and scroll down to Update Parish Information! Go to the calendar be a part of all the great things happening at Guardian Angel!



## A Message from the Pastor

February 18, 2018  
1st Sunday in Lent

Dear parishioners,

Lent has begun! If you have made spiritual plans for the season of Lent, I pray that with the grace of God you are being able to persevere in them these first few days. But if you have not, do not lose hope! There is still time to begin again, to help prepare yourself through this holy season to be ready to celebrate the Paschal mysteries at Easter!

We especially invite you to consider some of our Lenten activities mentioned in the bulletin, website or our parish Lenten mailing (if you didn't receive the mailing, please contact our office to register as a member of Guardian Angel parish). Perhaps you'd like to join us any Friday evening in church at 7:30 p.m. as we pray the Stations of the Cross, a simple yet moving devotion that takes about 30 minutes. Booklets are provided and all ages are welcome.

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This past week, our parish Pastoral Council held its monthly meeting. One of the topics of discussion was a review of the analysis of the results of the parish-wide Mass schedule survey conducted recently. As you may recall, the survey was mailed to every parish home, and copies were also available in church. We received about 100 responses. To my surprise, most of those who consistently attend any one of the four Masses all preferred to keep the current Mass time. For example, those at 5:30 p.m. Mass preferred that time to 5 p.m. by 20-17. Those at 7:30 a.m. preferred that time to 8 a.m. by 14-2. Those at 10 a.m. preferred that time to an earlier or alter time by 25-6. And those at 11:30 a.m. preferred that time to an earlier or later time by 15-5. Also of note was that in response to occasional inquiries of a possible Sunday evening Mass, this too was included on the survey. Only 2 respondents said they would usually attend a Mass at that time, with only 13 more saying they would do so frequently. The survey results indicated that those somewhat interested in a Sunday evening mass were those already regularly attending one of our other Masses – and therefore evidently not of interest to those who are not already attending Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. The end result was that based on the input of all parishioners, a clear consensus of the pastoral council and pastoral staff – along with me – no changes are called for at this time.

It is important to know, however, that when your weekend gets filled up, some of our neighboring parishes (with the availability of 3 or 4 priests on staff) do offer a Sunday evening Mass that you could attend: 6:15 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, and 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Presentation.

In Christ,

Father Charlie

### LENTEN RETREAT MORNING

SATURDAY, March 3rd from 9am to 1pm

#### "Bringing the Faith Home"

Speaker Allan F. Wright

The day will begin with Mass in our church at 9 a.m., followed by a light breakfast, speaker presentations, conversations and prayer time.

To help us plan, please pre-register by February 27<sup>th</sup>:

201-327-4359 x 202 or email

gachurch@guardianangelchurch.org.

(\$10 suggested donation collected at retreat)

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AT GUARDIAN ANGEL

Each Wednesday in Lent, people from the churches of Allendale are gathering for a simple supper of soup and bread, with some faith sharing for the Lenten Season. Guardian Angel parish will be hosting on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8 p.m. in our Barn (Msgr Salemi Hall). We are in need of volunteers to make the soup and bread. Please contact me if you are interested.

Father Charlie



Lenten

Soup Supper Series

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Lent

February 21: Trinity Episcopal Church  
55 George Street (201) 327-3012

February 28: Archer United Methodist Church  
37 East Allendale Avenue (201) 327-0020

March 7: Guardian Angel Roman Catholic Church  
320 Franklin Turnpike (201) 327-4359

March 14: Archer United Methodist Church  
37 East Allendale Avenue (201) 327-0020

March 21: Highlands Presbyterian Church  
270 Franklin Turnpike (201) 327-4466

If you're interested in attending, please let your pastor know, or use the online sign-up tool at: <https://allendalechurches.org/lent/>

### STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY REFLECTION

February 18, 2018 - 1st Sunday in Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us. -That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

## MASSSES for the WEEK

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>February 17</b>      |
| 5:30 pm          | Jane Curti              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>February 18</b>      |
| 7:30 am          | John P. Durante II      |
| 10:00 am         | Marge Brown             |
| 11:30 am         | Thomas Smith            |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>February 19</b>      |
| 9:00 am          | Mannuel Perez           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>February 20</b>      |
| 9:00 am          | Ellen Ann Page          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>February 21</b>      |
| 9:00 am          | Eileen Paterson         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>February 22</b>      |
| 9:00 am          | Edward T. Van Tassel    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>February 23</b>      |
| 9:00 am          | Eileen Paterson         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>February 24</b>      |
| 5:30 pm          | George Zandalasini, Sr. |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>February 25</b>      |
| 7:30 am          | Josh Ray                |
| 10:00 am         | Ann Dunn                |
| 11:30 am         | Thomas Smith            |

### 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

February 11th collection was \$8,826 with \$5,078 from the collection basket and \$3,748 from Faith Direct.

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Guardian Angel with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ513**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!  
Fr. Charlie

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we begin the season of Lent. Like Advent, it is a season of preparation. During Advent, we prepared for a joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus. During Lent we prepare for our celebration of renewal in Holy Week when we recall Jesus' agonizing, lonely death and unexpected (to his disciples) resurrection. The reading from Genesis today reminds us of what it is like to lose almost everything and then to have it restored to us. Peter takes the flood that destroyed the earth and its creatures and transforms it into the baptism by water that saves each one of us. Mark tells us that even Jesus was given forty days to prepare, not in a flood but in a desert, for what was to be asked of him. So we begin this Sunday by being reminded of the importance of preparation and that it takes many forms. Whatever form our preparation takes, we must begin.

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The rectory offices are closed for President's Day, Monday February 19th. The offices will reopen at 9am on Tuesday, February 20th



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome!

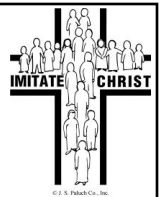
### READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9;  
1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

### Be My Witness for Lent

Be My Witness small groups will be in full swing this first week of Lent 2018. We look forward to the opportunity to greet newcomers and share our faith with fellow Parishioners. There is time to join us if you missed Sign Up Sunday last weekend. Contact Deacon Rey, [escalonr@hotmail.com](mailto:escalonr@hotmail.com) or [ccblake38@gmail.com](mailto:ccblake38@gmail.com). Make this lent your time to focus on your relationship to Jesus.



### CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

#### FEBRUARY ITEMS NEEDED

**85 Jars of Pasta Sauce each week**  
**85 Cans of Canned Tomatoes each 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. **If each parish family donates at least one Jar of Pasta Sauce and one Can of Canned Tomatoes on a weekly basis throughout February, we can meet our goal.** Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry in the back of the Church. 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).



#### 2018 CFA UPDATE

As of Sunday, February 11, the Guardian Angel community has donated 75 bags and 10 boxes of food and personal items (weighing over 775 lbs.) and \$40.10 in monetary donations! These totals include donations of 97 bottles of pancake syrup and 348 rolls of paper towels during the month of January.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Info for Katie Cavazzini - inside cover of bulletin

## 1-1-1: A Challenge for Lent

By LIFE TEEN

Lent is nearly here and that means prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is about to hit us in full swing! This season is all about detaching ourselves from the comforts of this world so that we can cling only to Christ, the source of our fullness of life. There are a variety of ways we can do that, but if you're looking for a specific, practical way to dive into this season, consider joining The Living Person, who we've partnered with to launch the 1-1-1 Lenten Challenge. This is a challenge that we're inviting you to participate in this Lent, and to share your journey with others via social media.

What exactly does this challenge involve? **Giving up 1 thing, picking up 1 thing, and focusing on 1 sin.**

Be sure to share how this challenge is going with your friends and on social media, using the hashtags #TheLivingPerson and #LifeTeen. Be open to what Jesus is going to do when you seek Him with a sincere heart this Lent. He will do big things!

### CONFIRMATION PREP

Our Spring series of Confirmation Small Group Prep Sessions continues next Tuesday, February 27 at 7:30pm in the Rectory. Any candidate who missed one of the Fall sessions should attend the corresponding Spring session. Contact Katie with any questions.

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Living Stations of the Cross is an opportunity for the youth of our parish to participate in the reenactment of the passion of Jesus Christ. This presentation features contemporary Christian songs, Scripture readings, and poetry. There will be four (4) rehearsals plus the presentation. This is a meaningful and practical way to fulfill your individual parish service hours for Confirmation. The practices are 1-2pm on March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25. The presentation is Sunday, March 25 at 7pm in the Church. Please email Katie (kavazzini@guardianangelchurch.org) to sign-up.

### PIVOTAL PLAYERS

The next session of *CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players* is Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory. We will dive into the life of **St. Catherine of Siena**, her effect on the Church, and how she changed civilization. Open to anyone, this program is also Family Catechesis for Confirmation candidates and their parents.

### COMING SOON...

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| Tuesday, Feb. 20   | NO PREP SESSION                                 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 21 | NO YOUTH GROUP                                  |
| Tuesday, Feb. 27   | Small Group Confirmation Prep<br>7:30pm Rectory |
| Wednesday, Feb. 28 | Youth Group 7:30pm Rectory                      |
| Sunday, March 4    | Youth Mass 11:30am Church                       |
|                    | Living Stations Practice 1:00pm Church          |
| Monday, March 5    | Pivotal Players 7:00pm Rectory                  |
| Tuesday, March 6   | Small Group Confirmation Prep<br>7:30pm Rectory |
| Wednesday, March 7 | Allendale Lenten Soup Supper<br>6:30pm Barn     |
| Sunday, March 11   | Living Stations Practice<br>1:00pm Church       |

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In this First Week of Lent we encounter Majd. In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsicebowl.org](http://crsicebowl.org) for more.

This week, why not consider coming to weekday Mass during school break? It is a great opportunity to participate in an intimate Mass experience in the rectory chapel and counts as one of your Home School or Summer Angel Wings school year requirements. Mass is at 9:00 AM in the rectory chapel. Just show up and be sure to place a host in the bowl on your way into the chapel. Hope to see you there!

Religious Ed Registration is open for the 2018 – 2019 school year. If you would like your family to participate in Summer Angel Wings, which is open to students entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades in September, you must register by Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be held in the rectory during the regular Religious Ed office hours of Monday to Thursday 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. On Tuesdays during January, we will be in the rectory from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM for those who cannot make it during the day. Families who plan to attend Tuesday afternoon, Junior High School Tuesday evening programs or our home school program are encouraged to register at these times too. If you have any questions please contact the Religious Ed office at [inayden@guardianangelchurch.org](mailto:inayden@guardianangelchurch.org) or call 201-327-0352 or check the parish website at [guardianangelchurch.org](http://guardianangelchurch.org).

Registration Fees are:

#### FOR ALL PROGRAMS:

| Register by        | May 8, 2018 | AFTER May 8 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>FAMILY FEE:</b> |             |             |
| One Child          | \$250       | \$300       |
| Two Children       | \$300       | \$350       |
| Three or more      | \$350       | \$400       |

#### PLUS ADDITIONAL FEES:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT FEE | \$50             |
| GRADE 8 RETREAT FEE         | \$50             |
| ANGEL WINGS ART FEE         | \$10 PER STUDENT |
| CONFIRMATION RETREAT FEE    | \$225            |

If you would like your family to participate in Summer Angel Wings, you must register by Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

As of now the dates for Summer Angel Wings are June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, July 2, 3, 5 & 6, 2018. The hours are 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Summer Angel Wings is open to all children who will be in grades 1 – 5 in September 2018.

Every year the Archdiocese of Newark asks that all fifth and eighth grade Religious Education Programs participate in the Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE). This program assessment for catechesis/religious education has been developed by the National Catholic Education Association to:

- \* Serve as a tool for assessing the effectiveness of catechetical/religious education programs;
- \* Offer a picture of where grade 5 & 8 students are in terms of their basic religious knowledge;
- \* Assess the religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions of students in these grades in addition to their religious knowledge; and,
- \* Provide information about areas of strengths in catechetical/religious education programs as well as areas that may need additional attention or improvement.

This assessment will be administered to your fifth and eighth graders on Tuesday February 27, 2018. **Fifth grade students will take the assessment from 3:30 until 4:30 on February 27<sup>th</sup> in the barn. The eighth graders are asked to report to the barn from 7:30 until 8:30 PM for the administration of this assessment.** Please make sure that your children understand that this is not for a grade, but rather to see how well Guardian Angel is teaching Religious Education. We have done our best to see that the children are not stressed over this. Please do your best to have your child at Religious Education class promptly on February 27<sup>th</sup> so that we may begin the assessment on time and complete it in the limited time that we have.

## **Bereavement Ministry Support Training**

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the bereaved? The Spring Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5 hour session class begins at the end of March and continues into May. You may choose to attend the Tuesday or Saturday morning class. Participants will be trained as Bereavement Support Group Facilitators. For class time, location, registration and fee information please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org). Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Newark.

## **2018 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENTS**

**Come for a day of Faith, Sisterhood and Prayer!**  
**Women's Commission Day of Reflection**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm,**  
**Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.**

This year's theme is *"Alive in Christ... Renewing Our Families."* The keynote speakers for the English Track are Hallie Lord, author of *On the Other Side of Fear*, Gloria Purvis, creator of *Authentically Free at Last* on EWTN, and Sr Brittany Harrison, FMA, contributor to the *Catholic Hipsters Handbook*. The Spanish track will feature *Kathia Arango*, National Coordinator for the Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal, in the U.S and Canada, and Director of Hispanic Ministry at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Ylma R. Acevedo founder of "Veras la Gloria de Dios" Ministry joined by the musical talents of **Freddy Flores and Shaddai**. His Eminence **Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin** will be celebrating the Mass! Information and register at <http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission>

**Revive your spirits and build your faith!**  
**Catholic Men's Conference**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm,**  
**Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.**

This year's theme is *"Be Not Afraid: The Victory is Christ's!"*  
Speakers for the English track will be Joe Lombardi, Jr., Quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints, Jesse Romero, founder of On Fire Evangelization Apostolate, and Hector Molina, who has over 25 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Spanish track speakers will be Jesse Romero and Hector Molina. His Eminence **Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin** will be celebrating the Mass! Information and register at [www.NJCatholicMen.org](http://www.NJCatholicMen.org)

*Both events include continental breakfast and lunch.  
Look for flyers at church entrances.*

## **IMPORTANT CHURCH WEBSITES:**

Church of the Guardian Angel Website:

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

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelChurchAllendale/](https://www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelChurchAllendale/)

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)**

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## **CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION:**

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Find strength in sharing experiences*

**PLEASE JOIN US: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month**  
**PLACE: Church of the Presentation Room 1**  
**TIME: Meeting starts promptly at 7:30**  
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## **An Evening of Divine Mercy**

Friday, March 9, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Church  
900 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

## **Father Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian**

Helpers, Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA will present a spiritual talk on "Divine Mercy 101", What is the message and devotion of Divine Mercy and why is it important for our times?" Father Chris will spread the message of Divine Mercy as told to St. Faustina, "Trust in Jesus and His Church...".

We will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. with a meet and greet Fr. Chris Alar and the Marian book sale. At 6:45 p.m. we will begin recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and at 7:00 p.m. Father Chris will begin his spiritual talk: "Divine Mercy 101".

*You can pick up a "no-fee" ticket at the Guardian Angel rectory office. Tickets are for seating purposes only.*

## **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you a young adult (woman or man) looking for companions on your faith journey? A Young Adult Group gathers once a month for community, prayer and reflection, study and service, in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell. For more information or for the date of the next meeting call, text or email: Sr. Pat Stringer, OP, at 973-666-0907 or [pstringer@caldwellop.org](mailto:pstringer@caldwellop.org).

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