

Welcome!

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our parish family. We invite you to continue joining us each week at our liturgical celebrations.

Newly Baptized

November 22, 2014

Connor Patrick O'Reilly, son of Cara May Maggioli and Robert Patrick O'Reilly.

Genesis Reyes-Diaz, son of Norma Diaz and Wilmer Reyes-Jara.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Courtney Painter and Kyle Stewart will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on December 13th. God's blessings from St. John-Holy Angels Parish.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

November 30	8:00 AM	James Tarburton Jr.
	10:00 AM	Vernon Dalgarn
December 1	8:00 AM	Wanda Woods-Belusko
December 2	8:00 AM	Gertrude Procak
December 3	8:00 AM	Rev. Leo W. O'Neil
December 4	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 5	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 6	8:00 AM	Billy Barrett
December 7	8:00 AM	Wilkinson-Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage

Holy Angels Church

November 29	5:00 PM	Allen Gosnell
November 30	9:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	11:00 AM	Valentine Montedonico
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 6	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 7	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	John Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Isaiah 2:1-5;	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10;	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25:6-10a;	Matthew 15:29-57
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6;	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24;	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;	Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;	II Peter 3:8-14;
		Mark 1:1-8

Question for the Week

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

"If you were to be judged by God today, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?"



Thank you to all who have responded to the *Sustaining Hope for the Future* Campaign. We are very grateful for all the responses we received this past weekend. To date, 305 responses have been received.

Diocesan Goal \$ 512,400

Parish Goal \$ 341,600

- ◆ St. John Church refurbishment
- ◆ Holy Angels School windows
- ◆ St. Michael Chapel in Holy Angels Church
- ◆ Athletic Building renovation

Total St. John-Holy Angels Parish Goal \$ 854,000

Gifts & Pledges to Date: - 630,347

Still needed to fulfill our parish projects \$ 223,653

As you can see, we have fulfilled our commitment to the Bishop. In order for us to complete our parish goal, we still need \$223,653. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a sacrifice of \$5/day, \$3/day or \$1/day, for the 3 year pledge period. Pledge cards can be turned in at the parish office or in the collection basket. Thank you, once again, to everyone who has been a part of this campaign!

First Communion/First Penance Meeting

Final Parent Registration Meeting

December 14 6:15 PM Holy Angels Church

In order to make the Sacraments of First Communion and First Penance, your child must be baptized, in at least 2nd Grade, and have been in a Religious Education program or Catholic School this past year. For more information, call the Office of Religious Education, 731-2209.

Confirmation 2015

Final Parent/Child Registration Meeting

December 15 7:00 PM Holy Angels Church

Students who entered 8th Grade this Fall and who meet the eligibility requirements (have been in a Religious Education program or Catholic School for the past 2 years, received Baptism and First Communion), must attend a registration meeting with a parent. For more information, call the Office of Religious Education, 731-2209.



November 30 – December 6, 2014

Sunday:	6:30 PM	Vespers – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Children – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels School
	6:30 PM	Cantor/Organist Practice – St. John Church
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – St. John Church
	7:00 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church
Thursday:	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church
	8:00 PM	Compline (note time change) – Holy Angels Church
Saturday:	7:00 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church

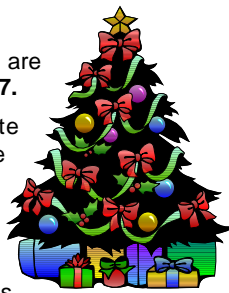
Shoe Drive

The Parish Youth Group will be collecting slightly used/new shoes at Holy Angels Church Gathering Space on November 29/30 and December 6/7. These shoes will be repurposed by an organization contracted by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and will be used in developing countries to foster micro-economic development models for small burgeoning communities. Holy Angels Youth Leadership Representatives have been asked to provide 350 pairs of shoes per representative. We have 3 Youth Leaders and will need to collect 1050 pairs. Please check your closets and bring your extra slightly used shoes and help us reach this goal.

Wish Tree

Please remember that our Wish tree gifts are due back to the Churches **on December 7**.

Tags on the tree support various state organizations and the local homeless. We will also accept any items that you or your children have at home that are **new** and no longer needed. These items can be filtered into the program to be used as gifts. Our outreach always welcomes gift cards for groceries, gas and other merchants. Consider buying gift cards from our School by contacting them at (302) 731-2210. For more information about the Wish Tree or to help sort gifts on December 2, please contact Diane Fisher at Diane Fisher at (302) 737-6864.



Rediscover Eucharistic Adoration

“Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord. He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys...our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and aspirations... Come! Jesus will fill you with His love and will reveal to you the thoughts of His heart...” Pope Benedict XVI

Holy Angels Church will be open for this special Adoration of the Eucharist on **Thursday, December 4**, starting at 9:00 AM. We will close with Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction at 8:00 PM.

**You are important to the Lord.
Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
For more information, please call June, 366-0711.**



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Angels School is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Our next Open House will take place for prospective parents on December 9 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Holy Angels is accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools and offers a challenging academic curriculum in Grades Pre/K3 through Grade 8. School tours are also available by appointment – call 731-2210 or visit the school website at www.holyangelsschool.org.

Modell's Team Weeks

Please support Holy Angels School by utilizing the Modell's Team Weeks Coupon for 15% off purchases at Modell's Sports Store. The coupon is good from November 28 – December 25, 2014. You can obtain one on the Parish website home page (www.stjohn-holyangels.com) by clicking on Parish Fundraisers, or pick up a coupon from the back of Church.

Holy Angels School receives 5% of all purchases made with this coupon. For more information, contact Patt Bebbington at (302) 836-1794 or phaitsch@hotmail.com.

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 13th

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Fremont Hall

Pancakes, Sausage,
Juice, Coffee, Tea
Photo Opportunity w/Santa
Craft Table



\$5.00 per adult (ages 14 and up)
\$2.00 per child

Please return the bottom portion of this form by Dec. 1st in an envelope with payment. Make checks payable to Holy Angels School.

Family Name (_____) will attend

Children--# attending _____

Adult--# attending _____



Advent Quiet Day
Monday, December 15
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Holy Angels Church

Take the time this Advent Season to spend a few hours in prayer and fasting. Join us for a mini-retreat of silence and reflection in the midst of the busyness which can be overwhelming at this time of the year. To register, please email consig.mr@verizon.net or call Mary at (302) 453-9613.



Many of you have discovered the substantial savings that can be found through the Amazon shopping network.

Do you know that if you access Amazon through the link on our website you can also benefit the Parish at **no additional cost to you?** Simply click on the Amazon link on our website, use Amazon the way you normally do, and Amazon will provide us a percentage of every purchase. This is a great and painless way to help support the Parish during this Christmas shopping season or when making other purchases through the entire year!

Have an Extra Turkey?

The Newark Area Needy Family Fund will again be collecting turkeys for Christmas Baskets for the less fortunate in our community. The turkeys should be brought to Mass with you on the weekend of December 13/14. Vehicles will be parked at both churches to receive your turkeys as you arrive at Mass.



If you have no space to keep your turkey frozen until Dec. 13/14, call the Parish Office, 731-2200. Arrangements can be made to drop off frozen turkeys at the Newark Area Welfare Freezer, off of Elkton Road in Newark.

Please fill out the "Turkey Pledge Slip" below and return it in the collection basket when you come to Mass next weekend. This will give us an idea of how many turkeys to expect, so we can plan for vehicles to pick up the turkeys on December 13/14. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

Pledge a Turkey!
Newark Needy Family Fund for Christmas 2014

I will drop off a turkey when I arrive for Mass on Saturday, December 13 or Sunday, December 14.

Name _____

Phone _____

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Be a part of our Christmas decorating this year, and contribute toward our decorating fund in memory of a loved one, living or deceased. Available this year are small or large poinsettias, at the cost of \$12 or \$32 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 21st bulletin.



Order deadline is Wednesday, December 10th. Please place the form below in your flower envelope with your donation, and return it to the Parish Center. For more information, please call Annie at 731-2200.

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Which Church (circle one): St. John's Holy Angels'

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$32 enclosed



Calendar Lottery Fundraiser Winter 2015

Didn't find everything you need on Black Friday? Stop by after Mass or in the Parish Center during regular business hours to purchase Lottery Calendars.

Calendars make wonderful gifts for those hard-to-buy for friends, family and neighbors! They make great stocking stuffers and are the perfect token of appreciation for holiday party hosts, bus drivers, hair dressers, crossing guards, etc. Calendars will be sold after each weekend Mass in November and December.

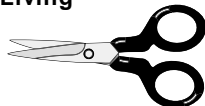
\$20.00 each 90 chances to win!

Only 1000 calendars will be sold! No duplicate numbers!

- Calendars are on sale now in the Parish Office.
- Calendars will be sold after Mass through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2015.
- Winning numbers are based on the Delaware State Play 3 night drawing; which is drawn daily at 7:57 p.m. Winning numbers can be viewed at: http://lottery.state.de.us/games_winningNumbers.asp.
- Straight numbers win; not boxed numbers.
- For more information, contact apress@holyangels.net.

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

Millcroft Five Star Senior Living
Offers Independent Living & Assisted Living
255 Possum Park Road
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 366-0160
www.millcroftseniorliving.com



Advent Vespers:

Our Parish's "Best Kept Secret"

One type of prayer that is always offered in our parish during the Advent Season is Vespers, which is part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Many parishioners have yet to experience this very moving type of prayer, making it our "best kept secret".

Spending just a little more time in prayer is a wonderful way to celebrate the Advent Season. Time spent in quiet prayer greatly sustains and enriches our own personal spiritual life. The Christians of the early Church devoted themselves to prayer at fixed times. Then, in different places, it soon became the established practice to assign special times for common prayer; for example, the final hours of the day when evening draws on and the lamp is lighted. The Church's prayer at sundown is referred to as Vespers (or Evening Prayer). Vespers consists of hymns, psalms, prayers and Scripture, followed by a reflection. Our prayer is led by a priest, deacon, or trained lay presider. Just like the early Christians, the Church encourages us to pray at these times as a community.



Vespers will be celebrated on November 30 and December 7 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church; and on December 14 and 21 at 6:30 PM at St. John Church. If you enjoy quiet and contemplative type prayer, please join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to slow down during this hectic, busy season and pray. Come see what the "best kept secret" is all about!

Silent Prayer Community

Our parish has a group of people who will earnestly pray for any needs that you might have. This is done anonymously via a telephone prayer chain. If you have a special need about which you need prayer, please call 894-0726, 731-4297 or 738-3033, and our members will pray for you. Please let us know when your prayer has been answered, so that we too might give thanks.

Congratulations!

The following students from St. John-Holy Angels were on the Honor Roll for the 1st quarter at St. Mark's High School. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

Samual J. Benjamin	Zachary J. Hopkins
Christopher E. Blackwell	Sarah N. Jacobs
	Regine I. Choi

Second Honors

Brandon C. Brooks	Kyle G. Johnson
Mary C. Brown	Mollie M. Marine
Abigail N. Calvetti	Alexa R. Murray
Emily L. Evans	Taylor N. Sedar
Clay E. Forrester	Robert R. VanDuzer

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436

Horario Oficina: Lunes- Cerrada

Martes y Jueves: 9:00 AM-12:00 Medio día

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Miércoles: 11:00-12:00 Medio día

1:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Viernes: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

“PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO”

La Corona de Adviento

La corona o guirnalda de Adviento es el primer anuncio de Navidad.



La palabra **ADVIENTO** es de origen latín y quiere decir **VENIDA**. Es el tiempo en que los cristianos nos preparamos para la venida de Jesucristo. El tiempo de adviento abarca cuatro semanas antes de Navidad. Una costumbre significativa y de gran ayuda para vivir este tiempo es La corona o guirnalda de Adviento, es el primer anuncio de Navidad. La corona de adviento se hace con follaje verde sobre el que se insertan cuatro velas. Tres velas son violetas, una es rosa. El primer domingo de adviento encendemos la primera vela y cada domingo de adviento encendemos una vela más hasta llegar a la Navidad. La vela rosa corresponde al tercer domingo y representa el gozo. Mientras se encienden las velas se hace una oración, utilizando algún pasaje de la Biblia y se entonan cantos. Esto lo hacemos en las misas de adviento y también es recomendable hacerlo en casa, por ejemplo antes o después de la cena. Si no hay velas de esos colores aun se puede hacer la corona ya que lo más importante es el significado: la luz que aumenta con la proximidad del nacimiento de Jesús quien es la Luz del Mundo. La corona se puede llevar a la iglesia para ser bendecida por el sacerdote.

La corona de adviento encierra varios simbolismos:

La forma circular: El círculo no tiene principio ni fin. Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno, sin principio y sin fin, y también de nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo que nunca debe de terminar.

Las ramas verdes: Verde es el color de esperanza y vida. Dios quiere que esperemos su gracia, el perdón de los pecados y la gloria eterna al final de nuestras vidas. El anhelo más importante en nuestras vidas debe ser llegar a una unión más estrecha con Dios, nuestro Padre.

Las cuatro velas: Nos hacen pensar en la obscuridad provocada por el pecado que ciega al hombre y lo aleja de Dios. Después de la primera caída del hombre, Dios fue dando poco a poco una esperanza de salvación que iluminó todo el universo como las velas la corona. Así como las tinieblas se disipan con cada vela que encendemos, los siglos se fueron iluminando con la cada vez más cercana llegada de Cristo a nuestro mundo. Son cuatro velas las que se ponen en la corona y se prenden de una en una, durante los cuatro domingos de adviento al hacer la oración en familia.

Las manzanas rojas que adornan la corona: Representan los frutos del jardín del Edén con Adán y Eva que trajeron el pecado al mundo pero recibieron también la promesa del Salvador Universal.

El listón rojo: Representa nuestro amor a Dios y el amor de Dios que nos envuelve.

Bautismos: Charlas, domingo después de misa.

Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia., SISON PAREJA. Pueden ser padrinos solteros que no estén conviviendo con otra persona. Debe de tener todos los sacramentos de iniciación, BAUTISMO, PRIMERA COMUNION Y CONFIRMACION. Todos traer biblias católica, obligatoriamente. No habrá cuidado de niños, busque con tiempo quien se los cuide.

Próxima charla: Enero 11, 2015

(Diciembre no habrá charla).

Las personas que deseen participar en la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, deben de ponerse en contacto con Francisco Lara (Pancho), Víctor Pérez o Rubén Lara. Ellos están disponibles después de cada misa.

La próxima reunión y última para padres de los niños que recibirán la primera comunión será el 14 de diciembre en la iglesia a las 6:00 PM. Recuerden que las charlas son obligatorias, es un requisito indispensable para que sus hijos reciban la primera comunión.

Visite nuestra tienda, ya tenemos biblias, libros de crecimiento espiritual, rosarios, imágenes coronas de Adviento y mucho más, estamos después de cada misa en la entrada de la iglesia.

La antorcha Guadalupana estará en Wilmington el viernes 5 de Diciembre, en la iglesia de san Pablo. A las 5:00 PM se recibirá la antorcha, 6:30 el santo rosario y a las 7:00 PM la celebración de la santa misa. Para más información llamar a la rectoría: 302-655-6596/ a Miriam Domínguez al 302-353-2003.

La novena a la virgen comienza el miércoles 3 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM en el Fremont Hall. Los esperamos.