

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.

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Question for the Week

3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A

“What good thing have you done this Advent that reflects Jesus to another?”

Welcome, New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome the following newly registered members to our parish community:

Linda Campbell
Wendi Jimenez & Rocha Fernandes & Family
Sandra & Otoniel Jimenez & Family
Maria Francisco & Raymundo Lopez & Family
Ana & Roberto Mendoza & Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 11	8:00 AM	The Wilkinson-Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Robert Cawley
December 12	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 13	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 14	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 15	8:00 AM	The Lyons-Howell Family
December 16	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 17	8:00 AM	Ruth Zuringo
December 18	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	John Harkins

Holy Angels Church

December 10	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	10:30 AM	John Rago and Harry V. Seaberg
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 17	5:00 PM	Francis Talarowski
December 18	10:30 AM	Harry Seaberg and Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Zechariah 2:14-17 or 12:1-6a, 10ab;	Revelation 11:19a, Luke 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13;	Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;	Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Isaiah 54:1-10;	Luke 7:24-30
Friday:	Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8;	John 5:33-36
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	
Sunday:	Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;	Matthew 1:18-24



December 11 – 17, 2016

Sunday:	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Vespers – St. John Church Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession (starts at Wendy’s to Holy Angels Church) Mañanitas & Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Holy Angels Church
Tuesday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Adult Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Gathering Space R.C.I.A. Children – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room Youth Group P,B & J Night – Fremont Hall
Wednesday:	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 & 2 Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church Religious Education – Holy Angels School Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room Spanish R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Thursday:	9:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 PM	Day of Eucharistic Adoration – Holy Angels Church Night Prayer – Holy Angels Church
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church Spanish Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Saturday:	10:00 AM 12:30 PM 7:00 PM	1 st Penance (last names “M” – “Z”) – Holy Angels Church 1 st Penance (last names “A” – “L”) – Holy Angels Church Posadas – Fremont Hall

Celebration of First Penance

December 17 in Holy Angels Church

Last Names M – Z: 10:00 AM
Last Names A – L: 12:30 PM

Newly Baptized

December 3, 2016

Erick Joel Montalban-Landaverde, son of Elvia Landaverde-Galvan and Edwin Joel Montalban-Padilla.

December 4, 2016

Bradley Lara-Sandoval, son of Nubia Lucero Sandoval-Valdez.
Kenny Jordan Paula-Sandoval Jr., son of Dania Yanira Sandoval-Andrade and Kenny Jordan Paula.

The Parish Center will be closed on Thursday afternoon, December 15, for the monthly staff meeting.

Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

Holy Angels	St. John
4:00 PM	5:00 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish)	7:00 PM
10:00 PM	
(Choir begins at 9:15 PM)	

Christmas Day

Holy Angels	St. John
10:30 AM	8:00 AM
1:00 PM (Spanish)	10:00 AM



SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. (We also have limited openings in various grades – Pre/k3 – Grade 8) for this school year. Please call the School Office for more information, 731-2210, and check our website for updates at www.holyangelsschool.org.

Our next Open House for Prospective Parents will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.**

The Week Ahead

- Monday, Dec. 12** Discover your Palette Club
NJHS Bell Ringing/Salvation Army Seraphim Choir
- Tuesday, Dec. 13** Open House for Prospective Parents 9:00-11:00 AM
Italian Club
Middle School Science Olympiad
"Fall into Fitness"
Pre/K4 Visit to Summit Nursing Home
NJHS Bell Ringing/Salvation Army
- Weds., Dec. 14** Banking at School 7:30-8 AM
Dr. O'Leary Primary Science
Pajama Drive ends today
Italian Club
Drama Club
Advent Morning Prayer- 10 AM
Holy Angels Church
You Be The Chemist Club
- Thursday, Dec. 15** Eucharistic Adoration-all day
Holy Angels Church
Dr. O'Leary-Primary Science
- Friday, Dec.16** Bell Choir
Developmental Basketball Clinic

Wish List!

Thank you to all of you who donated Stamps and Copy Paper this past week! With the end of year fast approaching, we could still use some additional supplies. Remember, your donation is tax deductible!



Holy Angels School Fundraisers

Modell's Team Weeks

December 1 – 28

Please support Holy Angels School by utilizing the Modell's Team Weeks Coupon for 15% off purchases at Modell's Sporting Goods Store. You can obtain one on the Parish website home page (www.stjohn-holyangels.com) by clicking on Parish Fundraisers, or Holy Angels School website (www.holyangelsschool.org). Holy Angels School receives 5% of all purchases made with this coupon. For more information, contact Patti Bebbington at (302) 836-1794 or phaitsch@hotmail.com.

St. John-Holy Angels Athletics



St. John-Holy Angels Basketball tipped off the 2016-2017 season with some great games! Way to go, Angels, and cheers to our amazing Angel cheer squad for their super support!

JV Girls "Y" team defeated St. Mary's on Sunday, Dec. 4, with a score of 31-20! Congratulations to high-scorer, Kayla Katzmire with 7 points! Good job, Lady Angels! Keep it up!

JV Boys #3 team lost to St. John the Beloved on Friday, Dec. 2, with a score of 6-18.

Remember to check SJ-HAA out on Facebook and on the web at www.sj-haa.org. Also, for a full list of the 2016-2017 CYM basketball schedules, visit <http://www.cdowcym.org/athletics/>.

Wish Tree



Thanks to all of you who participated in the Wish Tree program this year by purchasing gifts and gift cards, or by helping sort and deliver gifts after Mass. Thanks to all of you, numerous families, children and residents in nursing homes and shelters will be able to enjoy at least one gift or other much needed item this Christmas holiday. I hope this year brings you all many blessings.

Congratulations!

The following students from St John-Holy Angels Parish were on the Honor Roll for the 1st quarter at **Padua Academy**. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

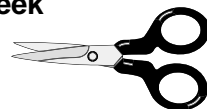
Meghan DeBosier	Kayla Marasiak
Hayley Dempsey	Lauren Pala
Marigrace Ferrill	Grace Palaypay
Olivia Giannetta	Marina Pilger
Elizabeth Hietpas	Margaret Pryor

Second Honors

Angela Akumiah	Jasmine Middaugh
Kelsey Ehrlich	Emma Miedzius
Sophia Giannetta	Jessica Molen
Holly Jones	Hallie Riley
Caroline Klinger	Regan Riley
Sarah Kunkle	Camryn Scully
Ashley Lupichuk	Samantha Watkins

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

Please remember to patronize the advertisers on the back of our bulletin. This week's featured advertiser is:



State Line Liquors
Elkton-Newark Road
Elkton, MD 21921
(1-800) 446-WINE

Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 15

9:00 AM to 8:30 PM

8:00 PM Night Prayer & Benediction

Holy Angels Church



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 15, 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.**

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, medium or large poinsettias, at the cost of \$12, \$20 or \$32 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 25th bulletin.



Order deadline is Wednesday, December 14th. 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'

Circle one: Small Medium Large Poinsettia
\$12 enclosed \$20 enclosed \$32 enclosed

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 president. Just like the early Christians, the Church encourages us to pray at these times as a community.

Vespers will be celebrated on December 11 and 18 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!

Calendar Lottery Fundraiser—Winter 2017

\$20.00 each

90 chances to win!

Only 1000 calendars will be sold!

No duplicate numbers!

Don't forget to stop by the Parish Center to get your Lottery Calendars before the Christmas Holiday. Calendars make wonderful gifts for those hosting your Christmas parties!

Calendars will also be sold after Mass every weekend.

- Calendars will be sold through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2017.
- Calendars may **not** be purchased in the name of a minor.
- Calendar purchases are **non-refundable**.
- Not everyone will win; some will win more than once!
- If all 1000 calendars are sold there will be a **guaranteed** winner every day!
- 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.
- Winners will be notified and prizes mailed on Wednesday of each week.
- All proceeds benefit the Parish.

To sign up to help sell them after Mass or for more information about this fundraiser, contact apress@holyanimals.net or (302) 731-2219.



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!

A Message from Cathedral, All Saints & Gate of Heaven Cemeteries

On-line grave locator

This time of year, families visit our cemeteries to place Christmas arrangements on their deceased loved ones' final resting places. If anyone has trouble locating a family member buried at our Diocesan cemeteries, search the App Store for "Wilmington Catholic Cemeteries". A free App will be available for downloading that will enable the user to search our burial database and find GPS navigation to a particular location. In addition, family members have the option of placing on-line memories of their deceased loved ones. This service is provided free of charge. When visiting the cemetery, be sure that you are aware of your surroundings. Always hide any valuables out of sight and be sure to lock your car and take your keys. If you have any questions, please call (302) 656-3323.

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, 738-3033 or 737-1333, and our members will pray for you. Please let us know when your prayer has been answered, so that we too might give thanks.



A Vocation Reflection 3rd Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel reading, Jesus describes John the Baptist as the one who was sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. In our day and age, God calls women and men to prepare His way in the hearts of all people by serving as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons and as priests. If you think God might be calling you to religious life or priesthood, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website, www.cdow.org/vocations!

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1:00-PM- 4:00 PM
Viernes: Cerrada

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO DICIEMBRE 11, 2016



Lecturas:

Primera: Isaías 35:1-6^a, 10
 Salmo 145
 Segunda: Santiago 5:7-10
 Evangelio: Mt 11:2:1

San Juan Bautista puso todo su corazón en preparar la venida del Mesías: Se fue al desierto para dedicarse a orar, estudiar las sagradas escrituras, hacer penitencia y ayuno. Guiado por el Espíritu Santo pudo señalar a Jesucristo como el Cordero de Dios y decirle a sus discípulos que le sigan. Él sabía que, según las profecías de Isaías el Mesías "debía ser quien trae el desquite; viene en persona, compensará y os salvará". Pero vemos en el Evangelio de hoy que Juan está encerrado en un oscuro calabozo, reo de Herodes, quien continúa oprimiendo al pueblo. Aquí hay una importante lección para nosotros. Jesús no vino a imponer un nuevo orden desde afuera sino desde adentro, desde cada corazón que le recibe. Jesús no elimina las injusticias porque tendría que eliminar la libertad de los hombres, porque las injusticias no vienen de Dios sino del hombre. El reino de Dios está en cada corazón que responde con fe. Esos reciben el poder para ser hijos de Dios. Los hijos de Dios siguen sufriendo las injusticias de este mundo, pero nada les puede separar del amor de Dios. Quien es fiel en los sufrimientos, reinará con Jesús para siempre.

(fragmento de la homilía padre. Raniero cantalamesa}

Diciembre 15, de 9am-8:30pm. Día de Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

Que tengan una semana bendecida.