

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.

Parish Directory

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Question for the Week

4th Sunday of Advent – Year A

“Whom do you find it difficult to welcome into your life?
What can you do to overcome that?”

Welcome, New Parishioners!

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

Olga Bernal
Nicole & David Jones & Family
Marisol & Taurino Ortiz & Family
Vivian Camacho & Jose Pinan & Family
Eduardo Tenopala

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 18	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	John Harkins
December 19	8:00 AM	Donald Eastburn
December 20	8:00 AM	Bill Howell
December 21	8:00 AM	Deborah Arena
December 22	8:00 AM	Frances Payne
December 23	8:00 AM	Raymond Soehlke
Christmas Eve	5:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
Christmas Day	8:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance

Holy Angels Church

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
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	10:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
Christmas Day	10:30 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;	Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45	
Thursday:	I Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-56
Friday:	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;	Luke 1:57-66
Saturday:	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79	
Christmas Eve & Day:	Isaiah 9:1-6 Luke 2:1-14	Titus 2:11-14;



December 18 – 24, 2016

Sunday:	10:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Education Liturgy of the Word – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room Religious Education – Holy Angels School Vespers – St. John Church
Monday:	10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Baptismal Preparation Class – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room Spanish Bible Study – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Tuesday:	9:00 AM – 12 Noon 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Environment – Holy Angels Church Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building 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
Wednesday:	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room Spanish Pastoral Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 Cub Pack 205 – Fremont Hall
Thursday:	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM 10:30 AM 1:15 PM 4:00 PM	Christmas Decorating – St. John Church Pre/K & K School Christmas Program – Holy Angels Church Holy Angels School Christmas Program – Holy Angels Church St. Vincent de Paul Society – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
Friday:	9:00 AM – 12 Noon	Christmas Decorating – Holy Angels Church
Christmas Eve:	(see Mass Schedule below)	

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Tuesday afternoon, December 20
Closed Friday, December 23 – Tuesday, January 3
Regular Schedule resumes Tuesday, January 3

**Newly Baptized
December 10, 2016**

Jordyn Marie White, daughter of Debra Lynn Jackson and Justin Michael White.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please Note

There will be no 8:00 AM Daily Mass at St. John Church on Saturday, December 24 or Monday, December 26.
There will be no Confessions on Saturday, December 24 or Saturday, December 31.

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 **Wednesday, January 11, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.**

The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 19	Advent Morning Prayer – 10 AM Seraphim Choir Art Class Band Lessons Future City Club
Tuesday, Dec. 20	P,B,J Outreach Middle School Science Olympiad
Weds., Dec. 21	Christmas Treat Day Luncheon for Students & Staff 12 Noon
Thursday, Dec. 22	Holy Angels Christmas Program 10:30 AM (Pre/K & Kindergarten) 1:15 PM (Grades 1-8)
Christmas Vacation	December 23 – January 2

The Administration, Faculty and Staff wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Classes resume on January 3rd.

Snow Cancellations

Cancellations of parish activities due to poor weather and driving conditions can be on the parish website, www.stjohn-holyangels.com, and also are available by calling the Parish Center, 731-2200.



The following radio stations will be contacted if Weekend Masses are canceled.

WSTW 93.7 FM WDEL 1150 AM WJBR 99.5 FM

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.

Religious Education News

Thank you to Carolina Cisneros, Alicia Cisneros, Mayra Perez, Joseph Porrini and Lisa Porrini for their help with the First Reconciliation Workshop.

We have 174 children ready to go to Confession for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey toward First Communion in the Spring.

St. John Social

**Tuesday morning, December 20
after 8:00 AM Mass**

Please come to Mass on Tuesday, December 20 and join us after Mass for fellowship. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided, as well as some finger foods. Spend some time getting to know your fellow parishioners!



St. John-Holy Angels Athletics



Another victory for the JV "Y" Girls SJ-HAA Team! They defeated St. Peter's on Saturday, December 10, with a score of 22-13! Special shoutouts to Izzy Hahn and Sophia Messick for being top scorers!

No game for the SJ-HAA JV "Y" Boys Basketball Team, but three team members put in some service time volunteering at our very own concession stand! Thanks, Griffin Scully, Braden Zock and Isaac DiMaio for all of your hard work on and off the court!

Questions? Email us at athletics@holyangels.net.

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!



Prayer Outreach/Prayer Station

All are welcome to join us for a Prayer Outreach! The schedule for 2016 through December is provided below.

Place: on lawn in front of St. John's Church

When: Friday, December 23

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

Please remember to patronize the advertisers on the back of our bulletin.

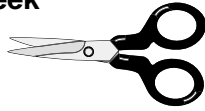
This week's featured advertiser is:

Cacciatori Pizza & Pasta
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108 Louviers Drive, Newark, DE 19711



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!

Calendar Lottery Fundraiser—Winter 2017

\$20.00 each

90 chances to win!

Only 1000 calendars will be sold!

No duplicate numbers!

Be sure to stop by the Parish Center to get your Lottery Calendars before the Christmas Holiday. Calendars make wonderful stocking stuffers and gifts for those hosting your Christmas parties!

Calendars will also be sold after Mass every weekend.

Prize	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1st Prize	123,456,789	987,654,321	012,345,678	876,543,210	109,876,543
2nd Prize	234,567,890	098,765,432	123,456,789	765,432,109	210,987,654
3rd Prize	345,678,901	109,876,543	234,567,890	654,321,098	321,098,765
4th Prize	456,789,012	210,987,654	345,678,901	543,210,987	432,109,876
5th Prize	567,890,123	321,098,765	456,789,012	432,109,876	321,098,765

- 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.

A Vocation Reflection

4th 3rd Sunday of Advent

The prophecy of Isaiah, from which today's first reading is taken, speaks of the Lord giving marvelous signs. Sometimes God gives us sign to help us discern His plan for our lives. They might be dramatic; more often they are subtle. If you'd like to discuss the signs God seems to be using in your relationship with Him, 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/!

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.

Are You New To The Parish?

Don't Forget To Register!

Whether you've recently moved into the parish, or have lived here for some time, it's important for you to register in our faith community. To register, stop in at the Parish Center. Office hours are listed on the front of the bulletin.

Also, YOUNG ADULTS, if you have moved from your parents' home into your own place, it is important that you also call the Parish Center, 731-2200, to let us know your whereabouts, so you can remain a registered parishioner at St. John-Holy Angels.

Memorial Bouquets

If you would like a Memorial Bouquet of flowers at either of our churches in memory of a loved one, living or deceased, please contact Patti, 573-5795 or walterspb@comcast.net.



**The 2017 March for Life
is right around the corner!**

44th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

Momentum is already building for the March for Life on Friday, January 27, 2017, and Delaware Right to Life wants you to be part of the largest pro-life rally in the world!

To that end, we will be fully sponsoring a March for Life bus that will take pro-life Delawareans from the Christiana Mall in Newark to Washington, D.C. **for free**. The bus capacity is 50 seats, and we need you to reserve your spots with the next two weeks.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Janet Grayson at janet@derighttolife.org, or (302) 250-3023.

Visitors for Christ

Visitors for Christ are men and women commissioned by the parish to serve and minister to the sick, the convalescing, the elderly and the homebound of our parish family.

We make short visits to homes, hospitals, and nursing homes bringing the prayers of the Parish and the Eucharist when requested. We also offer the opportunity to pray the rosary with you for your personal intentions and the needs of our community.

If you or someone you know would like a visit from the Visitors For Christ, please call the Parish Center, 731-2200, or June, 366-0711.

Cleaning Out Your Closets & Basement?

Catholic Charities can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses and household goods.

Do you have any items to donate? Bring them to our Wilmington Thrift Center, 1320 E. 23rd Street, Wilmington, DE, 19802. Store hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Have large items? We can provide pickup!

For additional information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for a large donation, please call (302) 764-2717, or email Thrift@ccwilm.org. Don't forget – all donations are tax deductible.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436
Horario de oficina:
Lunes –Jueves: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
1:00-PM- 4:00 PM
Viernes: Cerrada

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO DICIEMBRE 18, 2016



Lecturas:

Primera: Isaías 7: 10-14

Salmo 24

Segunda: Romanos 1: 1-7

Evangelio: Mt 1:14-24

+ Irrumpe en el Evangelio de hoy otra figura clave del Adviento: SAN JOSÉ
Se nos explica hoy cómo este varón insigne asumió el papel de padre con respecto a Jesús. El evangelista aclara - sin entrar en detalles - que Jesús fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo, cubriendo con un manto de respeto y veneración el misterio grande sucedido en María Santísima. Y para mostrar qué San José no tuvo nada que ver con esta concepción, se nos dice que sucedió antes de que comenzaran a convivir como esposos.

Ya estaban comprometidos pero no convivían. Para entender esto, recordamos que el ritual del matrimonio judío tenía dos partes bien diferenciadas:

La primera parte, referida a todos los aspectos legales (el contrato matrimonial). Legalmente, los contrayentes ya eran esposos, pero aún no comenzaban a convivir (María estaba comprometida con José..). La segunda parte, más festiva y familiar: el esposo iba acompañado de sus amigos a la casa de la esposa y la traía en alegre cortejo a su propia casa. Y entonces sí comenzaban a convivir. Cuando ya ha tomado esta determinación, el ángel del Señor le confirma que un misterio grande se está cumpliendo en María; pero que aún así el no debe dudar ni temer de tomar por esposa a María, pues para con el hijo que va a nacer (engendrado por el E.S.) él tendrá una misión importantísima que cumplir: hacer las veces de su Padre aquí en la tierra. Él tendrá que ponerle el nombre cuando nazca.