

Parish Directory

Parish Center

82 Possum Park Road
Newark, DE 19711

Office Hours:

Weekdays: 9 AM – Noon, 1 PM – 4 PM
6 PM - 9 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – Noon

Parish Office: 731-2200

Website: www.stjohn-holyangels.com

(Note: New Web Address)

Fax: 731-2434

Administrative Assistant: Annie Adams

Parish Registration: Please stop in at the Parish Office to complete registration form.

Chaplain & Deacon Office: 731-2439

Deacon: Charles Schaubert

Chaplain for Hispanic Ministry: Rev. Alan Reyna

Business Office 731-2208

Accountant: Bill Duffy

Facilities/Maintenance 731-2212

Director: James Kline

Fremont Hall Rentals 731-2431

Director: Elaine Montoro

Hispanic Ministry 731-2436

Deacon: Heriberto Rodriguez

Administrative Assistant: Pilar Carazo

Holy Angels Athletic Association 737-2435

Director: Charles Muzzi

Holy Angels School 731-2210

Office Hours:

School Days: 8 AM - 3 PM

Principal: Denise Winterberger

Administrative Assistants: Cindy Bartosik
Zina Walsh

Liturgical Ministries 731-2219

Coordinator: Amy Press

Liturgical Music 731-2435

Director: Stephen Adams

Religious Education 731-2209

Coordinators: Mary Alberici

Theresa Mancari

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 731-2219

Coordinators: Susan & Fred Whitcraft

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.



Our Mission Statement

The Faith Community of St. John The Baptist-Holy Angels Parish believes that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to celebrate God's abiding presence among us.

We believe that Sacramental Worship is the source and summit of our Christian life, and that worshipping Jesus in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit is our highest calling.

We believe that God's creation is sacred and beautiful. We accept the responsibility to be stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, especially the gift of life itself.

We believe that, as brothers and sisters of Christ, we are called to live in peace. It is our responsibility to work for peace by seeking justice for all people.

We believe that we are called to proclaim the Gospel, by word and example, to the faithful, to those who have given up active participation in the Catholic Church, to those who have no church community, and to those who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

The fulfillment of this mission is challenged by the geographic distance we encompass, and our large and ever-increasing membership and the diversity of needs among us.

Through the grace of God, may we be strengthened to fulfill this mission.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 21	8:00 AM	Florence Lamborn
December 22	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 23	8:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke
December 24	8:00 AM	John H. Burgess
Christmas Eve & Day		Christmas Remembrances
December 27	8:00 AM	Noel Schmidt
	10:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke

Holy Angels Church

Christmas Eve & Day		Christmas Remembrances
December 26	5:00 PM	Bernard Gugerty
December 27	9:00 AM	Dorothy L. Bechtel
	11:00 AM	Waldo & Minerva Fox
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



December 20 – 26, 2009

Sunday:	12:30 PM	Decorating Committee – St. John Church
	2:30 PM	Decorating Committee – Holy Angels Church
	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer – St. John Church
Monday:	9:30 AM	Hispanic Moms Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 4
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	Decorating Committee – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
	8:00 PM	Athletic Association Meeting – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Decorating Committee – St. John Church
Christmas Eve:	(See Mass Schedule below)	
Christmas Day:	(See Mass Schedule below)	

Christmas Holiday Notes

There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, Dec. 26.
There will be no Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 26

Parish Center Holiday Closings

Special Office Hours for the Holidays are listed below:

Dec. 22	Closed 12 Noon – 4:00 PM
Dec. 23	Office Closes at 12:30 PM
Dec. 24	Office Closed
Dec. 25	Office Closed
Dec. 28-29-30	Closed 12 Noon – 4:00 PM
Dec. 31:	Office Closes at 12 Noon
Jan. 1:	Office Closed
Jan. 6:	Office Closed Noon – 6:00 PM

Preview of This Week’s Readings

Monday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Tuesday:	I Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
Thursday:	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79
Christmas Eve & Day:	Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Saturday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Sunday:	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Eternal rest grant unto them...

Please remember in your prayers...

Margaret O'Donnell
Stephen Francis Patterson

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Election of Parish Trustees

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 3rd, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John Church. Our current Trustees are Gene Consiglio and Mary Newcott.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Holy Angels</u>
6:00 PM	4:00 PM
8:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)
	10:00 PM

Christmas Day

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Holy Angels</u>
8:00 AM	11:00 AM
10:00 AM	

New Year's Eve Mass

Holy Angels
5:00 PM

New Year's Day Mass

St. John
8:00 AM

Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone who donated gifts to the needy of our parish and community through the Wish Tree and Adopt-A-Family. Each year we are truly overwhelmed by your beautiful gifts and generosity of spirit!

We also thank all of you who helped feed the hungry with your frozen turkey donations to Val's Needy Family Fund. Our St. Vincent de Paul expresses their gratitude for the overwhelming abundance of canned goods and non-perishable food items that restocked the food pantry at the Parish Center.

May God bless you for your generosity!

**Our Weekly Offertory
December 12/13, 2009**

Parish Collection	\$16470
Capital Campaign	962
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	383
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	3898
Immaculate Conception Holy Day.....	1687
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations	2027
Total	\$25427

December 13/14, 2008

Parish Collection	\$15463
Capital Campaign	1610
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	2485
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	4738
Immaculate Conception Holy Day.....	1881
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations	473
Total	\$26650

**Holy Angels School
Open Houses**

- Tuesday, January 5 9 – 11 AM
- Friday, January 15 9 – 11 AM
- Tuesday, January 19 9 – 11 AM
- Tuesday, February 2 5 – 7 PM



These Open Houses are for prospective parents of children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. The School-Day Open Houses provide an excellent way to a typical school day at Holy Angels.

**Good News! PreK4 Opening September 2010!
New Student Applications**

- PreK4 - Kindergarten – due January 29th
- Grades 1-6 – due February 26th

Information and applications are available either online at www.holyangelsschool.org or from the School Office, 731-2210.

Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2010. PreK4 must be 4 years of age by August 31, 2010.

Applications must include:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- 2-page Application Form
- Recent Report Card/Testing
- Non-refundable check of \$100.00

**New Jackpot Rules
\$26,500 in Jackpot Prizes
to be given away!
in 4 jackpot Drawings**

Mondays, January 11 – 18 – 25 and February 1

Each drawing will have 4 winners, for prizes of \$3000, \$2000, \$1000 and \$500. The fourth and final drawing will have an additional \$500 winner.

Tickets go on sale after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 2, and will be available after all weekend Masses until January 31, as well as at the Parish Office.

Ticket price remains the same, \$1 per ticket, or 6 for \$5. These Jackpot Drawings are cumulative; tickets remain in the Jackpot Barrel for all four drawings, except for the winning tickets. There is no prize to the sellers of winning tickets.

**SaveAround Delaware 2010”
Great Gift Idea!**

The Delaware edition of SaveAround Delaware is now available at the Parish and School Offices. This book contains over 350 “Buy One-Get One Free” coupons, to be used at IHOP, Royal Farms, Soffritto, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald’s, Subway, Seasons Pizza, and many, many more!

Great value for \$20! Great gift idea for neighbors, coaches, co-workers, bus drivers, teachers!

For more information, please contact Amy, 731-2219 (apress@holyangels.net). All proceeds benefit St. John-Holy Angels Parish.

**Need a Christmas Gift for
someone who has “everything”?**

Why not purchase them a Supermarket Gift Card from the Parish Office? Gift Cards are available for Acme, Shop-Rite, Superfresh and Pathmark. Call the Parish Office, 731-2200, for more information.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Our bulletin publishing company has requested earlier transmission of the December 27 and January 3 bulletins due to the holidays.

(December 27 bulletin: already went to publisher)

January 3 bulletin: items need to be in to the Parish Office by Noon on Monday, December 21.



**Newly Baptized
December 13, 2009**

Casey Lynn DeRicco, daughter of Eileen M. Yaros and Steven C. DeRicco.

Snow Cancellations

In the event of poor weather and dangerous driving conditions during the winter season, sometimes we find it necessary to cancel parish activities, meetings, and liturgies.



Weather-related information will be on the parish website, www.stjohn-holyangels.com. The following radio stations will be contacted if the 8:00 AM Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, and parish activities are canceled. Please listen to the cancellations before you venture out in adverse weather.

WILM 1450 AM
WDEL 1150 AM

WSTW 93.7 FM
WJBR 99.5 FM

Beef & Beer

**Holy Angels Athletic Association
Saturday, January 16 7:00 PM – Midnight
Fremont Hall**

Tickets are \$25 per person, and include dinner, dessert, beer, soda, DJ, dancing and door prizes. Also available are 50/50’s and a silent auction.

For tickets, contact Lyn Wolfe, wolfelyn@comcast.net (phone 420-8659) or Erin Tobin at etobin@cqaic.com.

Confirmation 2010

Reminder: Journals are due December 30th. There is a box on the Parish center porch labeled "Confirmation Drop Off/Pick Up"; you can put the journals in that.

January is your busy month;

Sessions January 3rd, 10th and 31st at 7:00 PM in Holy Angels Church for you and your sponsor. If your sponsor cannot attend, your parent can sub for the sponsor.

January 23rd is your **retreat (Candidates Only)**. Starting at 9:00 AM and ending with the 5:00 PM Mass.

Congratulations, Newly Trained Altar Servers!

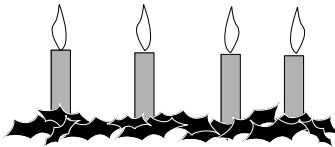
Blake Bauernschmidt
Abby Calvetti
Stephanie Charney
Julianna Danese
Emily Goss
Maddy Guidash
Pauine Maiura
Evan Massa
Kylee Maxwell
Seamus Mooney
Lauren Schmucker
Maddie Sullivan
Michael Testa
Ryan Teloh

Visitors for Christ

Visitors for Christ are men and women commissioned by the Office Of Worship at St. John's-Holy Angels' Church 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.



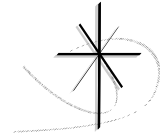
Hearing Devices

Devices for assistive listening are available at Holy Angels Church. Please stop in the Sacristy before Mass if you would like to use one of these.

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 369-3330, and our members will pray for you. Please let us know when your prayer has been answered, so we too may give thanks.

A Christmas Message from the Pastor



Christmas, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

During this Advent and Christmas Season we welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who come to St. John-Holy Angels to celebrate Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Season we hear again proclaimed the so familiar passage from St. Luke's gospel about the birth of Jesus, Son of God. "She gave birth to her first born son and laid him in a manger. The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds as the glory of the Lord shone around them. Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God."

This angel's announcement on the first Christmas is a summary of the entire Christian message in the Bible. It is not so much the message, "glory to God in the highest," but more so "do not be afraid for I announce to you a cause of great joy - a Savior has been born." At Christmas the family of the world converges around the birth of Jesus. God did not overwhelm the world with His power, nor with His might, but through the gentleness and delicate love of a child.

For us the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ needs to replace the hectic pace of our lives, the distractions of our hearts and busyness of this Season. The details of the birth of Christ are a clear message for each of us. "She gave birth to her first-born son and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged."

When Jesus came to us He did not come where it was crowded and too busy for Him; where He didn't fit in; where there was no space for His birth among us. He came where there was room. He came where space was made for Him.

This Christmas, make room for the birth of Jesus Christ in your heart and in your life. He comes where there is room - whether comfortable or uncomfortable, whether pleasant or not, whether happy or sad, rich or poor, whether old or young; whether ready or not; whether your heart is overburdened or carefree, whether you are unprepared to celebrate or ready for Him with open arms.

Simply have some spare room for Jesus Christ, and heed the announcement of the angel: "Do not be afraidFor a Savior has been born to you." Make room for Him this Christmas.

I wish each and every one of you God's Blessings and Merry Christmas.

Father Fiore

