

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

Dec. 7	8:00 AM	Billy Barrett
Dec. 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
Dec. 9	8:00 AM	John Francis Kinnaman
Dec. 10	8:00 AM	The Wilkinson & Tusio Families
Dec. 11	8:00 AM	Helen & John Cheddar
Dec. 12	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
Dec. 13	8:00 AM	John Martin
	10:00 AM	Thomas Concavage

Holy Angels Church

Dec. 7	6:30 PM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
Dec. 12	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
Dec. 13	9:00 AM	John Kane
	11:00 AM	John Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



November 29 – December 5, 2009

Sunday:	5:30 PM	Advent Evening Prayer – St. John Church
	6:15 PM	Parent/Child 1 st Reconciliation Meeting – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	9:30 AM	Hispanic Moms Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 4
	7:00 PM	Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception Holy Day – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Beyond JustFaith – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:30 PM	40+ Singles – Fremont Hall
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass – St. John Church
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	8:00 PM	Athletic Association Meeting – Holy Angels Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Visit from Santa – Holy Angels Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
	7:00 PM	Lectio Divina – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Eucharistic Bread Baking – Fremont Hall Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
	9:00 PM	Mañanitas – Holy Angels Church
Saturday:	7:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:30 PM	Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Holy Angels Church



Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are scheduled as follows:

Holy Angels Church		
7:00 PM	December 7 th	
10:00 AM	December 8 th	(School Mass)
St. John Church		
8:00 AM	December 8 th	

Volunteers of the Week

Thank you to **Ray Smith** for weeding and clean-up of the front of the Parish Center.

Thanks also to **Jim Orga** for the installation of new sanctuary lighting at St. John The Baptist Church!

Jackpot Update 11/30/09

Winning #'s: 16, 17, 28, 35, 36

There was no Grand Prize Winner, however, there were 4 Consolation Prize Winners; Jose Capiro, Vince D’Anna, Larry Netta and Beatrice Peyton!

As we stated in last week’s bulletin, our Jackpot Program will be taking on a new format with new rules in January, 2010. No Jackpot Tickets will be sold during the month of December. We will announce next week the new Jackpot Rules for winning the \$26,000 Jackpot after the Christmas Season.

Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve	
St. John	Holy Angels
6:00 PM	4:00 PM
8:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)
	10:00 PM
Christmas Day	
St. John	Holy Angels
8:00 AM	11:00 AM
10:00 AM	

U.S. Bishops Launch Advent & Christmas Website

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has created an Advent and Christmas website with suggestions for daily prayers, readings, reflection and action. A collection of Lessons and Carols is also provided for live listening or download. The Advent/Christmas web site can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/advent/>.

Our Weekly Offertory
November 21/22, 2009

Parish Collection	\$12810
Capital Campaign	448
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	5
Campaign for Human Development.....	1471
Total	\$14734

November 22/23, 2008

Parish Collection	\$14033
Capital Campaign	373
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	5
Campaign for Human Development.....	2323
Total	\$16734

November 28/29, 2009

Parish Collection	\$15811
Capital Campaign	356
Thanksgiving	1708
Total	\$17875

November 29/30, 2008

Parish Collection	\$11968
Capital Campaign	476
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	99
Thanksgiving	2134
Total	\$14677

Christmas Turkeys Needed

Val's 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 12/13. Vehicles will be parked at both churches to receive your turkeys as you arrive at Mass.

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 12/13. If you have any questions, please call Val Nardo, 994-1453.

Pledge a Turkey!
Val's Needy Family 2009

I will drop off a turkey when I arrive for Mass on Saturday, December 12th or Sunday, December 13th.



Name _____

Phone _____

No place to keep a frozen turkey until December 12/13? That's OK! Please drop it off on the front porch of the Parish Center. Val will pick them up everyday!
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Santa Claus Is Coming To Holy Angels

Holy Angels Knights of Columbus Council will welcome Santa to our Parish on Wednesday, December 9th, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Holy Angels Athletic Association Building. Children of all ages are invited to come and see Santa. Please call Joe Colosi, 239-7709, with any questions.

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Immaculate Conception: Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

"SaveAround Delaware 2010"
Get Your Coupon Book Today!

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.

Advent Penance Celebration
Thursday, December 17th

7:00 PM Holy Family Church

Please join parishioners from our neighboring Catholic Parishes of Holy Family and St. Thomas More Oratory for our combined Advent Penance Celebration. Priests from all three parishes will be available after the liturgy for individual private confession.

Christmas Decorations at Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries is selling Christmas decorations to be placed on the graves and crypts of your deceased loved ones at Cathedral, All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries. Prices for decorations range from \$30 to \$75, and includes placement.

For more information, call Cathedral Cemetery (656-3323), All Saints (737-2524) or Gate of Heaven (437-6089). You may also visit the Cemetery Offices, weekdays 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, or visit www.cathcemde.com. Your purchase helps to support the maintenance of our cemeteries.

Congratulations!

The following students from our parish merited Honors for the first marking quarter at Padua Academy:

First Honors: Bridget Brainard
 Kerry Bree
 Olivia Massa

Second Honors:

Sarah Bowden	Emily Branson
Kaitlin Brown	Katharine Feely
Meghan Feely	Rory Greever
Meghan McCormick	Madelyn Ray
Samantha Scarpone	Ashley Yeager

Keep up the good work!

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is a season of waiting, preparation, hope and prayer. It is also the beginning of a new year in the Church's liturgical calendar. Advent looks to the future – the Second Coming of Christ; it also looks to the past – the first coming of Jesus at Christmas.

As folks living in the fast-paced twenty-first century we generally don't like waiting; many of us are not good at it. We like fast results and we like to get where we're going. That's why Christmas comes earlier and earlier – we decorate, we shop, we have luncheons and bazaars, all to help us celebrate Christmas because we can't wait. Doing nothing but waiting before December 25th is not an option for us. How about putting prayer into the Advent equation this year?

St. John-Holy Angels Parish offers several unique prayer experiences during the Season of Advent. Each week there are opportunities for daily Mass, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Daily Mass is offered every day from Monday through Saturday at St. John Church at 8:00 AM. Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is celebrated every Friday from 8:30 AM through 12:30 PM.

Advent Prayer is celebrated every week. **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer** in the days prior to Vatican Council II were called Lauds and Vespers. The Church celebrated Lauds and Vespers as prayer in community. Even though the names of these prayers have changed, they give us the same opportunity to offer praise and thanks to God in our **Morning** and **Evening Prayer**.

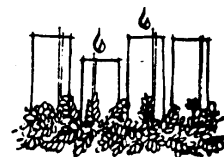
The Parish offers **Morning Prayer** at Holy Angels Church on December 16th and 22nd with the Holy Angels School Community at 10:00 AM.

The Parish offers **Evening Prayer** at St. John Church on Sundays: December 6th, 13th, 20th as well as January 10th, at 5:30 PM.

While you are preparing in so many ways to celebrate Christmas this year, why not consider Advent Prayer?

May God bless you and your families during this Holy Season of Advent.

Father Fiore



From the Office of Liturgical Music...

New Hymnals

You will notice that our *Breaking Bread* hymnals have been replaced to coincide with the new liturgical year. These hymnals are "sacramentals"; we use them to worship, praise and glorify God. They draw us closer to God and his grace. We ask that you please notice that these hymnals must last for 12 months, and they are easily damaged; the hymnals are also very costly. To keep our hymnals looking beautiful throughout the year, we ask that you please return your hymnal to the location in which you found it, and that you are certain to not bend the pages or covers when putting them back in the chairs or pews. Also, please do not leave them on the floor, or on the seats of the pews or chairs. Thank you!

Advent Worship Aids

This year, due to rising publishing and printing costs, we are trying to be more economical and reduce costs. Instead of printing an entire booklet for the Season of Advent, we printed a small Worship Aid which contains our parish's favorite Advent hymns which are not found in our *Breaking Bread* hymnals. Throughout the Advent season, please take a blue Worship Aid found in a basket at the entrance of the church. Please do not fold, bend or roll up the paper. After Mass, return it to the same basket so that they can be used for other liturgies. If you see extra Worship Aids lying around after Mass, we would ask that you please help by picking them up in order to keep our churches looking beautiful!

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 \$30 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 27th bulletin. **Order deadline is Monday, December 14th.** Please fill out the order form below, place it in your flower envelope with your donation, and return it to the Parish Center. For more information, please call Annie, 731-2200, weekdays.



In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

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

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$30 enclosed