

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.



Eternal rest grant unto them...

Please remember in your prayers Joseph A. Tacconelli and Wanda Woods-Belusko. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-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:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Sunday:	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Volunteers of the Week

Thank you, **Joanne Husfelt and Maria Gonzalez**, for volunteering all day on Saturday, December 3, at our First Penance Workshops.

Thanks also to **Mike McLeod** for donating time and materials to build two new processional candlesticks for Holy Angels. Two more are in the works. Mike also built the shelf and book holder for the new Ambo at St. John Church. Be sure to check them out – they are truly works of art!

We also thank **Mark Newcott** for donating and installing a new wireless microphone system at St. John Church!

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 11	8:00 AM	Wilkinson & Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 12	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 13	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
December 14	8:00 AM	Helene Gantz
December 15	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 16	8:00 AM	The Lyons-Howell Family
December 17	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
December 18	8:00 AM	Dick Reynolds
	10:00 AM	Edward Joseph Ciszkowski

Holy Angels Church

December 10	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	9:00 AM	Edward Dugan Jr.
	11:00 AM	Anne & Bernard Janansky
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 17	5:00 PM	John Sporay
December 18	9:00 AM	Donald Eastburn
	11:00 AM	Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Newly Baptized

December 3, 2011

Kevin Bernardo Alvarez-Lopez, son of Lilia Karina Lopez and Ricardo Alvarez-Barcenas.

Karen Duran-Herrera, daughter of Patricia Herrera-Nava and Isidro Duran-Gomez.

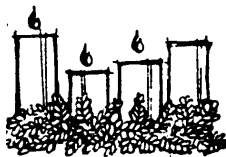
Natali Guadalupe Sanchez-Peña, daughter of Florencia Peña and Gaspar Sanchez-Huesca.

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 December 11th and 18th at 6:30 PM at St. John Church. **Parish group leaders were sent invitations to have their group join the parish in prayer on one of these nights; group leaders are asked to continue to encourage attendance on your selected evening.** 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. Please join us!



Advent Penance Celebration

**Tuesday, December 13
7:00 PM Holy Family Church**

Advent is a time that directs our hearts and minds to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ on Earth. In order to do so, we need to acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God for his mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The Church gives us the Rite of Penance (Reconciliation) to do so.

This year, we will join parishioners from Holy Family and St. Thomas More Oratory at Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, for an Advent Penance Service. We hope you can join us as we prepare to have Jesus enter into our hearts on Christmas morning.



December 11 – 17, 2011

Sunday:	9:00 AM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Bible Course – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Youth Group Movie Night (“ELF”) – Fremont Hall
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – St. John Church
	9:00 PM	Mañanitas – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – Holy Angels Church
	7:30 PM	40+ Singles – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Advent Penance Service – Holy Family Church
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Child Catechesis – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Adult Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Adult Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Child Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
	8:00 PM	Athletic Association Meeting – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:15 PM	Youth Choir – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Dinner – Parish Center Room 2
	7:00 PM	Lectio Divina – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
Thursday:	10:00 AM	Advent Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
Saturday:	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Environment Committee Ironing – Holy Angels Church

Our Weekly Offertory

December 3/4, 2011

Parish Collection	\$18155
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow	485
Building & Maintenance	2774
Total.....	\$21414

December 4/5, 2010

Parish Collection	\$16790
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow	1065
Building & Maintenance	2144
Total.....	\$19999



Memorial Bouquet

December 10/11, 2011

Holy Angels Church

In Loving Memory of Verna Dvorscak, Mother
With love, Bernie Magnus

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who supported the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality in the successful Advent Candle & Wreath fundraiser last month! God bless you, and have a Blessed Christmas Season!

St. John – Holy Angels Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

Thank you also to all who helped plan and participated in the Day of Adoration at Holy Angels last Thursday. It was a special time of prayer with our Eucharistic Lord!

Pews at St. John Church

The pews in St. John Church are very old. A piece of molding may come loose now and then. If that happens in your pew at your Mass, please give the piece to an usher or put it in the Sacristy. If lost, these pieces are difficult to make and replace. Thank you!

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	9:00 AM
10:00 AM	11:00 AM
	1:00 PM (Spanish)

Youth News

- December 11:** Movie Night ("ELF")
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Fremont Hall
- December 20:** Christmas Carolling at local nursing homes
(Adult Drivers Needed)
6:30 PM Meet at Gym Parking Lot
Return to Holy Angels at 8:30 PM



SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, December 13: Santa's Secret Shop
Students may shop for that special family member or friend in Fremont Hall today! Thanks to our Home & Association for organizing this festive event!

Thursday, December 15: Advent Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Holy Angels Church
All are welcome to attend!

Friday, December 16: Open House for Prospective Parents
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Congratulations to Brian Cole, who has qualified for the Irish Dancing National Championships in Chicago (July 4th Weekend 2012), and the World Championships, which will be held in Belfast, Ireland over Easter Break 2012!

Scrip Cards: sold every Wednesday and Friday from 2:15 PM – 2:45 PM at the School. This is a great way to support education and shop for loved ones during the holidays! Many retail, restaurant and gas cards are available.

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. 25th bulletin.



Order deadline is Monday, December 12th. 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, 731-2200, weekdays.

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

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

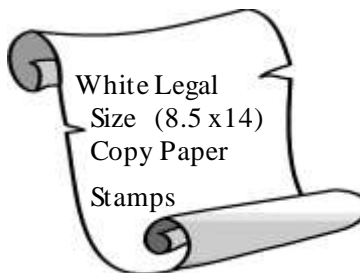
Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$30 enclosed

Get yourself a "Two for" for Christmas!

I bet you're wondering, "What is a two for? According to Urban Dictionary, it's "the opportunity to receive the value of two, for the price, effort or quantity of one." What a great deal! Check out some of the "Two for" deals we have here:

- Buy gift cards from School and donate them to Parish Outreach.....You support our School **and** you also support the local needy.
- Buy Amazon.com gift cards from the School and then use them to make purchases using the Amazon.com link on our website.....You support our School **and** you also support our Parish.
- Sign up for online giving....You support the Parish **and** you also make of fertory easier on yourself.
- Use the coupon in our Parish Wish Book when shopping at Modell's.....You support our School **and** you get 15% off of your purchase.

Copies of the 2011 Parish Wish Book can be found in both Churches and in the Parish and School Offices. Pick one up and see how many "two for" deals you can find!



Wish List

We are in need of stamps and copy paper at the Parish Center. If you could help us out, we would be most grateful. You can drop off stamps and paper at Parish Center. A tax receipt is available for your donation.



The Sports Box

Need "A" Gear for Christmas?

"A" Blankets make a real nice gift for every one! Contact Angela Hahn at angela.hahn@comcast.net.

The fabulous Greaseband is coming back to Holy Angels on March 2. Tickets make a nice Christmas gift! Contact Lynn Wolfe at wolfelyn@comcast.net.

Basketball Scores

Varsity C Boys, 60 – St. Elizabeths, 16
Varsity Y Boys, 25 – St. Catherine's, 8
Varsity C Girls 23 – **St. Mary Magdalen, 25**
Varsity & Girls 14 – **St. Mary Magdalen, 16**

Games

Sunday, December 11:

Varsity Girls Y vs. Christ The Teacher, 12 N at Holy Angels
JV Girls 1 vs. St. Anthony's, 1:00 PM at St. Anthony's
Varsity Girls C vs. St. Anthony's, 1:15 PM at Holy Angels
JV Boys C vs. St. Peter's Cathedral, 2:30 at Holy Angels
JV Boys Y vs. St. Joe's, 3:45 PM at Holy Angels

Saturday, December 17:

Varsity Boys C vs. St. Mary Assumption, 10 AM Holy Angels
Varsity Girls C vs. IHM, 1:00 PM at Immac. Heart of Mary
JV Boys 2 vs. St. Mary Magdalen, 2:30 PM at St. Mary Mag.
Varsity Boys Y vs. St. Edmond's, 3:00 PM at Holy Angels

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.



Calendar Lottery Fundraiser Winter 2012

\$20.00 each – 91 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 through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2012.
- Calendars may **not** be purchased in the name of a minor.
- Calendar purchases are **non-refundable**.
- Not every one 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 emontoro@holylangels.net or (302) 731-2219.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines for submission of information. Please submit all bulletin items to the Parish Office as noted below. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

- December 25 bulletin:** by 12 Noon on Friday, Dec. 16
January 1 bulletin: by 12 Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20
January 8 bulletin: by 12 Noon on Weds., Dec. 28

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 is available by calling the Parish Center, 731-2200.



The following radio stations will be contacted if the 8:00 AM Daily Mass or Weekend Masses are canceled. Please check to be sure there are no cancellations before you venture out in adverse weather.

WILM 1450 AM WSTW 93.7 FM
WDEL 1150 AM WJBR 99.5 FM

Please note: Parish Offices follow the School Closing Policy. If the Diocesan Catholic Schools are closed for inclement weather, the Parish Offices will be closed that day also.

Wish Tree

Thank you to all who participated in the Wish Tree Program this year. Hundreds of gifts came in on December 4, and each of those gifts represents another happy face on Christmas morning! Without all of you, none of this would be possible. We appreciate your generosity and know that it will be appreciated by all who receive these gifts.

If you were unable to get your gifts in by the December 4 deadline, please bring them to the Parish Center as soon as possible so they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

New Vestments available for Memorializing



We have purchased several new chasubles for the celebration of Eucharist at St. John and Holy Angels. If you would like to have one memorialized for your family, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Environment Committee Thank You

We would like to acknowledge the members of the Environment Committee for their generosity in giving of their time and talent to this ministry.

These members wash and iron linens, clean and decorate the churches and prepare bread for our Eucharist. Thank you for enhancing the overall beauty and prayerfulness of our churches. All your volunteer work is very much appreciated!

Bread Baking: Gene Consiglio, Kathy Fisher, Elsie Gibson, Marie Gitney, Jane Grownney, Diane Heebner, Gail Hellams, Ann Marie Markovchik, Erica Norman, Margaret Pinckney, Tom Peterson, Beth Roberts, Francis Talarowski, Special thanks to this ministry's coordinators, Patty Coyle and Ellen Norman

Linens:

St. John Church – Joe D'Andrea, Debbie Gallo, Marie Gitney, Judy Guidash, Michelle Leone, Louise Martin, Patti Stout, Lindalee Walsh and Donna Weibley

Holy Angels Church – Betty Baker, Karen Bennett, Pat Conrad, Patty Coyle, Margaret Cullen, Bev Groft, Beth Haney, Teri Harwell, Christy Kane, Pat Kreer, Doris Lilliard, Ann Marie Markovchik, Mary Newcott, Pat Ochonocki, Sue Orga, Kathy Smith, Janet Stead, Marie Thomas, Erin Tobin, Betty White and Laura Wriggins

Vacuuming:

St. John Church – Sandy Cole, The Danberg Family, Kate Edwards, Ronnie Hahn, Beth Haney, Leone Family, Priscilla Onizuk, Tom Peterson, Paul Short, Willie Short, Martin Reynolds and Ed Twohig

Decorating and Scaffolding Work: John Arena, Steve Aubuchon, Betty Baker, Cindy Bartosik, Eileen Castle, John Castle, Gene Consiglio, Dave Fedor, Larry Fenlon, Bev Groft, Jane Grownney, June Hansell, Don Hudgins, Ed Korber, Doris Lillard, Joe McKeown, Mike McLeod, Cheree McPhee, Megan McPhee, Ann Marie Markovchik, Pat Ochonocki, Tom Peterson, Doug Quimby, Brittany Quimby, Craig Rotenberry and Susan Starnes

We continue to need additional help in all these ministries, plus with an additional ministry that we will be forming for mopping/dusting of Holy Angels Church. If any parishioners are interested in helping with these ministries, please contact Patti Walters, Environment Committee Coordinator, at 302-593-5795 (c), 302-731-7949 (h) or walterspb@comcast.net.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

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

Horario de Oficina: Lunes, Martes, Jueves viernes: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Miércoles: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Noticias y fechas importantes

Charla pre-matrimonial llamar al diácono Joe Pérez para más información al # 302-981-2019.

Próximas clases de biblias los miércoles, en la oficina parroquial. Diciembre 14, a las 7:00 PM. Con el padre Alan.

Estamos vendiendo dos refrigeradoras, un frízer, para restaurante o negocio. También tenemos una lavadora, todos en buen estado. Para más información llamar a la oficina.

En los meses de Diciembre y Enero, no habrá charlas para bautizos.

Si usted desea participar en algún ministerio de nuestra parroquia, por favor llamar a la oficina.

Le pedimos su colaboración para la venta del 11 de diciembre en las mañanitas en la virgen de Guadalupe. Puede donarnos tamales, atole/ buñuelos, etc. Por favor llame a la oficina y hable con Pilar.

Las charlas de quinceañeras, comenzaran en el mes de enero, si usted tiene una hija que va a cumplir los 15 años, por favor vaya a la oficina para más información y llenar la forma de registración.

ACTIVIDADES EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

- **Lunes: 7:00 PM** Rosario en las casas con Cecilia Olano /Javier Validez
- **Miércoles: 7:00 PM** Circulo Bíblico con el Padre Alan Reyna
- **Jueves: 7:00 PM** Grupo de Jóvenes en la oficina parroquial
Coordinadores: Freddy Aparicio y Marilú Aparicio
- **Viernes: 7:00 PM** Círculo de Oración con Javier Lomelí, coordinador.

Fechas para bautizos, solamente los sábados

Enero 2012: Sábados 7 y 21 / 11:30 AM

Febrero: Sábado 4 /11:30 AM

Para anotar intenciones de misas para difuntos, por favor ir a la oficina a anotarlos con anticipación de lunes a jueves.

Presentaciones, quinceañeras, bodas. Llegar a la oficina para llenar las formas y obtener más información.

El miércoles está abierta la oficina para atender en español de 1:00 PM hasta la 7:00 de la noche.

Tenemos disponible el calendario de la lotería que se jugara por los meses de enero, febrero y marzo, todos los días. \$20.00 cada calendario. Participa, gana y colabora con tu parroquia.

Estamos rifando una imagen de nuestra madre, la virgen de Guadalupe muy preciosa pintada al oleo a \$10.00 el boleto.

Los requisitos para ser padrinos de bautizos son los siguientes: Los padrinos si son parejas deben estar casados por la iglesia, presentar certificado de matrimonio, recibir las charlas pre-bautismales los padres y padrinos, certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Llenar la forma en la oficina.

Felicidades al padre Alan por su aniversario de ordenación sacerdotal mañana 12 de diciembre y por su cumpleaños ayer sábado 10 de diciembre. Nuevamente, felicidades de parte de los servidores del ministerio hispano.

Tendremos nuestra última clase de biblia de este año el miércoles 14 de diciembre. Cerraremos la reunión con un pequeño convivio con todos los participantes de esta clase.