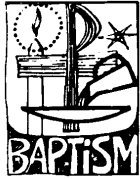


Welcome!

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 Leonard A. Quinn and Francis D. Talarowski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Newly Baptized

December 5, 2015

Fatima Sophia Hernandez-Pineda,
daughter of Julia Estela Pineda-Mejia and
Rogelio Hernandez-Becerra.

December 6, 2015

William Rafael Perez-Sanchez, son of Maria Virginia Perez-Fonseca.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 13	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 th Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	Dolly & Goon Kalicharan
December 14	8:00 AM	Richard Kinnaman
December 15	8:00 AM	Helen & John Cheddar
December 16	8:00 AM	Lyons-Howell Family
December 17	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 18	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 19	8:00 AM	Donald Eastburn
December 20	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 th Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	James Reynolds

Holy Angels Church

December 12	5:00 PM	William P. Fischer
December 13	9:00 AM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 19	5:00 PM	Debbie Arena
December 20	9:00 AM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
	11:00 AM	Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a;	Luke 14:23-27
Tuesday:	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13;	Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;	Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10;	Matthew 1:1-17
Friday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8;	Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;	Luke 1:5-25
Sunday:	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10;	Luke 1:39-45

Question for the Week 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year C

“As St. Paul speaks of joy,
what act of kindness could you do this week?”

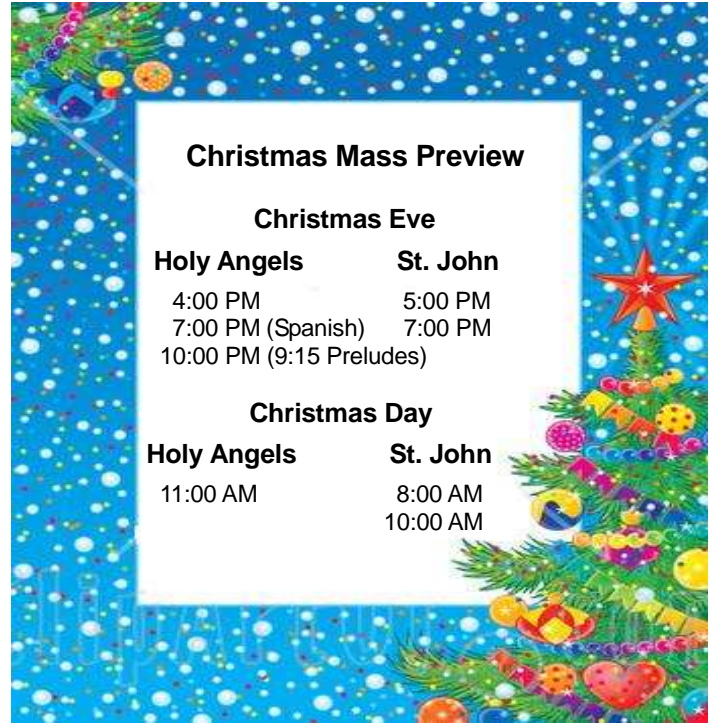
Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

Holy Angels	St. John
11:00 AM	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM



You're Invited!

Please join us for a Christmas Social at St. John Church, after the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 15. Coffee and goodies will be provided at the entrance to church. Visitors and regular Mass attendees are welcome to join in the fellowship of getting to know one another.

Religious Education

Last Chance to Sign-Up for First Communion/First Penance

December 16 6:15 PM Fremont Hall

In order to make the Sacrament of First Penance and First Communion, your child must be baptized, in at least 2nd grade, and have been in a Religious Education program or Catholic School last school year.

A Parent must attend this class in order for your child to receive 1st Communion and 1st Penance this coming Spring 2016.

More information will be given out at this meeting.

Please note: if you attended the October or November registration meeting, you do not need to attend this meeting.



December 13 – 19, 2015

Sunday:	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School Religious Education – Holy Angels School Advent Vespers – St. John Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Tuesday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Advent Penance Celebration – Holy Family Church Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School 1 st Communion/1 st Penance Parent Meeting – Fremont Hall Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Spanish Pastoral Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Thursday:	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Lectio Divina – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church Spanish Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Saturday:	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Posadas – Fremont Hall

Advent Penance Celebration Tuesday, December 15 7:00 PM Holy Family Church 15 Gender Road Newark, DE 19713



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 Church and St. Thomas More Oratory for our shared Advent Penance Service. We hope you can join us as we prepare to have Jesus enter into our hearts on Christmas morning.

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".

Vespers will be celebrated on December 13 at 6:30 PM at St. John Church; and on December 20 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church. 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!

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines for publication. Please submit all bulletin items to the Parish Office as noted below. If you have questions, please call Annie at 731-2200.

December 27 bulletin: Information in by Noon on Weds.,
December 16

January 3 bulletin: Information in by Noon on Monday,
December 21

Taize Prayer Offering at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elkton

The Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. John-Holy Angels, and Resurrection are collaborating to offer a Taize Prayer Service on Sunday, December 13 at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church (Bow Street, Elkton). Prayer in the spirit of the Taize Community of France is a meditative form of non-denominational Christian prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. Scripture, shared sacred silence, Intercessions, and Prayer around the Cross round out the prayer for the evening. Please consider joining us for this evening.



SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in Grades Pre/K3 through Grade 8. Holy Angels School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools. Our next Open House for Prospective Parents will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. School tours are also available upon request. Call the School Office at 731-2210 for more information or check the website at www.holyangelsschool.org.

Elves Needed: In preparation for Santa's Secret Shop on Thursday, the Holy Angels Home & School Association would like to pre-wrap some of the items to help things run smoothly. We are looking for teens (high school/college age) to help us wrap the gifts on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM for a few hours. If you can help us out in Santa's Workshop (the school gym), please call or text Cristin Wilson at (610) 357-2468.

The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 14:	Toys for Tots – gift wrapping by Middle School Students Future City Club Band Lessons
Tuesday, Dec. 15:	Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grade 5 Trip to Sight & Sound Theater
Weds., Dec. 16:	Advent Morning Prayer Set-up for Santa's Secret Shop - Gym (volunteers needed)
Thurs., Dec. 17:	Santa's Secret Shop

Holy Angels School Fundraiser

Modell's Team Weeks

November 27 – December 24

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 pick up a coupon from the back of Church. 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.

A Vocation Reflection Third Sunday of Advent

Through the prophet Zephaniah, God says "Fear not, O Zion, be no discouraged! The Lord is in your midst!" Priests and religious sisters and brothers spend their lives helping other people recognize God in their midst. Are you ready to join them in their mission? Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website, www.CalledByTheLord.com!

Wish Tree

Please remember that our Wish Tree gifts are due back on December 13. If you forgot to bring your gift today, please return it to the Parish as soon as possible. Our outreach also welcomes gift cards to use for Christmas and throughout the year. For more information about the Wish Tree, please contact Diane Fisher at (302) 737-6864.



"Unearthing Christmas" – A Young Adult Novel for All Ages

Book Signing Events:

Saturday, December 19 10:00 AM – Noon
Angel Crossing, 550 S. Colonial Avenue, Elsmere
Phone: (302) 652-3232

Saturday, December 19 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Hockessin Book Shelf, 7179 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin

Local author and St. John-Holy Angels Parishioner, Anthea Piscarik, will be available to sign her books for sale at these events, or books previously purchased. Set in Texas. "Unearthing Christmas" takes place in 1955 and present day in a bomb shelter decorated for Christmas, and becomes a meeting ground between the past and present and a fate-filled adventure to self-awareness, forgiveness and redemption. 10% of the author proceeds will benefit the Ministry of Caring, a local nonprofit that feeds, clothes and shelters the poor and homeless.

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

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.



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 2016 \$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, 2016.
- 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.
- Prizes will be 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 new fundraiser, contact apress@holyanimals.net or (302) 731-2219.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Calendar Lottery—Winter 2016' website. It features a grid of numbers for each day of the month, organized by week. The sidebar contains instructions for how to play, including details about the Delaware State Play 3 night drawing and where to find winning numbers.



Prepare ye the way of the Lord



Las Posadas

by Paul Turner

Las posadas means “the inns” in Spanish, and refers to a Mexican Christmas custom. Beginning December 16, family and friends or communities recreate the experience of Mary and Joseph searching for a place to stay in Bethlehem. The celebration takes place in streets and homes with a powerful message. In the incarnation, God offered salvation to everyone, even the poor and homeless.

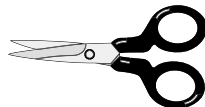
A couple dressed as Joseph and Mary is accompanied by members of the community bearing candles. They walk in procession and approach a house in the neighborhood, praying and singing Christmas carols. They knock on the door and sing a special song for the celebration of Las Posadas. In this son Joseph, outside the house, requests lodging for the night because his wife is weary from the journey. Those inside sing back that they do not know the visitors and there is no room; the couple must go to another place. The candlelight procession continues to house after house. Finally, the residents of one home offer them shelter. All enter joyfully and celebrate a fiesta, complete with piñata.

This liturgical drama takes place every night until Christmas Eve. The custom allows all to express their faith in Jesus, to tell the story of Christmas for the benefit of children, and to keep their hearts fixed on the true meaning of the season. It connects the present generation with the past and binds a neighborhood into a stronger community.

Las posadas will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, December 19, at 7:00 PM in Fremont Hall.

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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



Precision Hair & Wig Boutique
7 Liberty Plaza, Possum Park Mall
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 369-3311
Hundreds of Wigs & Hairpieces on Display

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 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.

Donate Your Used Glasses!

The Newark Lions Club has an ongoing collection for used eye glasses. There is a box for these items at the entrance to church. Thank you for your support!

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.

The Flu Season is Upon Us!

We ask that you please be considerate of others when attending Mass with a cold or cough. It is not necessary to shake hands at the Sign of Peace when you are not feeling up-to-par. You may want to keep your hands folded, turn to those around you, smile, bow and say, 'Peace be with you'. Thanks for thinking of others!

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436
Horario de oficina Lunes: cerrada
Martes y jueves: 9:00 AM-12:00 Medio día
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Miércoles: 11:00 AM-12:00 Medio día
1:00 PM-7:00 PM
Viernes: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

I lectura Sofonías 3:14-18

“Canta hija de Sión, da gritos de júbilo, Israel, gózate y rogiújate de todo corazón, Jerusalén”.

Salmo Responsorial: Is 12

“Griten jubilosos, porque Dios de Israel ha sido grande con ustedes”.

II lectura Filipenses 4: 4-7

“Alégrense siempre en el Señor; se lo repito: ¡alegrense!”

Evangelio Lucas 3:10-18

El Espíritu Santo es el que hace entender que Dios ha estado operando en Jesús de Nazaret, juez de las personas, y ante el cual cada uno define su futuro. El fuego tiene sentido purificador o purgativo, y hace referencia a que no le será fácil a la persona reconocer al Mesías y recibir su Espíritu. Como siempre la justicia pavimenta el camino de la santidad.



Bautismos: Charlas, domingo después de misa.

Próxima charla: Enero 10.

Bautizos: Primer y tercer sábado de mes. Padre y padrinos deben asistir a las charlas. Padrinos deben estar casados por la iglesia, si son parejas. Traer biblia católica.

Las parejas que desean casarse en nuestra parroquia, tenemos la preparación (pre-cana) una vez por mes a cargo del matrimonio Roberto y Georgina Hernández. Debe tener una entrevista previa con el sacerdote. Próximas charlas: Enero 17

Para cualquier sacramento, presentaciones, quinceañeras, presentaciones, intenciones para misas de difuntos, llegar a la oficina en horario de oficina. Deben ser miembros registrados de la parroquia.

EL 16 MIÉRCOLES 16 DE DICIEMBRE ES LA ÚLTIMA REUNIÓN DE PADRES DE FAMILIA PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN DE LOS NIÑOS. 6:15 PM EN LA ESCUELA. NO FALTAR.

La parroquia tiene a la venta los calendarios de la lotería que se realizará los meses de enero, febrero y marzo. Cada día hay una oportunidad de ganar. Se juega con la lotería de Delaware. Valor del calendario \$20.00. De venta en la oficina.

Tenemos los boletos de la rifa de 1.000 como primer premio; esta rifa es para recaudar fondos para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

En el mes de enero comienza la preparación de las quinceañeras. Llegar a la oficina para la registración. Coordinadores: Joel -María Lara y Roberto Hernández.

Las Posadas empiezan en diciembre 19. Hablar con Victor Cardenas para mas información.

Recordemos el 8 de Diciembre, se inicia el año de la Misericordia, hasta el 20 de Noviembre del 2016.

Que tengan una semana bendecida.