

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.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

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

Debbie & Francisco Martinez & Family

*Mass Intentions
for the
Week*

St. John Church

December 15	8:00 AM	Joan Logue
	10:00 AM	Mary Boas
December 16	8:00 AM	Vincent Mercante
December 17	8:00 AM	Wilkinson-Tusio Family
December 18	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 19	8:00 AM	Donald Eastburn
December 20	8:00 AM	Matthew Gleber
December 21	8:00 AM	Joe Goddard
December 22	8:00 AM	Robert DiLuchio
	10:00 AM	Thomas Concavage

Holy Angels Church

December 14	5:00 PM	Ly ons-Howell Family
December 15	9:00 AM	Michael Kerrigan
	11:00 AM	Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 21	5:00 PM	William Howell
December 22	9:00 AM	Michael Kerrigan
	11:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Friday:	Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday:	Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Question for the Week

Third Sunday of Advent – Year A

“What good things have you done so far this Advent to be like Jesus?”

Advent Penance Celebration

Tuesday, December 17

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.

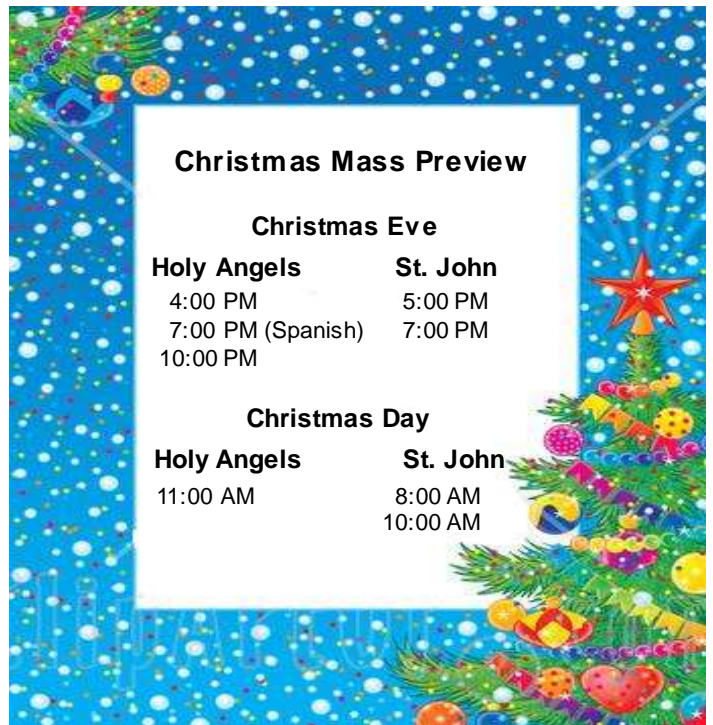
Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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



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 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.

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.



December 15– 21, 2013

Sunday:	9:00 AM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels School
	11:00 AM	Spanish Pre-Cana – Parish Center Meeting Room 4
	6:00 PM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels School
	6:15 PM	Parent 1 st Communion/1 st Penance Meeting – Holy Angels Church
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – St. John Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Gospel of John Bible Study – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
	7:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class for Parents – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Advent Penance Service – Holy Family Church
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Advent Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church
	6:00 PM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels School
	6:30 PM	Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A. for Children – Parish Center Youth Room
	7:00 PM	Cub Pack 205 – Fremont Hall
	7:00 PM	Hispanic Pastoral Committee Christmas Party – Parish Center Mtg. Room 1
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
	7:00 PM	Christian Formation Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
	1:30 PM	School Christmas Concert – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Saturday:	5:00 PM	Posadas – Fremont Hall

**Last Chance to Sign-Up for
First Communion/First Penance
December 15 6:15 PM Holy Angels Church**

In order to make the Sacrament of First Penance, your child must be baptized, in at least 2nd grade, and have been in a Religious Education program this past year. First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, January 25.

To receive the Sacrament of First Communion, your child must have been baptized, received First Penance, and have been in a Religious Education program last school year.

A Parent must attend this class in order for your child to receive 1st Communion and 1st Penance this Spring 2014.

**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 15th and 22nd at 6:30 PM at St. John 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 29 bulletin: Information in by Noon on Weds., December 18

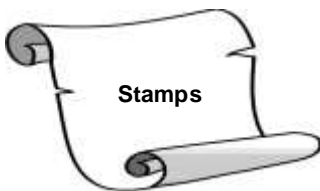
January 5 bulletin: Information in by Noon on Monday, December 23

Wish List Thank You!

Thanks to Mary Jane Renzette and Linda Lee Wald for their donation of postage stamps for the Parish Center.

We could still use some More stamps, with end of year

mailings coming up shortly. If you could help us, we would be most grateful. Your donation is tax deductible!



Stamps



SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are being accepted for both the current and upcoming school year. Holy Angels School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools and offers programs in Pre/K 3 through Grade 8 curriculum.

The **next Open House** will take place on January 16 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. School tours are also available by appointment.

Scrip Cards are being sold each day in the School Office. See Sister Sharon, or call for details at 731-2210. (Gift cards are available for local retail stores, gas stations, restaurants, etc.)

The School is **collecting the following items:**

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Printer Cartridges

(All proceeds go toward instructional and technology materials.)

Monday, Dec. 16 Math League Meet – after School
Home & School Executive Board – 6:15 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 17 P,B, & J Outreach
Santa's Secret Shop Day
(Fremont Hall)

Wednesday, Dec. 18 Advent Morning Prayer 10:00 AM
Holy Angels Church
(All are welcome!)
Club Wednesday – Middle School
2:00 – 2:45 PM

Thursday, Dec. 19 Treat Day for Faculty/Students
(Lunchtime)

Friday, Dec. 20 Christmas Program (Gr. K-8)
1:30 PM Holy Angels Church
Plan to join us!

Christmas Vacation – Dec 20th (3:00 PM) through Jan. 1st
School reopens on Thursday, January 2nd.

The Faculty and Staff wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



December 28:

Ice Skating at the U of D Rust
(Time TBD – watch the bulletin for an update)

January 25-26:

LOCK IN – mark your calendars for this great event

Modell's Team Weeks

Please support Holy Angels School by utilizing the Modell's Team Weeks Coupon for 15% off purchases at Modell's Sports Store. The coupon is good from until December 26. 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.

Congratulations

The following students from St. John-Holy Angels were on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll at St. Mark's High School. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

Christopher Blackwell
Regine Choi
Alexandria Esposito

Zachary Hopkins
Sarah Jacobs
Benjamin Steenkamer

Second Honors

Samual Benjamin
Emily Evansl
Brendan Fogarty
Kyle Johnson
Lauren Johnson
Sally Lyell
Megan Quinn

Michael Rawding
Andrew Riegner
Rhett Schweizer
Amanda Smith
Matthew Smith
Madison Sycalik
Robert VanDuzer

**Do You Shop at
Amazon.com or Staples?**



Help support the Parish each time you make a purchase through the Parish link to the Amazon.com website. To make qualifying purchases, go to the Parish website (www.stjohn-holyangels.com) and click on the Amazon.com banner. A portion of all purchases made through this link will be returned to the Parish to support the general fund.



You can help our parish save money! When you make a purchase at Staples Office Supply Store, please give the cashier the Parish Center phone number, (302) 731-2200. Your purchases will count

toward reward certificates for the parish that we can use to purchase office supplies and save money!

Calendar Lottery Fundraiser – Winter 2014



Looking for Christmas gifts for neighbors, teachers, etc.? St. John-Holy Angels Lottery Calendars are \$20 each, with 90 chances to win between \$50 and \$250. Only 1000 calendars will be sold! Sales Run through December 31. Winning numbers are based on the Delaware State Lottery's Play 3 Night Drawing, from January 1 to March 31. Contact the Parish Office at 82 Possum Park Road, apress@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.

Thank You!

The following letter was received from **Cecil County Pregnancy Center:**

*Dear Members of St. John-Holy Angels Parish,
Thank you so much for the most generous gifts that you gave us on behalf of the young women and their babies and young children at our pregnancy center. Your diapers and clothes, etc., are so very helpful to get these mothers through tough times. We have a system where the mothers come for free parenting classes and therefore earn points to get the new things. It works wonders! Also, your wonderful baby appliances help also. Please remember that we gladly accept used things as well. If it is a problem getting things to us, call and we will work something out.*

Our work of ministry never seems to cease. Our ultrasound machine from the Knights of Columbus certainly saves babies too, plus our free pregnancy tests and counseling that we offer. Thanks for all the shower items that you give us so willingly. And thanks to Ronnie Hahn and her daughter, Sandy Cole, for their efforts to keep our work ever present to all of you, and for delivering your fine gifts. We are so grateful to God for putting you in our path. We could not do this great work without your assistance. God bless all of you and your dear families. A blessed Christmas to all of you!

*Gratefully,
Lorraine Fortune
Co-Director of Clients, CCPC*

The following was received from **Birthright of Delaware:**

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in October. St. John-Holy Angels Parish raised \$1,188.15. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies!

*Sincerely,
Nan Freeman
Birthright of DE Director*



Members of our **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality** thank you for your support for the Advent Candle and Wreath sale. A Blessed Christmas to all of you and your families!

Please continue to send your Zingo cash register receipts to the Parish Office via the offertory or the mail. We use these to procure monies for the parish. Thank you!

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.

Need Home Healthcare Equipment?

The Newark Lions Club has a great many items available for loan to those who need it; including hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, etc. Please call Joe Johns (302) 737-0717, for more information.



Have You Heard?



St. John Social & Fellowship

Tuesday, December 17

Immediately following 8:00 AM Daily Mass

All are invited to participate!

Coffee, bagels and other goodies will be provided at the entrance to Church.

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.

"I was hungry and you fed me." Matthew 25:35

During Thanksgiving week, we did make the Outreach Food Boxes overflow. Thank you for that generous outpouring. This week, continue donating "holiday dinner" food items, e.g. fresh oranges and apples, juices, canned fruits, etc. Any questions, call Marie Ruskay, 547-8521.

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.

You are invited to take a survey!

Understanding the many challenges faced by families throughout the world, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking Catholics what they think about "the social and spiritual crisis" impacting family life. Bishop Malooly is inviting Catholics, whether active or inactive, in the Diocese of Wilmington to join in this important conversation by participating in an online survey.

To take the survey, go to the Diocese of Wilmington's website – www.cdow.org – and click on "Pope Francis and Bishop Malooly invite you to participate in an important survey." Please respond before December 31, 2013.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

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

Horario Oficina:

Lunes, Martes, Jueves: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Miércoles: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Viernes: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

COORDINADORES DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Representante Consejo Parroquial: Rubén Lara

Representante Consejo Diocesano: Víctor Lorzo

Ministros de Eucaristía:

Coordinador: Víctor Lorzo

Sub-coordinador: Víctor Cárdenas

Lectores:

Coordinadora: Martha Just

Monaguillos:

Coordinadora: Alicia Gómez

Hospitalidad: Joel & María Lara

Coros coordinador: Milton Santiago

Liturgia de los niños: Leticia Lomeli

Pláticas de bautismo & Charlas

Prematrimoniales:

Roberto Hernández & Georgina Flores

Quinceañeras: Martha Just

Grupo de Oración. Irma Lemus

Sacristía: Javier Lomeli & Héctor Quiñones

Tienda: Rubén Lara

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Lecturas: Bar 5,1-9; Sal 125; Flp 1,4-6,8-11; Lc 3,1-6

La figura de Juan Bautista reclama un aspecto vital de la Iglesia y, por tanto, de todos sus miembros, la de ser precursor. Preparar el camino a recorrer, anunciar la novedad presente, señalar la ruta a acoger... comportamientos y acciones que debe adoptar todo creyente en su actitud ante el prójimo con la humildad y sencillez del Precursor.

ACTIVIDADES PARROQUIALES

Bautismos: Charlas, domingo de cada mes después de misa. 2:30-PM: Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia. Todos traer biblias católica, obligatoriamente y no biblias protestante. No habrá cuidado de niños, busque con tiempo quien se los cuide. Próxima charla: Enero 26, 2014.

Grupo de Oración:

todos los viernes, 7:00 PM. En el salón de conferencia de la iglesia.

El Comité Pastoral Hispano: Tendremos un pequeño convivio navideño el miércoles 18 de Diciembre o a las 7:00 PM en la oficina parroquial. Traer un platillo para compartir.

Las celebraciones de bodas tienen que ser con un año de anticipación los arreglos en la iglesia. La charla será 15 a las 11:00 AM en la oficina parroquial.

Para anotar misas de difuntos y presentaciones, llegar a la oficina. quinceañeras, bodas, aniversarios, etc, etc.

Todas las familias que tiene quinceañeras para el próximo año. Registrar con tiempo a sus hijas. Solamente habrán dos grupos para preparación. Próxima reunión Diciembre 30. 7:00 PM. Oficina.

Si usted tiene comida de latas en su despensa, arroz, frijoles, papel de baño, pasta dental, etc, etc. Por favor necesitamos su ayuda. Traerlos a la iglesia.

EVENTOS DEL MES DE DICIEMBRE

El novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe Empezará el martes 3 de Diciembre a las 7:00 PM en el Fremont Hall.

Todas las personas que deseen cantarle a la virgen el 11 de Diciembre anotarse con Víctor Pérez, solamente las que se hayan anotado podrán participar.

Estamos pidiendo la colaboración para los días 11 y 12 de Diciembre para el convivio y la venta de comida para estas fechas, hablar con Alicia Lara.

Las posadas empezarán el 16 de Diciembre. Se les avisará con tiempo los lugares. El 21 será en la parroquia.