

## 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.

### Preview of This Week's Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;	Luke 1:5-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45	
<b>Thursday:</b>	I Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-56
<b>Friday:</b>	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;	Luke 1:57-66
<b>Saturday:</b>	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79	
<b>Christmas Eve &amp; Day:</b>	Isaiah 9:1-6;	Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### St. John Church

December 18	8:00 AM	Dick Reynolds
	10:00 AM	Edward Joseph Ciszkowski
December 19	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 20	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 21	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 22	8:00 AM	Bill Howell
December 23	8:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke
December 24	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	6:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	8:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	8:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance

#### Holy Angels Church

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
December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	9:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	11:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	1:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance



### Eternal rest grant unto her...

Please remember in your prayers Margaret V. Burke. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closes at 10:30 AM on Thurs., December 22  
Closed Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26  
Reopens Tuesday, December 27  
Closed Monday, January 2  
Reopens Tuesday, January 3



### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

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

#### Christmas Day

<b>St. John</b>	<b>Holy Angels</b>
8:00 AM	9:00 AM
10:00 AM	11:00 AM
	1:00 PM (Spanish)

### Please note:

**There are no Confessions on December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!



**December 18 – 24, 2011**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 AM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Bible Course – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – St. John Church
<b>Monday:</b>	7:00 PM	Finance Council – Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
<b>Tuesday:</b>	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
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Youth Choir – Holy Angels Church
	6:30 PM	Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
	7:00 PM	Cub Pack 205 – Fremont Hall
	7:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer Book Club – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 AM	Advent Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church
	1:30 PM	School Christmas Concert – Holy Angels Church
	6:00 PM	Christmas Decorating – Holy Angels Church
<b>Friday:</b>	10:00 AM	Christmas Decorating – St. John Church
<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>(See Mass Schedule on Page 1)</b>	

**Our Weekly Offertory**

**December 10/11, 2011**

Parish Collection .....	\$16582
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow .....	895
Building & Maintenance .....	375
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	3118
Immaculate Conception Holy Day .....	1847
Total .....	\$22817

**December 11/12, 2010**

Parish Collection .....	\$14959
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow .....	3080
Building & Maintenance .....	830
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	2940
Immaculate Conception Holy Day .....	1278
Total .....	\$23087

**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](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@holyangels.net](mailto:emontoro@holyangels.net) or (302) 731-2219.

**Youth News**

**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

**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!

## Election of Parish Trustees

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the annual election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John Church.



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Tuesday, Dec. 20:** P, B, & J Outreach for Newark Food Bank

**Wednesday, Dec. 21:** Christmas Treat Day for Students/Staff

**Thursday, Dec. 22:** Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM  
(All are welcome to attend.)  
Christmas Program at 1:30 PM  
in Holy Angels Church

**Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 2:**  
Christmas Vacation School Closed

The faculty and staff at Holy Angels School would like to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## 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

## Raffle Raffle Raffle

Our Hispanic Ministry invites you to participate in a raffle of a hand-painted oil portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, by Columbian Artist Gabriel Escobar. The drawing will take place on Sunday, January 8 in Fremont Hall, after the 1:00 PM Mass.

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. For more information, call Ruben Lara (302-588-0327), Alicia Cardenas (302-981-7504) or the Hispanic Ministry Office (302-731-2436).



## Christmas Holiday Meeting News

**Charismatic Prayer Group** will not meet on Thursdays, December 22 and 29.

**Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group** is not meeting on Mondays, December 26 and January 2.

There will be **no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. John Church on Fridays, December 23 and 30.

## 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 offertory 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!



## The Sports Box

### Need "A" Gear for Christmas?

"A" Blankets make a real nice gift for everyone! Contact Angela Hahn at [angela.hahn@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:wolfelyn@comcast.net).

### Basketball Scores

**Varsity C Girls, 28** – St. Anthony, 22  
**Varsity C Boys, 32** – St. Joseph's, 30  
**Varsity Y Girls, 22** – Immaculate Heart of Mary, 17  
**Varsity Y Girls, 17** – Christ The Teacher, 9  
**Varsity Y Boys, 32** – St. Elizabeth's, 15  
**JV Boys C, 20** – St. Peter's Cathedral, 14  
**JV Girls C, 8** – **St. Anthony's, 10**  
**JV Girls St. Eliz. League, 20** – St. Ann's, 16

## Snow Cancellations

Cancellations of parish activities due to poor weather and driving conditions can be on the parish website, [www.stjohn-holyangels.com](http://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.

## St. John - Holy Angels Community Garden 2011 Final Report & Acknowledgements

**Acknowledgements and recognition to the early planners of 2010:** Marie Ruskay, Lois Jackson, and Caryn Peiron, under the direction of Deacon Eddie, and with the enthusiastic support of Father Fiore.

**Charter members of the Garden Committee** also included Bob Genau, Eileen and Paul Keely, Elvia Guzman, Soledad Figueroa, Amy Press, Pat Jackson (Master Gardener), and Miguel Guerrero. Financial support from Knights of Columbus, Joanne & Mike McLeod, Lois Jackson and Marie Ruskay helped us get started with purchasing supplies, equipment, and plants that had not been donated.

**Pioneer gardeners** were the Genau Family, Keely Family, Javier Valdez, Rufino Garcia, Myer Family, Amy Press, Deacon Eddie, Tapia Family and Zavala Family. First-year volunteers were Lois, Marie, Dinah Stewart, Ronnie Hahn, Gustavo Zerita, Steve Reeves and Tony Imhof.

**2011 Gardeners:** Many gardeners from 2010 returned to have even better gardens this year. New were Jaime Tomlinson & Mark Neimeister, the Fisher family, Father Fiore (with able assistance from Lindy Walkowiak and Amy Press) and Bank of America. Daily, fresh produce from the community plots was shared with families and organizations in the area. We could do this only because of the dedicated volunteers: Edward Zurita, Marie and son, Dinah, Ronnie, Lois, Barbara Bonaquisti and her daughter, Nicole, who was performing community service towards credits for graduation. Now, the growing season is over and the garden is resting, looking forward to Spring.

### Thank You!

The following letter was received from Cecil County Pregnancy Center about our October Baby Shower gifts:

*Dear Parishioners of St. John-Holy Angels,*

*You have overwhelmed us with kindness. What a wonderful package of gifts for the new mothers who come to Cecil County Pregnancy Center.*

*Thank you for going to all the trouble to make this offering of love and blessings available to the Center. I really don't know how to thank you appropriately other than to simply say "Thank You". May God bless you all in proportion to your wonderful kindness to us.*

*Daniel R. Mohler  
Director*

### Need A Last Minute Christmas Gift?

Stop in at the Parish Center to get a Gift Card from Pathmark, ShopRite, Acme and/or Superfresh. We're open Monday thru Wednesday of this week, 9 AM – 7 PM, and Thursday morning until 10:30 AM.

### Congratulations

The following students from St. John-Holy Angels were on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll at Salesianum School. Keep up the good work!

#### Principal's List

John Bowden	Sean Peden
Christian Guidash	Troy Reeder
Matthew Mele	Kevin Sheckman
Matthew Pappas	Sean Tullier

#### First Honors

William Brown	Brian Lewis
Stephen Bryson	Jonathan Mendez
Alan Clark	Sebastian Peters
Daniel Crisona	Sean Smith
Kyle Evans	Craig Snively
Ryan Hancharick	Thomas Webster
Matthew Healy	Alexander Whallon
Matthew Hill	William Whallon

#### Second Honors

Jonathan Burns	Ryan Feely
Ryan Burns	Michael Feely
Andrew Clark	Matthew Hooks
Donald Danese	Arthur Migdalski
Matthew Evans	Ryan Patterson
Jacob Wersinger	



### 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.

### Save Your Zingo Grocery Store Receipts!

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

### Bring Us Your Old Newspapers!

Please support our Athletic Association by participating in the Abitibi Paper Retriever program. Bring all your used catalogs, magazines, newspapers, office paper, fax paper, school paper, notebooks and folders to the green and yellow containers next to the Athletic Building. (Note: no cardboard, telephone books or trash!)

Tell all your neighbors, friends and family! The more we fill the containers, the more money we can make! For more information, contact Lyn Wolfe at 420-8659 or email [wolfelyn@comcast.net](mailto:wolfelyn@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. Hasta enero 2012

*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.**

**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.**

**FELICES FIESTAS A TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD Y SIEMPRE RECORDEMOS QUE EL CENTRO DE LA NAVIDAD ES JESUS.**

*Que Dios les bendiga.*

### 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 el 12 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.**