

## 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:

Josephine & Stephen DiGiovanni  
Henrietta Homan

### Mass Intentions for the Week St. John Church

December 20	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	James Reynolds
December 21	8:00 AM	Frances Payne
December 22	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
December 23	8:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke
December 24	5:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	8:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
December 27	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	Joseph Tomczak

### Holy Angels Church

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
December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	11:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
December 26	5:00 PM	Raymond Soehlke
December 27	9:00 AM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
	11:00 AM	Jeff & Corinne Buckalew & Family
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

### Preview of This Week's Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	I Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-56
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;	Luke 1:57-66
<b>Thursday:</b>	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79	
<b>Christmas Eve &amp; Day:</b>	Isaiah 9:1-6; Luke 2:1-14;	Titus 2:11-14;
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;	Matthew 10:17-22
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or I Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-31 or I John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52	

### Question for the Week

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C

“When was it hardest for you to trust in God’s plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?”



### Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Wednesday, December 23 – Friday, December 25  
Open Monday, December 28 – Wednesday, December 30  
Closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1  
Normal Schedule begins Monday, January 4

### Christmas Mass Preview

#### Christmas Eve

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

#### Christmas Day

<b>Holy Angels</b>	<b>St. John</b>
11:00 AM	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

### Please Note

There will be no 8:00 AM Daily Mass at St. John Church on Thursday, December 24 and Saturday, December 26.

There will be no 8:30 AM Confessions at St. John Church on Saturday, December 26.



**December 20 – 26, 2015**

- Sunday:** 9:00 AM Religious Education – Holy Angels School  
6:00 PM Religious Education – Holy Angels School  
6:30 PM Advent Vespers – Holy Angels Church
- Monday:** 6:30 PM Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room  
7:00 PM Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3  
7:00 PM Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
- Tuesday:** 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Christmas Decorating – Holy Angels Church  
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room  
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. Children – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room
- Wednesday:** 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Christmas Decorating – St. John Church
- Christmas Eve:** See Mass Schedule on previous page
- Christmas Day:** See Mass Schedule on previous page



**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

The following Christmas Memorial Flowers were received too late for inclusion in today's insert:

<b>Our Christmas Flowers for:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Ron & Jean Rogalewicz	The Crowe Family
Irvin & Ruth Crowe	The Crowe Family
Lester Smith, Father	Ralph & Debbie Degliobizzi & Family
Ralph Degliobizzi Sr., Father	Ralph & Debbie Degliobizzi & Family
The Willis-Wisniewski Family	Bob & Arlene Wisniewski

**Eternal rest grant unto her...**

Please remember in your prayers Marilyn C. Knapp. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



**Advent Vespers**

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.

Vespers will be celebrated 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!

**Thank You!**

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality** thanks all of you who supported their Advent Candle and Wreath Sale. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas! God bless you all!

A big Thank You to **Joe McKeown** for designing and creating the beautiful Cherry Table to hold the Sacred Oils at St. John Church, near the baptismal font. Our parish is so blessed with many wonderful talented and generous members!

**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:** already gone to Printer)
- January 3 bulletin:** Information in to Parish Office by Noon on Monday, December 21

**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 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



## SCHOOL NEWS

The Faculty and Staff at Holy Angels School wish you and your family a most Blessed and Merry Christmas! May all good things be yours in 2016 including the gifts of good health and happiness!

All are welcome to attend Advent Morning Prayer on Monday, December 21 at 10:00 AM in Holy Angels Church. Also, please join us for the Holy Angels School Christmas Concert at 1:30 PM in the Church on Tuesday, December 22.

School will be closed starting from Wednesday, December 23 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4.

Applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in Grades Pre/K3 through Grade 8. School tours are also available upon request. Call the School Office at 731-2210 if you are interested. Information may also be found on the School website at [www.holyangelsschool.org](http://www.holyangelsschool.org). Our next Open House for prospective parents will take place on Wednesday, January 20, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

### 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](http://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](mailto:phaitsch@hotmail.com).

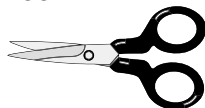
### A Vocation Reflection

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

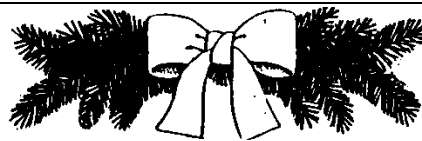
In today's first reading, the Lord promises to send One "who will shepherd His flock". God has kept that promise throughout the centuries and continues to call shepherds for His people. Is He calling you to serve as a shepherd – to minister to His people as a priest? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website, [www.CalledByTheLord.com](http://www.CalledByTheLord.com)!

### Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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



**Doherty Funeral Homes**  
(302) 652-6811 or (302) 999-8277  
[www.DohertyFH.com](http://www.DohertyFH.com)



### Christmas Proclamation

In religious communities, parishes like ours, great Cathedrals, and small chapels around the world, the Proclamation of Christmas is joyfully sung or read on Christmas Eve. From ancient times, this has been the way the Church begins its celebration of this glorious day.

Whether read, chanted, or simply used for private reading, the words of the Proclamation offer us a sense of the place in history that the birth of our Savior has and invites us to rejoice.

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December,  
when ages beyond number had run their course  
from the creation of the world,  
when God in the beginning  
created Heaven and Earth,  
and formed man in his own likeness;  
when century upon century had passed  
since the Almighty set his bow  
in the clouds after the Great Flood,  
as a sign of covenant and peace;  
in the twenty-first century since Abraham,  
our father in faith,  
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;  
in the thirteenth century since  
the People of Israel were led by Moses  
in the exodus from Egypt;  
around the thousandth year  
since David was anointed King;  
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel:  
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad,  
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two  
since the foundation of the City of Rome,  
in the forty-second year of  
the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,  
the whole world being at peace,  
Jesus Christ, eternal God and  
Son of the eternal Father,  
desiring to consecrate the world  
by his most loving presence,  
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and when nine months had passed  
since his conception,  
was born of the Virgin Mary  
in Bethlehem of Judah,  
and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to the flesh.

Amen.



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

### 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.

### Annual Election of Parish Trustees January 3, 2016

Delaware State Law requires that all corporations have trustees who are elected on an annual basis (**§ 105. Election of trustees: The trustees shall be elected at a public meeting of the society or congregation, held at their usual place of worship, on 10 days notice by advertisements of such place and by a plurality of votes of the members present.**)

Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated and therefore must have a board of trustees. Trustees sign legal documents for the parish and work with the Pastor when needed. Trustees are officers of the corporation.

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the annual election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 3, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Angels Church and the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John Church. Ballots and the ballot box will be available after each Mass. Please take a moment to vote before you leave Church that day. The ballots also include space for a write-in candidate.

This year's candidates for election are Mike McLeod and Charlie Colgan, both longtime, active members of the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, (302) 731-2200.

**PREPARE** *yourself*  
for the  
*Lord's Coming*

### 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

#### **IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**I lectura** Miqueas 5:1-4

**Salmo Responsorial: 80**

**“Oh Dios, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve ”.**

**II lectura** Hebreos 10:5-10

**Evangelio** Lucas 1:39-45

**“En aquellos días, María se encaminó presurosa a las montañas de un pueblo de Judea, y entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel. En cuanto ésta oyó el saludode María, la criatura saltó en su seno”Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo, y levantando la voz exclamó”!Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre!” .**



**Bautismos: Charlas, domingo después de misa.**

**Próxima charla: Enero 10.**

**Bautizos: Primer y tercer sábado de mes. Padre y padrinos deben de 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 de 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.**

**Si desea colaborar con la parroquia para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe, necesitamos donaciones para la venta de comida el 11 de diciembre y para la celebración el 12. Por favor llamar a la oficina. Gracias**

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

**Que tengan una semana bendecida.**