

Christmas 2012

Dear Parishioners,

During this Advent and Christmas Season we welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who come to St. John - Holy Angels to celebrate

Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Season we hear again proclaimed the so familiar passage from St. Luke's gospel about the birth of Jesus, Son of God. "She gave birth to her first born son and laid him in a manger. The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds as the glory of the Lord shone around them. Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God."

This angel's announcement on the first Christmas "do not be afraid for I announce to you a cause of great joy - a savior has been born," is assurance and comfort for us. In the days before Christmas our nation was confronted with a horrific tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary - though the lights of Christmas sparkle, darkness still invades our lives and our spirits from time to time. We need to hear that message so strongly this year, "do not be afraid." God is with us; He is here.

Gather around the love of your friends and families during this holy season. Remember those whose lives and hearts are broken by tragedy, crisis, loss and hurt, and raise them to Jesus - bring them to Jesus during the celebration of Christmas at our parish. Come to pray with us, join us for our Christmas Masses from December 24th through January 6th. Most of all let us remember and pray for one another that the presence of God-with-us - Emmanuel - will console us and give us the strength we need to care for one another and love one another so that the darkness does not harm us and the light and warmth of his love will embrace us.

I wish each and every one of you God's Blessings and Merry Christmas.

Father Fiore



Merry Christmas to all!

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25

Reopens Wednesday, December 26

Closed Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 31 & January 1

Reopens Wednesday, January 2

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.



December 23 – 29, 2012

Sunday: 12:00 N – 2:30 PM Decorating – St. John Church
 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Decorating – Holy Angels Church
 6:30 PM Evening Prayer (Vespers) – St. John Church

Christmas Eve: See Mass Schedule below

Christmas Day: See Mass Schedule below

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 23	8:00 AM	Vincent Rizzo
	10:00 AM	Raymond Soehlke
December 24	8:00 AM	Antonio, Ricardo & Laureana Pangilinan
December 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	8:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
December 26	8:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke
December 27	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 28	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
December 29	8:00 AM	Felix Ciaccia
December 30	8:00 AM	Frederick C. Dunn III
	10:00 AM	Silvia Thomas

Holy Angels Church

December 22	5:00 PM	Barbara Mulrooney
December 23	9:00 AM	Louis Marroni
	11:00 AM	Bill Howell
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	7:30 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	11:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
December 29	5:00 PM	Mary Ellen Urban
December 30	9:00 AM	Helen Audrey Bradley
	11:00 AM	James Dale Hill
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Holy Angels	St. John
4:00 PM	7:00 PM
7:30 PM (Spanish)	
10:00 PM	

Christmas Day

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

New Year's Eve

Holy Angels
5:00 PM

New Year's Day

St. John
9:00 AM

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday: II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Christmas Eve & Day: Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday: I John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: I John 1:5 – 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday: I John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Newly Baptized

December 15, 2012

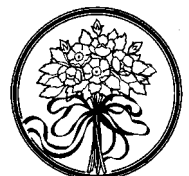
Ny lennie Bernabe-Deloya, daughter of Berenice Bernabe-Deloya.

December 16, 2012

Kylie Mariah Lammeree, daughter of Jacqueline Marie Feely and William Jacob Lammeree.

Memorial Bouquet

Holy Angels Church
 December 22/23, 2012
*In Memory of Bill Howell
 from Pat Howell*





SCHOOL NEWS

The faculty and staff at Holy Angels School wish you and your families a most Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Enjoy special time with friends and loved ones!

Save the Dates:

- ▶ **Open House** for Prospective Parents
Wednesday, January 9 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- ▶ **Evening Open House** during Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, January 29, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- ▶ **Holy Angels Consignment Sale** – Saturday, May 11
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Gym
Drop off dates will be listed in the bulletin for the following items: clothing, furniture, games, electronics, small appliances
Please consider supporting our Holy Angels Home & School Fundraiser for the new Social Studies Series, Coming in Fall 2013.

Request:

Please save your Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels and ink cartridges. They generate funds for instructional programs at Holy Angels.

Calendar Lottery

Winter 2013

\$20.00 each 90 chances to win!

Only 1000 calendars available!

No duplicate numbers!

New Game begins January 1, 2013

Stop by after Mass or at the Parish Center during regular business hours to purchase your lottery calendar. Calendars will be on sale every weekend after all Masses at both churches. For more information, please contact Amy Press at apress@holyangels.net or 731-2219.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines. Please submit all bulletin items to the Parish Office as noted below.

(December 30 bulletin: (already went to publisher)

January 6 bulletin: info. in by 12 Noon on Weds., Dec. 26

Advent Vespers:

Our Parish's "Best Kept Secret"

Vespers will be celebrated on December 23rd at 6:30 PM at St. John Church. 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!

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.



The Sports Box

Athletic Association Meeting: Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00 PM in Athletic Building.

Save the Date: The Fabulous Greaseband
Friday, March 1
(more information to follow)

Basketball Scores

Varsity C Boys, 33 – St. Mary's, 27
Varsity C Boys, 28 – St. Anthony's, 17
Varsity Y Boys, 28 – St. Peter's, 26
Varsity C Girls, 42 – Immac. Heart of Mary, 18
JV Girls, 28 – St. Elizabeth, 18

Congratulations to the Varsity C Girls Team for winning the Christmas Jamfest in King of Prussia!

Most of our teams are in Christmas tournaments over the holidays. Come out and support our teams!

Have a Safe, Happy and Merry Christmas!

Congratulations

The following students from St. John-Holy Angels were on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll at Padua Academy. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

Madelyn Guidash	Elizabeth Quesenberry
Victoria Leone	Cassandra Sikes
Anne Lynch	Madelyn Tullier

Second Honors

Christine Barba	Darby Maxwell
Nicole Bonaquisti	Kelly Ratliff
Emily Brindle	Alexandra Roberts
Brittany Conner	Niki Sabatino
Jennifer Frazier	Taylor Shelman
Emily Hayes	Jenna Sierocinski
Nicole Marasiak	Shannon Tobin
Alyssa Mathews	Bridgette Tullier

Sarah Yancek

December 23, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

Needless to say the horrific tragedy that took place ten days ago in Connecticut reminds us all of the increased need to ensure a safe environment for our children.

We are sure that there were many questions posed to parents over the weekend as we all struggle to understand this event. Please read the information listed below that will outline the Holy Angels plan as we move forward to 2013. The faculty and staff are constantly committed to protecting our children as they learn in a spiritual, caring, and nurturing haven. Truly it is through collaboration and both parents and staff members working together aligned to school policy, that will create this goal of safety, security and protection.

Mrs. Barbara Snively, Principal
Very Rev. Arthur B. Fiore, V.F., Pastor

- A school crisis plan exists, is reviewed annually with faculty, staff and students, and emergency drills of various types are conducted on a monthly basis. A formal crisis plan is located in each classroom adjacent to the doorway. (More frequent lock-down drills will be incorporated starting in January, 2013.)
- The school crisis plan is available for review by parents. If they wish to review it, please contact the Principal.
- A meeting was held this past week with the faculty/staff about the crisis plan and the events which occurred last Friday to address their questions or concerns.
- Faculty will address student questions or concerns in an honest and respectful manner in light of our faith and the age of the students.
- Faculty and counselors are available to meet with students should the need arise. If a parent senses the need for a child to speak with a professional in this regard, please contact the Principal.
- The school community prayed each day this past week for the victims, their families, the school community, and the local community of Newtown, CT. We ask families to pray at home and to address questions or concerns raised by their children in an honest and respectful manner. If a parent needs guidance or advice in this regard, please contact the Principal.
- Measures of security will also be heightened on the school parking lot during both drop-off and dismissal. It is imperative that parents follow the parking lot regulations that have been set and implemented this year. It is important to understand the consideration given to SAFETY and PATIENCE. Cars are to dismiss in order through the parking lot and exit with the consent of the crossing guard. Adherence to this policy is strategic to ensuring safety for your children. Teachers and staff members should not be subjected to inappropriate gestures or anger when they are doing their job. Compliance with this policy is expected.

Need the Perfect Gift for your Spouse this Christmas?

Give your spouse the gift of your time and your love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

2013 Weekend Dates: February 8-10
April 12-14
November 1-3

For information: call 302-422-1235 or go to: wwme-delmar.org

One of the greatest gifts I can give you is my time to make our relationship even better than it is today.



Please join me in attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on _____/_____/2013.
You are special to me and I want to spend this time alone with you. Merry Christmas!

To Apply: Write in date. Cut along dotted line.
Include name, address, phone and \$75 fee.
Mail to: Kathleen and John Molitor
14 Little Pond Dr., Milford, DE 19963

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May 15 – 27, 2013

A quality cruise/tour:
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Premier Tours of Owings Mills:

Toll free: (800) 932-9213

Email: Premiertours@verizon.net

Father Fiore: (302) 731-2200

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436
Horario de Oficina: Lunes, martes, jueves; 9:00 - 4:00 PM
Miércoles: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Viernes: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

“COORDINADORES DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO”

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Carlos & Mariana Navas

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Rosarios en las casas: Cecilia Olano/ Carmen Broncales

Coros: Milton & Ana & Carmen

Liturgia de los niños: Leticia Lomelí

Grupo Guadalupano: Víctor Pérez

Viacrucis: ?

Posadas: Grupo Bíblico

Pláticas de bautismo & Charlas Prematrimoniales:

Roberto & Georgina Hernández Flores

Quinceañeras: Martha Just/ Pilar Carazo

Retiros & Actividades: Mayte Castro, Ana Durán
Paola Del Prado, Martha Just & Gustavo Grajales

Sacristía: Javier Lomelí- Héctor Quiñones

Ofrendas: Carmen Broncales

Actividades en nuestra parroquia

Bautismos: Charlas, domingo de cada mes después de misa.
2:30-4:30 PM: Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia.
Todos traer biblias católica, obligatoriamente y no biblias protestante. (Latinoamericana, preferiblemente). No habrá cuidado de niños, por favor busque con tiempo quien se los cuide. Gracias. (Cualquier pregunta, llamar a Roberto y Georgina).

Próximas charlas: Enero 6, 2013

Presentaciones:

Registrar al niño(a) en la oficina.

Quinceañeras:

Charlas tercer viernes de cada mes en la oficina parroquial de 6:00-8:00 PM. Traer su biblia. Las jóvenes tienen que tener sus sacramentos completos o estar registrados para la confirmación. Si todavía no la ha recibido. Registrarse en la oficina. La preparación empieza en Enero, 2013.

Grupo de Oración:

Todos los viernes 7:00 PM. HAC.

Clases de Biblia: Todos los miércoles a las 7:00 PM.

En la oficina Parroquial.

Rosarios en las casas:

Todos los martes a las 7:00 PM. (En enero se continuara)

Nuestra parroquia les da la bienvenida a todas las personas que nos visitan por primera vez, siéntanse en familia.

Favor de cuidar de nuestra iglesia, no dejando basura en las bancas ni en el piso. Gracias

A la salida se están entregando los calendarios para el 2013. Llevarse uno por familia.

Hoy domingo 23 de Diciembre, tercer domingo de Adviento. Tiempo de oración y de esperanza. Querido Jesús, ven a nuestros corazones.

Viernes 28 de noviembre cena e intercambio de regalo de servidores. (Pendiente el lugar).

El 23 de Diciembre terminan las posadas después de misa en el salón AA. Con una comida navideña para las personas que no tienen familia.

Nuestra misa de Noche Buena, la tendremos el lunes 24 de Diciembre a las 7:30 PM.

El retiro de Cuaresma será el 9 de febrero, 2013. Apartar esa fecha en su calendario.