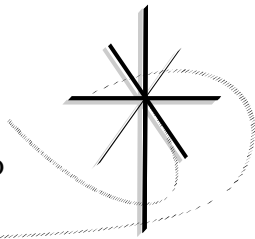


Christmas 2011



Welcome to all of you who
come from the neighborhoods
of Newark and other places

far and wide to celebrate Jesus

Christ with us here at St. John – Holy Angels Parish.
We join Christians far and wide celebrating the birth
of the Savior. On Christmas Eve, we are reminded
again through the Gospel of St. Luke 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.*" During this most holy Christmas season, the
family of the world converges around the birth of
Jesus. Let Him into your life.

Each one of us needs to allow the calmness and
serenity of the Christmas celebration of the birth of
Jesus Christ to replace the hectic pace and busyness
of our lives. We need Him to take possession of our
hearts and we need to make room for His birth in our
hearts and in our life once again in this year of the
Lord, 2011.

We need to be grateful for God's gracious care for
us, His sons and daughters. It is our mission to
proclaim the Savior's birth among us, His saving
presence that brings us into His Kingdom and the
peace and justice that need to reign on earth through
the proclamation of His coming.

At the very first Christmas Eve the angels sang,
"*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to
those on whom his favor rests.*" We are the first
generation of the 21st century to sing and proclaim
with the angels, "*Glory to God in the highest and on
earth peace....*"

This year, this Season, this day, bring the peace of
Jesus Christ, our new-born Savior, to your life, to
your family and to your world.

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

Father Fiore

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.



Merry Christmas to all!

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Monday, December 26
 Reopens Tuesday, December 27
 Closed Monday, January 2
 Reopens Tuesday, January 3

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;	Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday:	I John 1:1-4;	John 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	I John 1:5-2:2;	Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday:	I John 2:3-11;	Luke 2:22-35
Friday:	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-23; Genesis 15:1-6 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40	
Saturday:	I John 2:18-21;	John 1:1-18
Sunday:	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21	

New Year's Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)

St. John	Holy Angels
8:00 AM	5:00 PM (Dec. 31)
10:00 AM	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM
	1:00 PM*
	(* (Spanish))

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 24	6:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
	8:00 PM	Christmas Remembrance
December 25	8:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
	10:00 AM	Christmas Remembrance
December 26	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
December 27	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
December 28	8:00 AM	Raymond Soehlke
December 29	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 30	8:00 AM	In Honor the Holy Trinity
December 31	8:00 AM	John Cage
January 1	8:00 AM	Mrs. Clancey
	10:00 AM	Theresa Fagan

Holy Angels Church

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
December 31	5:00 PM	Nicholas G. Williams
January 1	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Roger Strickland
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



Eternal rest grant unto her...

Please remember in your prayers Barbara A. Mulrooney. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Newly Baptized

December 17, 2011

Ethan Michael Revis and Joshua Ryan Revis, sons of Jamie Anne Mullin and Gary Michael Revis.

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.

January 1 bulletin: (already gone to printer)
January 8 bulletin: by 12 Noon on Weds., Dec. 28



SCHOOL NEWS

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!

December 23 – January 2: Christmas Vacation
School Closed

Our Weekly Offertory

December 17/18, 2011

Parish Collection	\$17807
Restoration of Today/Vision of Tomorrow	1748
Building & Maintenance	728
Total	\$20283

December 18/19, 2010

Parish Collection	\$18528
Restoration of Today/Vision of Tomorrow	1351
Building & Maintenance	104
Total	\$19983

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 Thursday, December 29

Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group is not meeting on Monday, December 26 and January 2. There will be **no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. John Church on Friday, December 30.



The Sports Box

Need "A" Gear? Contact Angela, angela.hahn@comcast.net.

The fabulous **Greaseband** is coming back to Holy Angels on March 2. Contact Lyn Wolfe at wolfe.lyn@comcast.net for tickets.

Last Chance to Purchase!

Calendar Lottery starts January 1, 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 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
- Winners will be notified and prizes mailed on Wednesday of each week.
- All proceeds benefit the Parish.

For more information about this fundraiser, contact emontoro@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.

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 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.

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 wolfe.lyn@comcast.net.

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.

Thank You!

We wish to thank Patti Walters and the many people who assisted her in decorating, cleaning and preparing our two churches for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These talented people give numerous hours of their own time in order to make and keep our worship spaces looking beautiful throughout the year, especially during Advent and Christmas.

Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you! May God continue to bless you and your untiring generosity to our parish!

If you would like to lend a hand to Patti and her "crew", she sure could use your help – especially if you are young and able to climb ladders, reach high places, and don't have a fear of heights. Call 731-2219 to volunteer!



NOEL

Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks to the generous parishioners of St. John-Holy Angels Parish who donated 195 frozen turkeys for Christmas Food Baskets for the less fortunate in our local community!

A Blessed Christmas to you all!

Val Nardo
Val's Needy Family Fund

March For Life January 23, 2012 Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend of Life,

It is that time of year again! The March For Life in Washington, D.C. is fast approaching, and Delaware Right to Life has reserved one bus for the event.

The **March for Life** will be held on Monday, January 23. We will depart from the Christiana Mall Bus Depot at 10:00 AM that morning, and return by 8:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person, \$10 per student, and \$50 per family.

Reservations are being taken by Janet Grayson. You may contact her by email at randigrayson@hotmail.com, or phone, (302) 661-1877. Payment should also be sent to Janet Grayson at 603 S. Broom St., Wilmington, DE 19805.

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.

Do You Shop at Amazon.com or Staples?

Help support the School and the Parish each time you make a purchase through the Parish link to the Amazon.com website. To make qualifying purchases, simply visit 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. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Amy Press at (302) 731-2219 or apress@holyanimals.net.



You can help our parish save money! When you make a purchase at Staples Office Supply Store, please give the cashier the Parish telephone 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!

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!



Are You On Facebook®?

So Are We! Join Us!

St. John-Holy Angels Parish has created a presence on Facebook® to share information and media with the Facebook community. Become a fan of St. John-Holy Angels by logging on to www.facebook.com/stjohnholyanimals.

We know that some of you may be unsure of joining; but our hectic daily lives and the distances separating us from each other and from our church buildings make this a great tool. The virtual Church has become a meaningful place where we can connect and confess, learn about one another's lives, laugh, cry, and pray for one another in very specific ways. Rather than fearing social media sites or using them simply to market parish events and activities, perhaps we need to embrace the Church wherever we find it.

Before you ask—yes, even the Pope is on Facebook! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops calls social media "the fastest growing form of communication in the U.S., especially among youth and young adults. Our Church cannot ignore it..." The Pope said that it "will not only enliven... pastoral outreach, but also will give a 'soul' to the fabric of communications that [make] up the Web."

Our feed is also directly linked to Twitter®, and you can "follow" us there, too! Log on to www.twitter.com/sjhaliturgy. **See you on the web!**

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

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.

FELIZ NAVIDAD A TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD Y SIEMPRE RECORDEMOS QUE EL CENTRO DE LA NAVIDAD ES JESUS. Que Dios les bendiga. Son los deseos de:

Rev. Arturo Fiore (Párroco)

Rev. Alan Reyna

Rev. Gregory Lee

Pilar Carazo: (Asistente Ministerio Hispano) y resto del personal de Santos Ángeles.

ACTIVIDADES EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

- Lunes: 7:00 PM Rosario en las casas con Cecilia Olano /Javier Valadez
- 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.

La oficina estará cerrada desde diciembre: 22 a partir de las 10:30 AM. Hasta Enero 03, 2012.