

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

Monday:	Isaiah 35:1-10	Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:1-11;	Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:25-31;	Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;	Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	Isaiah 48:17-19;	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; I Thessalonians 5:16-24;	John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 4	8:00 AM	Helene Gantz
	10:00 AM	John & Helen Cheddar
December 5	8:00 AM	Mary Roche
December 6	8:00 AM	Bill Gallo
December 7	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
December 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	12:05 PM	Howard Szlachetka
December 9	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 10	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
December 11	8:00 AM	Wilkinson & Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Thomas Concavage

Holy Angels Church

December 3	5:00 PM	Constance Flynn
December 4	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 7	6:30 PM	Dustin Lyman
December 8	7:00 PM	Mary O'Kane
December 10	7:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	9:00 AM	Edward Dugan Jr.
	11:00 AM	Anne & Bernard Janansky
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are scheduled as follows:

Holy Angels Church

6:30 PM	December 7
10:00 AM	December 8 (School Mass)
7:00 PM	December 8

St. John Church

8:00 AM	December 8
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12:05 PM

December 8

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 4th at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church; and on December 11th and 18th 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. Come see what the "best kept secret" is all about!

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 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.
- To sign up to help sell them after Mass or for more information about this fundraiser, contact emontoro@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.



December 4 – 10, 2011

Sunday:	9:00 AM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Bible Course – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Tuesday:	6:15 PM	Youth Choir – Holy Angels Church
	6:30 PM	Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Movie Night – Fremont Hall
	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
	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
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
Thursday:		Immaculate Conception Holy Day (see Mass Schedule on Page 1)
	9:30 AM	Eucharistic Bread Baking – Fremont Hall Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
Saturday:	7:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Youth Group Service Project – Holy Angels Church

Our Weekly Offertory

November 19/20, 2011

Parish Collection	\$13029
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow.....	560
Building & Maintenance	120
Campaign for Human Development	1466
Total	\$15175

November 20/21, 2010

Parish Collection	\$14180
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow.....	725
Building & Maintenance	297
Campaign for Human Development	1649
Total	\$16851

November 26/27, 2011

Parish Collection	\$14578
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow.....	620
Building & Maintenance	50
Thanksgiving	2007
Total	\$17255

November 27/28, 2010

Parish Collection	\$13528
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow.....	90
Building & Maintenance	160
Thanksgiving	2396
Total	\$16174

Wish Tree

Gifts are due back **today!** For more information about the Wish Tree, contact Diane Fisher, jdfish2@comcast.net or (302) 737-6864.

Religious Christmas Card Sale

Holy Angels Council, Knights of Columbus, will be having their annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Card Sale after all Masses, through December 11. Proceeds benefit various Parish Ministries and our needy parishioners.

Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Angels School Value of the Month.....Patience

Monday, Dec. 5: Math League Competition at Red Lion Academy after school

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Grade 6 Field Trip to Lancaster, PA

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Wing Redemption Day

Thursday, Dec. 8: Mass at 10:00 AM
Holy Angels Church
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
All are welcome to attend!

Save the Dates:

Open House Friday, Dec. 16 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Christmas Program Thurs, Dec. 22 1:30 PM
Holy Angels Church

Christmas Vacation Friday, Dec. 23 – Monday, Jan. 2

School Resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2012



The Sports Box

Athletic Association Meeting: December 13 8 PM
Athletic Building

Basketball: Come cheer on our Basketball Teams!
Schedules coming soon!

Need "A" Gear for Christmas? Please contact Angela Hahn
at angela.hahn@comcast.net or Christie Gordon at
christinegordon@acfmw.com.

Good Luck to all of our School students, Religious Education students, parishioners and athletes taking their High School Placement test this weekend.

Fabulous Greaseband returning to Holy Angels on March 2.
More details to follow!

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.

Youth News

December 3: Service Day at Holy Angels Church
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Open Mic/Talent Show to follow Service Project

December 6: Movie Night ("ELF")
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Fremont Hall

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

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Be a part of our Christmas decorating this year, and contribute toward our decorating fund in memory of a loved one, living or deceased. Available this year are small or large poinsettias, at the cost of \$12 or \$30 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 25th bulletin.



Order deadline is Monday, December 12th. Please place the form below in your flower envelope with your donation, and return it to the Parish Center. For more information, please call Annie, 731-2200, weekdays.

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Which Church (circle one): St. John's Holy Angels'

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$30 enclosed

The Roman Missal Has Arrived

We have begun to use the revised texts of the *Roman Missal*. The revisions in the Mass texts present a wonderful opportunity to further explore the riches of our liturgy. To help you to understand the reasons for the changes, we are providing a booklet that explains what's happening. The booklet, Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, Second Edition, was written by Rev. Paul Turner. They are available at the entrance of the church. As you read this booklet, you will quickly see that the essence of the Mass has not changed; only the words will be different. We still offer ourselves to God in bread and wine, which God transforms into the Body and Blood of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ continues to nurture us as he did his first disciples.

Advent Worship Aids/Pew Cards

Again this year we are providing Advent Worship booklets to assist you in participation at our liturgies during this holy season. This year the booklets feature the revised texts of the Mass. We ask that you please take them as you enter church and please return them when you leave the church so others may participate. Please share when possible. Pew Cards with the revised texts will appear at the entrances of the church after the Christmas Season.

Cub Scout Pack 205 Update

The Pack would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast on November 20. It was an exceptional event and a great turnout! We'd also like to thank the advertisers that purchased an ad on our placemat fundraiser.

December 21 will be the next Pack Night! We are expecting a visit from "the man in red". If your son is in Grades 1-5, and is interested in joining Cub Scouts, stop by and check out just how much fun scouting can be. Pack nights are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Holy Angels Fremont Hall at 7:00 PM. You can also email our Cub Master for more information at krudy13@comcast.net.

Thank You!

We thank **Holy Angels School Service Club, 8th Grade Class, Peg Gugerty and June Hansell** for coordinating the replacement of the hymnals in both of our Churches!

The following letter was received from "**A Door Of Hope**" **Pregnancy Center**.

Dear Parishioners of St. John-Holy Angels,

Thank you for your recent donation of beautiful maternity clothes and gift bags for our moms, baby clothes, snowsuits, crib sheets, blankets, diapers and diaper bags, wipes, toiletries and formula. Your gifts have filled our Moms & Babies Room and many of the items will be used in the baby layettes!

We live in a troubled world, and so our calling to comfort other with the same comfort God has given us is especially compelling (II Corinthians 1:4). Your generous support of our ministry makes you a partner in our support of women who face unexpected pregnancies.

You may never know the women and babies blessed by your generous thoughtfulness, but your giving will clearly demonstrate to them that many in our community care and want to help meet their urgent needs.

Sincerely,

*Fran Lemon
Wilmington Center Supervisor
A Door Of Hope*

Hall Rental

Our two social halls have been renovated and are available for rental. **Fremont Hall** is available for large social functions, and the smaller **Athletic Building** is perfect for smaller groups (75 people or less). To see our facilities, or find out more about our rental packages, please contact Elaine, 731-2431.

Christmas Turkeys Needed!

Val's Needy Family Fund will again be collecting turkeys for Christmas Baskets for the less fortunate in our community. The turkeys should be brought to Mass with you **next weekend, December 10/11**. Vehicles will be parked at both churches to receive your turkeys as you arrive at Mass.

Please fill out the "Turkey Pledge Slip" below and return it to the Parish Office this week. This will give us an idea of how many turkeys to expect, so we can plan for vehicles to pick up the turkeys on December 10/11. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

If you have any questions, please call Val Nardo, 994-1453.

Pledge a Turkey!

Val's Needy Family Fund for Christmas 2011

I will drop off a turkey when I arrive for Mass on Saturday, December 10 or Sunday, December 11.

Name _____

Phone _____



Personal Retreat Day at Jesus House

Jesus House is offering an Advent Retreat Day on Tuesday, December 13, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. This day is for YOU! Spend it as you choose to renew yourself and refresh your relationship with God. The theme is "Advent: Waiting and Preparing", facilitated by Spring Davidson. Mass at 12:15 PM.

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

For more information, contact Edie at edie2501@comcast.net or (302) 995-6859.

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@holyangels.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!

Supermarket Gift Card Program

Our parish participates in a Gift Card Program with Pathmark, Superfresh, ShopRite, and Acme Markets. You use the gift cards you purchase from us rather than your own money at the grocery store. Please call the Parish Center, 731-2200, if you have questions.

There are two ways to purchase the gift cards.

Method I: You may stop in at the Parish Center and purchase Gift Cards during office hours.

Method II: A Supermarket Gift Card envelope is included in your monthly packet of offertory envelopes. Each month, you can order Supermarket Gift Cards by filling out that envelope, placing your check inside, and putting it in the collection basket. Your order will be filled and mailed to you the next day.

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. Diciembre 14, 21,28 a las 7:00 PM. Con el padre Alan.

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.

Le pedimos su colaboración para la venta del 11 de diciembre en las mañanitas en la virgen de Guadalupe. Puede donarnos tamales, atole/ buñuelos, etc. Por favor llame a la oficina y hable con Pilar.

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.

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.

Diciembre: 3-10. Novena de la virgen de Guadalupe.

Diciembre: 11 Las Mañanitas Guadalupanas. 9:00 PM.

Diciembre: 12 celebración de nuestra señora de Guadalupe 7:00 PM.

La antorcha Guadalupana llegara a la iglesia San Pablo en Wilmington, el día 6 de diciembre a las 5:00 PM. El rosario será a las 5:30 PM y la misa a las 7:00 de la noche. Si deseas más información comunícate con Miriam Domínguez al 302-298-6314

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.

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.