

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.

Our Mission Statement

The Faith Community of St. John The Baptist - Holy Angels Parish believes that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to celebrate God's abiding presence among us.

We believe that Sacramental Worship is the source and summit of our Christian life, and that worshipping Jesus in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit is our highest calling.

We believe that God's creation is sacred and beautiful. We accept the responsibility to be stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, especially the gift of life itself.

We believe that, as brothers and sisters of Christ, we are called to live in peace. It is our responsibility to work for peace by seeking justice for all people.

We believe that we are called to proclaim the Gospel, by word and example, to the faithful, to those who have given up active participation in the Catholic Church, to those who have no church community, and to those who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

The fulfillment of this mission is challenged by the geographic distance we encompass, and our large and ever-increasing membership and the diversity of needs among us.

Through the grace of God, may we be strengthened to fulfill this mission.

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 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception):	Genesis 3:9-15, 20;	Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Isaiah 41:13-20;	Matthew 11:11-15
Friday:	Isaiah 48:17-19;	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10;	James 5:7-10;
	Matthew 11:2-11	

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Day Mass Schedule

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

Holy Angels Church

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

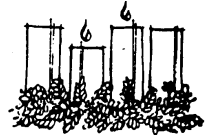
St. John Church

8:00 AM	December 8 th
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Advent Retreat Day

Give yourself the gift of taking time to pray and reflect on "Advent – Waiting in Joyful Hope". Join us at Holy Angels on Tuesday, December 7, from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM for this parish retreat facilitated by Mary Consiglio. Please bring your Bible and your lunch. There will be time for prayer, scripture, reflection, discussion and silence. Our time together will conclude with Mass at 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please register by phoning Mary at 453-9613.



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 5	8:00 AM	Pauline Swann
	10:00 AM	Richard Taylor
December 6	8:00 AM	Timothy Drucis
December 7	8:00 AM	Billy Barrett
December 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 9	8:00 AM	John Francis Kinnaman
December 10	8:00 AM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 12	8:00 AM	Nicholas T. Pettoruto
	10:00 AM	Lucille Silva

Holy Angels Church

December 4	5:00 PM	Raymond Civatte
December 5	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Jake Gleber
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 7	7:00 PM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 8	6:30 PM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
December 11	5:00 PM	Lucia Atis
December 12	9:00 AM	John Sporay
	11:00 AM	John J. Gazo
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Priests' Mass Schedule

December 7/8 (Holy Day)

St. John Church		Holy Angels Church	
8:00 AM	Fr. Fiore	(Dec. 7) 7:00 PM	Fr. Cook
		(School Mass) 10:00 AM	Fr. Castelow
		6:30 PM	Fr. Castelow

December 11/12

St. John Church		Holy Angels Church	
8:00 AM	Fr. Cook	5:00 PM	Fr. Fiore
10:00 AM	Fr. Cook	9:00 AM	Fr. Castelow
		11:00 AM	Fr. Castelow
		1:00 PM	Fr. Reyna

December 18/19

St. John Church		Holy Angels Church	
8:00 AM	Fr. Castelow	5:00 PM	Fr. Cook
10:00 AM	Fr. Castelow	9:00 AM	Fr. Fiore
		11:00 AM	Fr. Fiore
		1:00 PM	Fr. Reyna



December 5 – 11, 2010

Sunday:	6:00 PM	First Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting – Holy Angels Church
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – St. John Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Beyond JustFaith – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Tuesday:	9:30 AM	Advent Retreat Day – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
	7:00 PM	RCIA Children Inquiry – Parish Center Lounge
Wednesday:	Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy Day (see Mass Schedule on Page 1)	
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Eucharistic Bread Baking – Fremont Hall Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 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 1
	7:00 PM	Jingle Ball Dance – Holy Angels Gym
	9:00 PM	Manañitas – Holy Angels Church

Our Weekly Offertory

November 21/22, 2010

Parish Collection.....	\$14180
Capital Campaign	725
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	297
Campaign for Human Development.....	1649
Total.....	\$16851

November 21/22, 2009

Parish Collection.....	\$12810
Capital Campaign	448
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	5
Campaign for Human Development.....	1471
Total.....	\$14734

November 28/29, 2010

Parish Collection.....	\$13528
Capital Campaign	90
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	160
Thanksgiving	2396
Total.....	\$16174

November 28/29, 2009

Parish Collection.....	\$15811
Capital Campaign	356
Thanksgiving	1708
Total.....	\$17875

Youth Box

True or False?

..... **from The National Study of Youth and Religion**

The Catholic Church, in comparison to other religious traditions, was equal to or better in most variables measuring religiosity.

False. Catholic teens scored 5-25 percentage points lower than their conservative, mainline, and black Protestant peers on many of a variety of religious beliefs, practices, experiences, commitments, and evaluations.

According to Dr. Smith, “Compared to the official Catholic norms of faithfulness and to other types of Christian teens in the United States, contemporary U.S. Catholic youth are faring rather badly. On most measures or religious faith, beliefs, and practices, Catholic teens as a whole show up fairly weak. We think this can be attributed to a number of causes...Catholic teenagers today merely reflect the leading edge of a larger trend.”

Newly Baptized

November 28, 2010

Emma Kate Tenebruso, daughter of Marissa Adrienne Williamson and Anthony Tenebruso.

Where’s The Choir?

Our Choir will be singing at the 5:00 PM Mass at Holy Angels on Saturday, December 11th. If anyone is interested in joining any of our music ministries, please call 731-2435.

Volunteers of the Week

Thank you to the **8th Grade Class at Holy Angels** for removing and replacing the hymnals in Holy Angels Church, as well as covering them with the new covers. Thanks also to **Cindy Bartosik** for coordinating the clean-up and recycling of the old hymnals. We also thank **Friday morning Eucharistic Adoration group** for replacing the hymnals at St. John Church.

An Invitation to Advent Reconciliation

Advent is a time that directs our hearts and minds to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ on Earth. In order to do so, we need to acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God for his mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The Church gives us the Rite of Penance (Reconciliation) to do so.

This year, parishioners from Holy Family and St. Thomas More Oratory will join us for an Advent Penance Service at Holy Angels Church, on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM. The liturgy will be bilingual (Spanish/English) and there will be priests available to hear confessions in both Spanish and English. We hope you can join us as we prepare to have Jesus enter into our hearts on Christmas morning.



SCHOOL NEWS

Weds., December 8th: School Mass at 10:00 AM
in Holy Angels Church. All are welcome

Thursday, December 9th: Parent Conferences
4:00 – 8:00 PM Holy Angels School

Friday, December 10th: No Classes
Parent Conferences 8:00 AM – 12 Noon

Scrip Gift Cards: Great way to shop for the holidays!
Most major retail cards are available including restaurant chains, department stores, grocery stores, and gas stations. Proceeds benefit the School and Parish. Consider these for your holiday needs. Card purchase available after Masses throughout the holiday season and in the School Gym on Wednesdays and Fridays (except holidays) from 2:15 PM – 2:45 PM.

PreK (3 yr. old) Program Feasibility Study....

Please email Mrs. Barbara Snively (Principal) at bs889@holyangels.net if you are interested in an early childhood program for your child. Last September we opened a PreK 4 yr. old program that has been very successful! We are looking to expand this component of our curriculum (early childhood program) in the 2011-2012 school year.

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Mary Waegele (Kindergarten)

Mary Waegele has been teaching at Holy Angels for 6 years. This is her 5th year in kindergarten. She is an alumni of Holy Angels. She has a BS in Education from the University of Delaware. Mrs. Waegele is dedicated to teaching in a Catholic School and enjoys working with the little ones. She claims they keep her young!



The Sports Box

Looking for "A" gear?
Contact Lyn, wolfelyn@comcast.net.

Jingle Ball Dance

December 11, 2010 7 PM – 12 Midnight
Holy Angels Gym

Raffles, 50/50, Silent Auction
Tickets are \$30 each - \$50/couple
Includes buffet dinner, beer, dessert. DJ & tons of fun!

Tickets: Lyn Wolfe wolfelyn@comcast.net
Erin Tobin etobin@cqainc.com

Softball, Baseball & Track Coaches Needed for Spring.
Send resume to Lyn Wolfe at wolfelyn@comcast.net if you are interested.

Basketball Scoreboard

St. Elizabeth Turkey Ball Tournament

Varsity C Boys 5 – 0
Varsity C Girls 5 – 0
Varsity Y Girls 1 – 3

Our Lady of Fatima Turkey Tournament

Varsity Y Boys 2 – 2
JV Girls 3 – 1

Varsity Basketball Schedule

Sunday, December 5:

Varsity Girls Y vs. St. Mary Magdalen
1 PM at St. Mary Magdalen
Varsity Boys Y vs. St. Mary of the Assumption
3:15 PM at Fournier Hall

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 \$25 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 26th bulletin. **Order deadline is Monday, December 13th.** 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 \$25 enclosed

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Almost four years ago I came to the Parish of St. John – Holy Angels as Director of Hispanic Ministry. During that time I had the opportunity to know and be part of a community dedicated to the service of God. Around that time God gave me the grace to be ordained as a Deacon for the Diocese of Wilmington and to serve in our parish with love and dedication. Serving God is part of my life and I do it by serving others. But sometimes God has a way of seducing us as we follow his path. Today I received a call to serve the Lord in another community. After taking time to discern this call, I responded to our Lord with a "yes", to serve in the Parishes of St. Mary & St. James, and St. Susan in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. With great regret I have to say goodbye to what has been my home for all this time and to every single person who helped me over the years with great enthusiasm, love and deep faith in our Lord. Thank you very much with all my heart to you all; this is not a "goodbye" but a "see you later". Keep persevering to strengthen our church: people are passing, but the Church of God will endure forever. May God bless you and may the Virgin Mary be with you in this beautiful journey.

Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez

**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". The Christians of the early Church devoted themselves to prayer at fixed times. Over time, it became practice to assign special times for common prayer; for example, the final hours of the day when night looms and the lamps are lit (Vespers). Vespers consists of hymns, psalms, prayers and Scripture, followed by a reflection, 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 5th at 6:30 PM at St. John The Baptist Church. Vespers will be celebrated on December 12th and 19th at Holy Angels Church at 6:30 PM. **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!

Christmas Mass Preview
Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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

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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.

Congratulations!

The following students have merited honors for the first marking quarter at **Padua Academy**.

First Honors

Brittany Conner	Nicole Marasiak
Rory Greever	Bridgette Tullier

Second Honors

Emily Branson	Alexandra Roberts
Kerry Bree	Samantha Scarpone
Emily Brindle	Jenna Sierocinski
Sarah Cushing	Madeline Waegle
Gabrielle Marclese	Alana Whitmarsh
Emma Matthews	Sarah Yanacek
Darby Maxwell	

The students listed below were on the first quarter honor roll at **Salesianum School**.

Principal's List

Kyle Evans	Sean Peden
Ryan Hancharick	Kevin Sheckman
James Luck	Sean Tullier

First Honors

Vincent Antenucci	William Holler
John Bowden	Josef Klees
William Brown	Matthew Mele
Stephen Bryson	Matthew Pappas
Ryan Burns	Troy Reeder
John Gravatt	Craig Snively
Christian Guidash	Ryan Vietri
Matthew Hill	Thomas Webster

Second Honors

Robert Clark	Ryan Patterson
Andrew Clark	Sebastien Peters
Daniel Crisona	Michael Schietroma
Ryan Feely	Michael Verdeschi
Michael Healy	Jacob Wersinger
Arthur Migdalski	William Whallon

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.

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, might give thanks.

Hearing Devices

Devices for assistive listening are available at Holy Angels Church. Please stop in the Sacristy before Mass if you would like to use one of these.