

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.

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Question for the Week

2nd Sunday of Advent – Year A

“Can others see in you what it means to follow Jesus? How so?”

Eternal rest grant unto them...

Please remember in your prayers Marian Carmell, Joseph J. Orłowski and Francis Urbaniak. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 4	8:00 AM	Delores Snively
	10:00 AM	Josephine LoRicco
December 5	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 6	8:00 AM	Rev. Walter Skiba
December 7	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	7:00 PM	William Zickgraf
December 9	8:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
December 10	8:00 AM	Billy Barrett
December 11	8:00 AM	The Wilkinson-Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Robert Cawley

Holy Angels Church

December 3	5:00 PM	Francis J. Poniecki
December 4	10:30 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased and Vivian Smith
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 10	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	10:30 AM	John Rago and Harry Victor Seaberg
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

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 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10;	Matthew 11:2-11



December 4 – 10, 2016

Sunday:	10:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Education Liturgy of the Word – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room Religious Education – Holy Angels School Vespers – St. John Church
Monday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Spanish Bible Study – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 R.C.I.A. Team – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room
Tuesday:	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building R.C.I.A. Adult Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Gathering Space R.C.I.A. Children – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room
Wednesday:	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Spanish Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room Spanish R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Thursday:	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – see Holy Day Mass Schedule below	
	9:30 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Bread Baking – Fremont Hall Kitchen St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Parish Center Meeting Room 2 Charismatic Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church Prayer Outreach Station – St. John Front Lawn Spanish Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
Saturday:	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Men's Bible Study – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Breakfast with Santa – Fremont Hall Breakfast with Santa – Fremont Hall

Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

Holy Angels	St. John
4:00 PM	5:00 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish)	7:00 PM
10:00 PM	

Christmas Day

Holy Angels	St. John
10:30 AM	8:00 AM
1:00 PM (Spanish)	10:00 AM

**Immaculate Conception
Holy Day Mass Schedule**

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

Holy Angels Church
 December 8 10:00 AM (School Mass)
 December 8 7:00 PM

St. John Church
 December 8 8:00 AM

Celebration of First Penance

December 17 in Holy Angels Church

Last Names M – Z: 10:00 AM
 Last Names A – L: 12:30 PM



SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. (We also have limited openings in various grades – Pre/k3 – Grade 8) for this school year. Please call the School Office for more information, 731-2210, and check our website for updates at www.holyangelsschool.org.

Our next Open House for Prospective Parents will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.**

Breakfast with Santa December 10 – Fremont Hall

(Two Seatings: 9:00 – 10:30 AM or 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
Call the School Office for reservations: 731-2210)

The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 5	Math League Event – 3:15 PM Seraphim Choir
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Middle School Science Olympiad “Fall into Fitness”
Weds., Dec. 7	Santa's Secret Shop Salvation Army – (Bell Ringing) NJHS-After/School You Be The Chemist Club
Thursday, Dec. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Mass - 10:00 AM Holy Angels Church
Friday, Dec. 9	Bell Choir
Saturday, Dec. 10	Breakfast with Santa- Fremont Hall

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 4, 11 and 18 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. Come see what the “best kept secret” is all about!

Holy Angels School Fundraisers

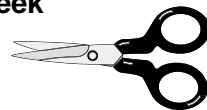
Modell's Team Weeks

December 1 – 28

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) by clicking on Parish Fundraisers, or Holy Angels School website (www.holyangelsschool.org). 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.

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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



Timothy's of Newark
100 Creekview Road
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Banquet Facilities Available up to 125!
Good Times, Great Food & Friendly People
(302) 738-9915 www.timothysofnewark.com

Wish Tree

Please remember that our Wish Tree gifts are due back to the Churches on **December 4.**



If you forgot to bring your gift today, please return it to the Parish as soon as possible. Our outreach always welcomes gift cards to use for Christmas and throughout the year. For more information about the Wish Tree, please contact Diane Fisher at 737-6864.

Wish List!

Thank you to all of you who donated Stamps and Copy Paper this past week! With the Advent and Christmas Seasons fast approaching, we could still use some additional supplies. Remember, your donation is tax deductible!



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, 738-3033 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.

Food Collection

Thanks, you did it!



Due to the extreme generosity of parishioners at St John-Holy Angels and Holy Family, Outreach was able to help 46 families during the week of 11/14 to 11/18. Shelves are restocking very nicely and reserves are starting to build again. Our joint

Food Outreach located at Holy Family Church always needs and appreciates your ongoing support to maintain adequate stocking of food and sustain the lead we have gained.

Remember, hunger never takes a break.



**Holy Angels School Thanksgiving Donations
November 2016**

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, medium or large poinsettias, at the cost of \$12, \$20 or \$32 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 25th bulletin.



Order deadline is Wednesday, December 14th. 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 at 731-2200.

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

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

Circle one: Small Medium Large Poinsettia
 \$12 enclosed \$20 enclosed \$32 enclosed

Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 15

9:00 AM to 8:30 PM

8:00 PM Night Prayer & Benediction

Holy Angels Church



Eucharistic Adoration

"Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord. He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys...our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and aspirations... Come! Jesus will fill you with His love and will reveal to you the thoughts of His heart..."
 Pope Benedict XVI

Holy Angels Church will be open for this special Adoration of the Eucharist on Thursday, December 15, starting at 9:00 AM. We will close with Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction at 8:00 PM.

**You are important to the Lord.
 Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament
 For more information, please call June, 366-0711.**

Prayer Outreach/Prayer Station

All are welcome to join us for a Prayer Outreach! The schedule for 2016 through December is provided below.

Place: on lawn in front of St. John's Church
When: 2nd and 4th Friday evenings, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 December 9 & 23

A Vocation Reflection

2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul reminds us that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises He made, so that all might glorify God for His mercy. Priests, sisters, brothers and deacons offer their lives as a witness to God's fidelity to His promises. Is God inviting you to live your life as a witness to His truth? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website, www.cdow.org/vocations!

**“Unearthing Christmas” –
A Young Adult Novel for All Ages**

Book Signing Event:

Saturday, December 10 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Angel Crossing, 550 S. Colonial Avenue, Elsmere
Phone: (302) 652-3232

Local author and St. John-Holy Angels Parishioner, Anthea Piscarik will be signing her book, “Unearthing Christmas”. 10% of the author proceeds will benefit the Ministry of Caring, a local nonprofit that feeds, clothes and shelters the poor and homeless.



**Calendar Lottery Fundraiser—Winter 2017
\$20.00 each**

90 chances to win!

**Only 1000 calendars will
be sold!
No duplicate numbers!**

Don't forget to stop by the Parish Center to get your Lottery Calendars before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Calendars make wonderful gifts for those hosting your Thanksgiving Feast!

Calendars will also be sold after each Mass every weekend in October, November & December.



- Calendars will be sold through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2017.
- 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 new fundraiser, contact apress@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436

Horario de oficina:

Lunes –Jueves: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
1:00-PM- 4:00 PM

Viernes: Cerrada

**SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
4 de Diciembre Ciclo “A” 2016.**



Lecturas:

Primera: Is 11, 1-10

Salmo 72

Segunda: Rom 15,4-9

Evangelió: Mt 3, 1-12

Está cerca el Reino de Dios. Esta afirmación del Evangelio de San Mateo, nos ofrece un elemento unificador a las lecturas de este segundo domingo de adviento. El Reino era la más alta aspiración y la esperanza del antiguo Testamento: El Mesías debía reinar como único soberano y todo quedaría sometido bajo sus pies. Isaías ilustra perfectamente este nuevo reino mesiánico: “brotará un renuevo del tronco de Jesé, sobre él se posará el espíritu, habitara el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se echará con el cabrito. Habrá justicia y fidelidad. **Ante la llegada del Reino de los cielos se impone la conversión.** Juan Bautista predica en el desierto un bautismo de conversión. Se trata de un cambio profundo en la mente y en las obras, un cambio total y radical que toca las fibras más profunda de las personas.

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Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe, a las 7:00 PM. Todos los días en la iglesia a excepción del 8 de diciembre, se les avisará el lugar.

Si desea colaborar para el día 11 ó 12 de diciembre, comuníquese con alguno de los servidores o llame a la oficina.

Diciembre no hay preparación para matrimonio ni pláticas para bautismo, hasta en el mes de enero.

Dios les bendiga.