

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 26	8:00 AM	John & Mary Roche
	10:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke
December 27	8:00 AM	Helen & John Cheddar
December 28	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
December 29	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 30	8:00 AM	Frances Sianni Howell
December 31	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
January 1	9:00 AM	Joseph Mullaney
January 2	8:00 AM	Doris Hefner
	10:00 AM	Ada Scherer

Holy Angels Church

December 26	9:00 AM	Jeanne Alahcimer
	11:00 AM	Waldo & Minerva Fox
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
January 1	5:00 PM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
January 2	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Deceased Friends & Family
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Dear Parishioners,

How fast the end of the year has come upon us! We look forward with so much hope and promise in a New Year – Each year brings us opportunities and renewed hope for a better tomorrow. Each year we see changes and transformation – not only in the New Year's resolutions and promises that we make but also a sense of starting new and seizing the future with a good dose of enthusiasm.

With the dawn of the New Year our parish pastoral staff, as well as our support staff, has begun to experience some transformation as well. In the past month we have begun to look forward to refocusing our pastoral services and balancing our yearly parish budget. Some downsizing of our staffing was necessary to take the parish economy out of deficit. Budget cuts are always difficult especially when they affect parish personnel. As of January 1, 2011 we have reconfigured the Parish Center Office hours and have downsized some of our staffing.

The position of Director of Hispanic Ministry has been eliminated from the parish staff and Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez has left our parish ministry for a position as Parish Life Coordinator for two parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Our evening receptionists, Sue Mullin, Ronnie Hahn and Marie Ruskay, have terminated their employment. Elaine Montoro has moved to Hall Manager of Fremont Hall and the Athletic Building for rental events. Her service as rectory housekeeper/cook has been reduced. Another phase of staff downsizing will take place in the Spring of 2011.

The Parish Center hours have been adjusted beginning January 1, 2011. They will be the following:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
No Saturday hours

Parish Groups meeting at the Parish Center will make pre-arrangements for access to the building. Arrangements will be made through Annie Adams at 731-2200.

Together, as a community of faith, we will move forward boldly into our future and we pray that God's grace and blessing be with us.

Father Fiore

Election of Parish Trustees

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:00 AM in Holy Angels Church Conference Room. Our current Trustees are Gene Consiglio and Rich Savona.

Please note:

There are no Confessions on Saturday, January 1st.
There will be the regular 5 PM Anticipated Mass at Holy Angels Church on Saturday, January 1st.



December 26, 2010 – January 1, 2011

Monday: Offices closed
Friday: Offices closed
Saturday: New Year's Day See Mass Schedule Below

Snow Cancellations

In the event of poor weather and dangerous driving conditions during the winter season, sometimes we find it necessary to cancel parish activities, meetings, and liturgies. Weather-related information will be on the parish website, www.stjohn-holyangels.com. The following radio stations will be contacted if the 8:00 AM Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, and parish activities are canceled. Please listen to the cancellations before you venture out in adverse weather.



WILM 1450 AM WSTW 93.7 FM
WDEL 1150 AM WJBR 99.5 FM

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Monday, December 27
Reopen Tuesday, December 28
Closed December 31 – January 2
Reopen Monday, January 3

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday: I John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: I John 1:5-2:2; Mathew 2:13-18
Wednesday: I John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Thursday: I John 1:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Friday: I John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Solemnity of Mary: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Priests' Mass Schedule

January 1

St. John Church

9:00 AM Fr. Castelow

January 1/2

St. John Church

8:00 AM Fr. Fiore
10:00 AM Fr. Fiore

Holy Angels Church

5:00 PM Fr. Castelow
9:00 AM Fr. Cook
11:00 AM Fr. Cook
1:00 PM Fr. Reyna

January 8/9

St. John Church

8:00 AM Fr. Castelow
10:00 AM Fr. Castelow

Holy Angels Church

5:00 PM Fr. Cook
9:00 AM Fr. Fiore
11:00 AM Fr. Fiore
1:00 PM Fr. Reyna

Volunteers of the Week

A special "Thank You" to our Girl Scout Troops at Holy Angels for their Bake Sale two weeks ago. \$369 was raised for our Baptismal Font Project.

Thank you also to Delaware Brick Company, for donating materials to build a storage area for winter salt supplies, and to Kurt Wice and Ray Paoletti for volunteering their time in building the storage area.

Holiday Mass Schedule

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

St. John

9:00 AM

Epiphany (January 1-2)

St. John

8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Holy Angels

5:00 PM (Jan. 1)
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
1:00 PM *
(* Spanish)





SCHOOL NEWS

The Faculty and Staff at Holy Angels School wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

School Closed: December 23rd – January 2nd

Classes resume on January 3rd

Holy Angels School Open House Dates:

January 10th (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
January 21st (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
February 1st (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Great news!!

Pre/K 3 yr. old program coming Sept. 2011
(must be 3 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011)

Pre/K 4 yr. old program will continue Sept. 2011
(very successful!)
(must be 4 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011)

New student applications: available online at
www.holyangelsschool.org or in School Office
Now accepting applications for all levels, Pre/K-
8th grade. Students entering kindergarten must be
5 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011.

Applications must include:

Birth Certificate
Baptismal Certificate
2 page application form
Recent report card/standardized testing results
Non-refundable check of \$100.00

“The Great Adventure” Bible Study



ADULT EDUCATION

begins January 9th

Want to start the New Year out right? If one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend

more time understanding God's Word, we can help you!

Rather than attempt to read the Bible straight through, take advantage of this course to give you the framework you need and to share your insights with other parishioners.

We are presenting “The Great Adventure”, a highly recommended study that organizes the Books of the Bible into 12 segments. Each segment is devoted to a theme. The characters and events in the Bible are identified by theme so that the content of the Book remains in our mind forever. Along with the study workbook, each student will receive tools and tips to reinforce this method of study.

We will meet in the Holy Angels Church Conference Room, 6:15 PM – 7:25 PM for 8 Sundays, beginning January 9 and ending with March 6, with a break for the Super Bowl on February 6th.

There is a \$20 fee for this course to cover study materials.

If you would like to register, or if you need more information, please contact Beth Cresswell, bethcresswell@yahoo.com or (302) 584-7427.



The Sports Box

Holy Angels Jingle Ball Tournament

(for Varsity Y/O Boys and Varsity Y/O Girls)
Games will be played beginning at Noon on Sunday, Dec. 26th thru Thursday, Dec. 30th, at Holy Angels Gym.
Concessions are available.

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

Basketball Schedule

January 2, 2011

Varsity C Girls vs. Ursuline, 12 Noon at Holy Angels
Varsity Y Girls vs. Ursuline, 2:00 PM at Holy Angels
Varsity O Girls vs. St. Mary, 2:45 PM at St. Elizabeth
Varsity C1 Boys vs. St. Anthony's, 2:30 PM at Holy Angels
Varsity C2 Boys vs. Mt. Aviat, 3:45 PM at Holy Angels
Varsity Y Boys vs. St. Mary Magdalen, 3:30 PM at St. Mary Magdalen



Consider a Year-End Gift to Your Parish!

Baptismal Font Project Update

A lot of progress is going on in regards to our new baptismal font. Our team (liturgy, environment, Pastor, electrician, plumber, and engineer) met twice and we hope that by Christmas Eve we will have a design of the proposed baptismal font for Holy Angels Church. The estimated cost of the project is between \$25,000/\$30,000.

As Catholics who are called to walk together with those who are becoming members of our faith (catechumens), we have the duty and the responsibility to pray for them and support them on their journey of faith. As part of our support, it is our responsibility to lead them to the waters of new birth—the waters of baptism. Sadly, there will be no baptismal font at Holy Angels until funds are raised for a new structure.

As your year-end gift to St. John–Holy Angels Parish, how about considering a donation to the baptismal font project? It's also a great way to end the tax year! Envelopes are available at the entrance of both churches and can be placed in the collection. Donations can also be forwarded to **Stephen Adams (ATTN: Baptismal Font Project) 82 Possum Park Rd.; Newark, DE 19711.** Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Environment Committee

Schedules for 2011 are being developed and we have a need for volunteers to fill in some gaps. If you can help with the washing and ironing of linens at either Church, or the vacuuming at St. John Church, please contact Patti Walters at walterspb@comcast.net or (302) 593-5795.

New Vestments available for Memorializing

We have purchased several new chasubles and dalmatics for the celebration of Eucharist at St. John and Holy Angels. If you would like to have one memorialized for your family, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Dear Friend of Life,

It is that time of year again! January is fast approaching, and that means the March for Life is right around the corner!

But, before we join pro-lifers from around the country in D.C., for the national March for Life, we would love to have you alongside us for the Wilmington March for Life on Friday, January 21st, from 12:00-1:00 pm in Rodney Square. Come join us in offering messages of hope to the mothers and fathers of our community as we process in peaceful demonstration to the Planned Parenthood on 7th and Shipley Streets. Signs will be provided. Please visit www.derighttolife.org or call Janet at 302-250-3023 for more information of this event, and to help increase awareness of the fight for life here in Delaware.

The 39th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is on Monday, January 24, 2011. Delaware Right to Life will sponsor two buses to the event. Tickets are \$25/person, \$20/student, and \$60/family. We will depart from the Christiana Mall bus depot at 10:00 AM. Departure from Washington will be at 6:00 PM in order to arrive back at the mall around 8:00 PM. We would love to have you with us as we stand alongside hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans in support of life! Reservations are open to the public. Please contact Eunice Tate at eunice@derighttolife.org or 302-747-7301 to reserve your seat!



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. Last Wednesday evening we set up our account and within 48 hours we had 53 “fans”—so don't miss out! Become a fan of St. John-Holy Angels by logging on to www.facebook.com/stjohnholyangels.

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/sihaliturg. **See you on the web!**

Thank You!

A special thanks to **Beth and Joe Potochney** for donating the Christmas trees and greenery to decorate Holy Angels Church for the Christmas Season.

Birthright of Wilmington & Newark also **thanks our parishioners** for the generous support of Bottles for Babies during Respect Life Month. St. John-Holy Angels Parish raised \$2,211.86 which goes to serving mothers and their babies through the Birthright programs!



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 may give thanks.

Social Justice DVD Series

The Beyond JustFaith Group will be presenting a social justice-related DVD each quarter in 2011. Our first video showing/discussion will be held on Monday, January 3rd, in Holy Angels Church Conference Room at 7:30 PM. The video is entitled “Highway Courtesans”. It deals with the human trafficking of women. This film looks at the area of Bharat where centuries of poverty and lack of education resulted in a tradition of putting the eldest daughter on the streets to support the family. The film is a touching look into the lives of one family. If you are interested in attending, please contact Diane Fisher at (302) 737-6864.

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.