

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.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome the following newly registered members to our parish community:

Michelle & Andrew Walch & Family

Mass Intentions for the Week St. John Church

December 6	8:00 AM	Billy Barrett
	10:00 AM	Grover S. Bonsall Jr.
December 7	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 9	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 10	8:00 AM	Verna Dvorscak
December 11	8:00 AM	Wilkinson-Tusio Family
December 12	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 13	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 th Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	Dolly & Goon Kalicharan

Holy Angels Church

December 5	5:00 PM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
December 6	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Cody Tyaden
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 7	7:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 8	7:00 PM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavag
December 12	5:00 PM	William P. Fischer
December 13	9:00 AM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	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:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:25-31;	Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday:	Isaiah 41:13-20;	Matthew 11:11-15
Friday:	Isaiah 48:17-19;	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zechariah 2:25-27 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47	
Sunday:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7;	Luke 3:10-18

Question for the Week 2nd Sunday of Advent – Year C

"In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now?"

Eternal rest grant unto him...

Please remember in your prayers Ian M. Szymurski. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Newly Baptized November 28, 2015

Aubrey Lynne Garner, daughter of Ashley Katherine Doble and John Rhett Garner.

Milo Thomas Smith, son of Deborah Anne Carlson and Brett Evan Smith.

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
11:00 AM	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 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 7	7:00 PM (Spanish)
December 8	10:00 AM (School Mass)
December 8	7:00 PM

St. John Church

December 8	8:00 AM
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December 6 – 12, 2015

Table with columns for Day, Time, and Event. Rows include Sunday through Saturday with various religious and community activities.

Wish Tree

Please remember that our Wish Tree gifts are due back on December 13. Tags on the tree come from various state organizations and the local homeless. We will also accept any items that you or your children have at home that are new and no longer needed.



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 \$32 each.



Order deadline is Wednesday, December 9th. 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.

Thank You!

We wish to thank the Children and Grandchildren of Mary & Michael Cutrona, Sr., for their most generous donation of a new cope, veil and stole for Holy Angels Church.

Also, the St. John-Holy Angels Parish Community Gardeners would like to extend their appreciation to those businesses that again generously donated mulch and mushroom soil in 2015:

Alexander's Lawn & Garden
Copeland's The Mulch Depot

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

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

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$32 enclosed



SCHOOL NEWS

Open House for Prospective Parents will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. School tours are also available upon request. Call the School Office at 731-2210 for more information. Applications are now being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in Grades Pre/K3 through Grade 8.

Breakfast with Santa: See registration form below
Barnes & Noble Bookfair: See ad to the right

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 12th
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM OR
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Holy Angels – Fremont Hall



Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea
Photo Opportunity with Santa, Craft Table

\$7.00 per adult (ages 14 and up)
\$5.00 per child



Please return the bottom portion of this form with payment to the School Office. Make checks payable to Holy Angels School. Reservations required!

Scheduled seating only at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.
For more information, contact Julie Wenger at (302) 545-8305 or juliemirowenger@gmail.com.

Family Name (print _____) will attend
Children--# attending _____
Adult--# attending _____
Time Preference: 9:00 AM Seating _____
11:00 AM Seating _____

Holy Angels School Fundraiser

Modell's Team Weeks November 27 – December 24

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 pick up a coupon from the back of Church. 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.

A Vocation Reflection Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Is God calling you to help prepare His way by serving as a priest or as a religious brother or sister? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website, www.CalledByTheLord.com!

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

supporting

Holy Angels School

Barnes & Noble
340 Christiana Mall, Newark, DE

December 2nd – 8th, 2015



Bookfair ID # 11758091

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, digital content, purchases made at Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.



Congratulations!

The following students from St John-Holy Angels Parish were on the Honor Roll for the 1st quarter at **Padua Academy**. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

Marigrace Ferrill
Olivia Giannetta
Elizabeth Hietpas
Caroline Klinger
Camryn Scully
Madeline Tullier

Second Honors

Angela Akumiah
McKenzie Conner
Victoria Crisona
Ashley Curran
Meghan DeBosier
Sophia Giannetta
Madelyn Guidash
Katherine Hayes
Sarah Kunkle
Victoria Leone
Ashley Lupichuk
Anne Lynch
Kayla Marasiak
Alexis Maxwell
Kylee Maxwell
Lauren Pala
Hallie Riley
Mackenzie Scully
Bailey Tuschinski

Come Join in our Parish Advent Retreat

“Threads of wisdom and connection...”

What’s coming? Who’s coming? Am I ready?”

What is the thread in my life that connects me to Jesus the Christ? As we begin this *Year of Mercy*, what will bring me to a deeper sense of compassion and connection with my sisters and brothers around this earthly home? What prophetic voices call us to recognize and live this message of the Gospel and Hebrew Scriptures?

Wednesday, December 9

Holy Angels Church 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Presenter – MaryLouise Chesley-Cora

Please bring your own lunch (coffee and tea provided)

Register by calling Mary (302) 453-9613

\$15 donation upon arrival

Taize Prayer Offering

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elkton

The Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. John-Holy Angels, and Resurrection are collaborating to offer a Taize Prayer Service on Sunday, December 13 at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church (Bow Street, Elkton). Prayer in the spirit of the Taize Community of France is a meditative form of non-denominational Christian prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. Scripture, shared sacred silence, Intercessions, and Prayer around the Cross round out the prayer for the evening. Please consider joining us for this evening.

Advent Vespers:

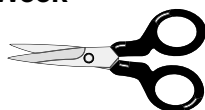
Our Parish’s “Best Kept Secret”

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”.

Vespers will be celebrated on December 6 and 13 at 6:30 PM at St. John Church; and on December 20 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church. 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!

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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



Maichle’s Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

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Specializing in Custom Duct Installation – Trane & Carrier

The Jubilee Year of Mercy -

December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016

In St. Peter’s Basilica, Pope Francis announced the celebration of an “extraordinary Holy Year.” This “Jubilee of Mercy” will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter’s on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and will conclude on November 20, 2016, with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. At the start of the new year, the Holy Father stated: “This is the time of mercy. It is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth!” The opening of this Jubilee will take place on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This is of great significance, for it impels the Church to continue the work begun at Vatican II.

The Jubilee announcement had been made on the second anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, during his homily for the penitential liturgy with which the Holy Father opened the “24 Hours for the Lord.” This initiative, proposed by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, promotes throughout the world the opening of churches for an extended period of time for the purpose of inviting people to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The theme for this year has been taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians: “God rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4).

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, the Jubilee Year, which was celebrated every 50 years, was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. In addition, the Jubilee Year was a reminder to the rich that a time would come when their Israelite slaves would once again become their equals and would be able to reclaim their rights.

With the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis focuses attention upon the merciful God who invites all men and women to return to Him. The encounter with God inspires in one the virtue of mercy. The initial rite of the Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door. This door is one which is only opened during the Holy Year and which remains closed during all other years. Each of the four major basilicas of Rome has a Holy Door: Saint Peter’s, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major. This rite of the opening of the Holy Door illustrates symbolically the idea that, during the Jubilee, the faithful are offered an “extraordinary pathway” towards salvation.

The Diocese of Wilmington will mark the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with the opening of eight Holy Doors located throughout Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. On Sunday, December 13, Bishop Malooly will open the Holy Door and celebrate Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Easton at 10:30 AM. That day, the Holy Door will also be opened at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, St. Joseph on the Brandywine (Greenville), Holy Spirit Church (New Castle), St. Elizabeth Church (Wilmington), St. Margaret of Scotland Church (Glasgow), St. Ann Church (Bethany Beach) and Holy Cross Church (Dover). Information about the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is available at a special Vatican website – www.im.va. Diocese of Wilmington events that are tied into the Jubilee of Mercy will be announced on the Diocesan website – www.cdow.org/mercy.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436
Horario de oficina Lunes: cerrada
Martes y jueves: 9:00 AM-12:00 Medio día
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Miércoles: 11:00 AM-12:00 Medio día
1:00 PM-7:00 PM
Viernes: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

“Jerusalen, despójate de tus vestidos de luto y aflicción, y vístete para siempre con el esplendor de la gloria que Dios te da; envuélvete en el manto de la justicia de Dios”.

Salmo Responsorial: 126

“El señor ha estado grande con nosotros y estamos alegres”

II lectura Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11

Evangelio Lucas 3:1-6

Cuando Juan recibe la palabra de Dios no se queda igual; la palabra lo transforma en profeta; se lanza a predicar. Su predicación conduce a un rito purificador, penitencial, como expresión del perdón de los pecados que solo Dios puede otorgar. Lo que Juan realiza expresa un compromiso más individual o personal que las prácticas expiatorias ejecutadas en el templo mediante sacrificios y oraciones de los sacerdotes. El profeta anuncia la pronta llegada de Dios que visita a su pueblo.



Bautismos: Charlas, domingo después de misa.
Próxima charla: Enero 10.

Bautizos: Primer y tercer sábado de mes. Padre y padrinos deben asistir a las charlas. Padrinos deben estar casados por la iglesia, si son parejas. Traer biblia católica.

Las parejas que desean casarse en nuestra parroquia, tenemos la preparación (pre-cana) una vez por mes a cargo del matrimonio Roberto y Georgina Hernández. Debe tener una entrevista previa con el sacerdote. Próximas charlas: Enero 17

Para cualquier sacramento, presentaciones, quinceañeras, presentaciones, intenciones para misas de difuntos, llegar a la oficina en horario de oficina. Deben ser miembros registrados de la parroquia.

Recuerden, tenemos diferentes artículos religiosos, biblias, rosarios, libros espirituales en nuestra tiendita, los esperamos.

La parroquia tiene a la venta los calendarios de la lotería que se realizará los meses de enero, febrero y marzo. Cada día hay una oportunidad de ganar. Se juega con la lotería de Delaware. Valor del calendario \$20.00. De venta en la oficina.

Tenemos los boletos de la rifa de 1.000 como primer premio; esta rifa es para recaudar fondos para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

En el mes de diciembre no habrá charlas para bautismo ni de preparación matrimonial.

En el mes de enero comienza la preparación de las quinceañeras. Llegar a la oficina para la registración. Coordinadores: Joel -María Lara y Roberto Hernández.

Si desea colaborar con la parroquia para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe, necesitamos donaciones para la venta de comida el 11 de diciembre y para la celebración el 12. Por favor llamar a la oficina. Gracias

Recordemos el 8 de Diciembre, se inicia el año de la Misericordia, hasta el 20 de Noviembre del 2016.