

## 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:** Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25  
**Sunday:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;  
 Matthew 1:18-24

### Christmas Mass Preview

#### Christmas Eve

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>St. John</b> | <b>Holy Angels</b> |
| 6:00PM          | 4:00 PM            |
| 8:00 PM         | 7:00 PM (Spanish)  |
|                 | 10:00 PM           |

#### Christmas Day

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>St. John</b> | <b>Holy Angels</b> |
| 8:00 AM         | 11:00 AM           |
| 10:00 AM        |                    |

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### St. John Church

|             |          |                                     |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| December 12 | 8:00 AM  | Nicholas T. Pettoruto               |
|             | 10:00 AM | Lucille Silva                       |
| December 13 | 8:00 AM  | Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage  |
| December 14 | 8:00 AM  | Deceased of the Lyons-Howell Family |
| December 15 | 8:00 AM  | Sodality Members, Living & Deceased |
| December 16 | 8:00 AM  | People of the Parish                |
| December 17 | 8:00 AM  | John H. Burgess                     |
| December 18 | 8:00 AM  | Thomas Concavage                    |
| December 19 | 8:00 AM  | Donald Eastburn                     |
|             | 10:00 AM | Anthony J. Barone                   |

#### Holy Angels Church

|             |          |                          |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------|
| December 11 | 5:00 PM  | Lucia Atis               |
| December 12 | 9:00 AM  | John Spory               |
|             | 11:00 AM | John J. Gazo             |
|             | 1:00 PM  | Intenciones Comunitarias |
| December 18 | 5:00 PM  | Raymond Civatte          |
| December 19 | 9:00 AM  | Richard Taylor           |
|             | 11:00 AM | Anna & Patrick Hughes    |
|             | 1:00 PM  | Intenciones Comunitarias |

### Priests' Mass Schedule

#### December 18/19

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>St. John Church</b> | <b>Holy Angels Church</b> |
| 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 24

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>St. John Church</b> | <b>Holy Angels Church</b> |
| 6:00 PM Fr. Castelow   | 4:00 PM Fr. Fiore         |
| 8:00 PM Fr. Cook       | 7:00 PM Fr. Reyna         |
|                        | 10:00 PM Fr. Fiore        |

#### December 25

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>St. John Church</b> | <b>Holy Angels Church</b> |
| 8:00 AM Fr. Fiore      | 11:00 AM Fr. Castelow     |
| 10:00 AM Fr. Cook      |                           |

#### December 26

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>St. John Church</b> | <b>Holy Angels Church</b> |
| 8:00 AM Fr. Cook       | 9:00 AM Fr. Fiore         |
| 10:00 AM Fr. Cook      | 11:00 AM Fr. Castelow     |
|                        | 1:00 PM Fr. Reyna         |



**December 12 – 18, 2010**

|                   |   |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 2:30 PM<br>6:30 PM  | Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner – Fremont Hall<br>Advent Vespers – Holy Angels Church   |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:30 PM                                   | Pastoral Council – Parish Center Meeting Room 1<br>Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3<br>40+ Singles Meeting – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>8:00 PM                                   | Advent Penance Service – Holy Angels Church<br>Adult Faith Formation – Parish Center Meeting Room 1<br>Athletic Association Meeting – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10:00 AM<br>6:00 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:15 PM | Scripture Study – June Hansell’s home<br>Religious Education – Holy Angels School<br>Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Christmas Party – Parish Center<br>Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room<br>Contemplative Prayer Book Club – Parish Center Meeting Room 3<br>Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM                                   | Parish Activities Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 2<br>Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room<br>Holy Angels School Christmas Concert – Holy Angels Church   |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  | Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 7:00 PM   | Posadas – Fremont Hall   |

**Youth Box**

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

“Most religious communities’ central problem is not teen rebellion but teenagers’ benign ‘whateverism.’ “ (Christian Smith, with Melinda Lundquist Denton, [Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers](#)).

This week, google “teenagers’ benign whateverism” and read more.

**Thank You!**

Thanks to all of you who supported the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality in their successful Advent Candle and Wreath fundraiser last month!  
God bless you, and have a Blessed Christmas Season!  
St. John-Holy Angels Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

**Newly Baptized  
December 4, 2010**

Ella Josephine Baffone, daughter of Lincy LeeAnn Neall and Benjamin Xavier Baffone.  
Yael Alejandro Castañeda-Gonzalez, son of Maria Alejandra Gonzalez and Carlos Alberto Castañeda.  
David Alberto Jimenez-Diaz, son of Margarita Araceli-Diaz and David Jimenez.  
Giovani Vega-Reyna and Hilaro Vega-Reyna, sons of Eva Reyna-Martinez and Hilar Vega-Velazquez.

**2 Early Bulletin Deadlines**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> Bulletin**

Please note that information for the December 26<sup>th</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by Noon on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulletin**

Information for the January 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin must be in by Noon on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Weekly Offertory**

**December 4/5, 2010**

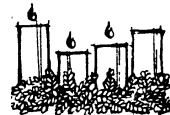
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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Parish Collection.....            | \$16790 |
| Capital Campaign.....             | 1065    |
| Restoration & Expansion Fund..... | 2144    |
| Total.....                        | \$19999 |

**December 5/6, 2009**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Parish Collection..... | \$15951 |
| Capital Campaign.....  | 986     |
| Thanksgiving.....      | 2230    |
| Total.....             | \$19167 |

**Advent Penance Celebration**

**Tuesday, December 14 7:00 PM**



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

**Monday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Open House for Prospective Parents  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Scrip Cards will be sold 2:15 – 2:45 PM in the Gym

**Tuesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Santa's Secret Shop in Fremont Hall

**Wednesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Wing Redemption Day  
for students

Scrip will be sold from 2:15 – 2:45 PM in the Gym

**Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Program 7:00 PM  
Holy Angels Church (Prek-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Open House Holy Angels School  
1:15 – 2:30 PM

### Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Bonnie Thomas R.N.

Bonnie Thomas, R.N., B.S.N. Holy Angels School Nurse

After initially pursuing a degree in accounting and computer science in the 70's, and working several years in an accounting department, Mrs. Thomas decided to make a career change. She entered the University of Delaware and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in the 80's. She continued her education working toward a Master's in Health Education at Sam Houston University in Houston, Texas, and then transferred to Widener University. Mrs. Thomas' hospital nursing background includes Oncology nursing and high-risk Obstetrics. She also worked as a "Visiting Nurse" both in Delaware and Texas. Prior to her husband's transfer from Delaware to Texas in 1989, Mrs. Thomas worked as an "Independent Legal Nurse Consultant", doing medical case reviews for law firms in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thomas has been affiliated with Holy Angels School since 1997, after returning to Delaware, when she answered an ad in the Sunday bulletin, in search of volunteer Registered Nurses to cover the School health office. Eventually, Mrs. Thomas became the full time nurse at Holy Angels where she remains today, serving as School Nurse, five days a week.



### 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. 26<sup>th</sup> bulletin. **Order deadline is Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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



## The Sports Box

Looking for "A" gear?

Contact Lyn, [wolfelyn@comcast.net](mailto:wolfelyn@comcast.net).

**Athletic Association Meeting:** Tuesday, Dec. 14  
8:00 PM Athletic Building

### Basketball Scoreboard

Varsity Girls C, 37 vs. **St John the Beloved, 45**

**Varsity Girls Y2, 24** vs. St Mary Magdalen, 14

Varsity Boys C1, 31 vs. **St. John the Beloved, 35**

Varsity Boys C2, 30 vs. **St. Peter's Cathedral, 38**

Varsity Boys Y, 30 vs. **St. Mary of the Assumption, 36**

### Varsity Basketball Schedule

#### Sunday, December 12:

JV Boys C vs. St. Joseph's, 2:15 PM, St. Mary Magdalen

#### Saturday, December 18:

JV Boys C vs. St. Peter's Cathedral, 10:15 AM, Holy Angels

JV Girls (St. Elizabeth League) vs IHM, 12 Noon, St. Eliz.

Varsity Girls O vs. Serviam, 1:45 PM, St. Ann's

JV Girls C vs. St. Joseph's, 2:00 PM, Holy Angels

Varsity Girls Y2 vs. St Peter's N.C., 3:00 PM, St. Peter's

Varsity Girls C vs. St. Mary Magdalen, 3:45 PM, St. MM

#### Sunday, December 19:

Varsity Boys C2 vs. Corpus Christi, 12 N, Corpus Christi

Varsity Boys C1 vs. Holy Cross, 12:30 PM, Holy Cross

JV Boys 2A vs. St. Paul, 3:15 PM, Our Lady of Fatima

Varsity Boys Y vs. St. Edmonds, 3:45 PM, St. Edmonds.

### Do You Shop at Amazon.com?

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](http://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](mailto:apress@holyangels.net).



### 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, and the vacuuming at St. John Church, please contact Patti Walters at [walterspb@comcast.net](mailto:walterspb@comcast.net) or (302) 593-5795.

### Where's The Choir?

Our Choir will be singing at the 9 AM Mass at Holy Angels on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in joining any of our music ministries, please call 731-2435.

### Part-Time Cook Needed for St. John Rectory

For more information, please call Father Michael Cook at 731-2200.

## Welcome, New Parishioners!

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

**Diane Greer  
Noelle & Philip Holmes  
Lori Taylor**



## Consider a Christmas 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, as well as the goal and amount raised thus far to show you.

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 Christmas gift to St. John–Holy Angels Parish this year, 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!

## “The Great Adventure” Bible Study Begins January 9<sup>th</sup>

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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:bethcresswell@yahoo.com) or (302) 584-7427.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels 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!

## Would You Like to Dress a Priest? only 2 more Chasubles needed!

Thank you to those who have donated toward providing 6 new vestments for our priests.



We are still in need of 2 more new chasubles for various seasons of the liturgical church year. The cost is about \$440 per vestment. If you would be interested in donating toward the cost of a chasuble, please call the Parish Office, 731-2200.



## 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/stjohnholyanfels](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnholyanfels).

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/sjhaliturgy](http://www.twitter.com/sjhaliturgy). **See you on the web!**