

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 16	8:00 AM	Donald Arles
	10:00 AM	Maureen C. Bunge
December 17	8:00 AM	David C. Everson
December 18	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 19	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 20	8:00 AM	Jeff & Corinne Buckalew & Children
December 21	8:00 AM	Helen & John Cheddar
December 22	8:00 AM	Shirley Baker
December 23	8:00 AM	Vincent Rizzo
	10:00 AM	Raymond Soehlke

Holy Angels Church

December 15	5:00 PM	Mark Andrew Weir
December 16	9:00 AM	Peg Burke
	11:00 AM	Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 22	5:00 PM	Barbara Mulrooney
December 23	9:00 AM	Louis Marroni
	11:00 AM	Bill Howell
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10;	Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8;	Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;	Luke 1:5-25
Thursday:	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45	
Saturday:	I Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-56
Sunday:	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10;	Luke 1:39-45

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacramental Preparation

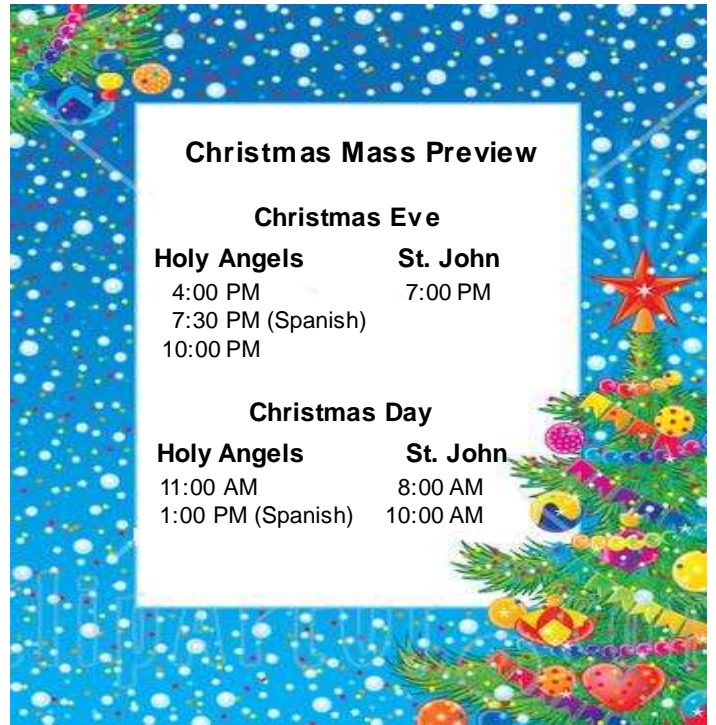
for First Reconciliation (Penance)/First Communion

Child must be baptized, in at least 2nd grade, and have been in a religious education program the previous year.

One Required Parent Only Meeting:
December 16 6:15 PM Holy Angels Church

One Required Parent/Child Workshop:
Saturday, January 13 Fremont Hall

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office, 731-2209.



Christmas Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

Holy Angels	St. John
4:00 PM	7:00 PM
7:30 PM (Spanish)	
10:00 PM	

Christmas Day

Holy Angels	St. John
11:00 AM	8:00 AM
1:00 PM (Spanish)	10:00 AM

Advent Penance Celebration

Tuesday, December 18

7:00 PM Holy Angels Church



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 Church and St. Thomas More Oratory will join us here at Holy Angels Church for our Advent Penance Service. We hope you can join us as we prepare to have Jesus enter into our hearts on Christmas morning.

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 trained lay presider, deacon or priest. Just like the early Christians, the Church encourages us to pray at these times as a community.

Vespers will be celebrated on December 16th and 23rd 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. Please join us!



December 16 – 22, 2012

Sunday:	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School Religious Education – Holy Angels School Sacramental Preparation Parent Mtg. – Holy Angels Church Evening Prayer (Vespers) – St. John Church
Monday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Finance Council – Parish Center R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Baptismal Preparation Class – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
Tuesday:	5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Group Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church Advent Penance Celebration – Holy Angels Church R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
Wednesday:	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School Cantor/Organist Practice – Holy Angels Church Music Room Cub Pack 205 – Fremont Hall
Thursday:	10:00 AM	Advent Morning Prayer – Holy Angels Church
Friday:	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
Saturday:	7:30 AM 9:00 AM-12 Noon 12:30 PM-2:30 PM	Men's Bible Study – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 Decorating – Holy Angels Church Decorating – St. John Church



Eternal rest grant unto him...

Please remember in your prayers **Joseph L. Bodnar**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Newly Baptized
December 8, 2012**

Moira Elaine Jones, daughter of Kathryn Elaine Daly and Patrick Wayne Jones.
Lieve Agnes Henrietta van de Kerkhof, daughter of Mary Heitzman and Rolf Petrus Albertus van de Kerkhof.

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closed Friday, December 21 thru Tuesday, December 25
Reopens Wednesday, December 26
Closed Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 31 & January 1
Reopens Wednesday, January 2

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines. Please submit all bulletin items to the Parish Office as noted below.

December 30 bulletin: info. in by 12 Noon on Weds., Dec. 19

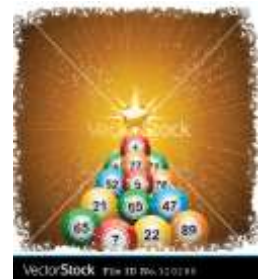
January 6 bulletin: info. in by 12 Noon on Weds., Dec. 26

Calendar Lottery - Winter 2013

\$20.00 each 90 chances to win!
Only 1000 calendars available!
No duplicate numbers!

New Game begins January 1, 2013

Didn't find everything you needed on Black Friday? Stop by after Mass or at the Parish Center during regular business hours to purchase your lottery calendar. Calendars make wonderful gifts for those hard-to-buy for friends, family and neighbors! They make great stocking stuffers and are the perfect token of appreciation for holiday party hosts, bus drivers, hair dressers, etc. Calendars will be on sale every weekend after all Masses at both churches. For more information, please contact Amy Press at apress@holyangels.net or 731-2219.



Reminder!

The BJ's Fundraiser applications are due in to the School Office by Wednesday, Dec. 19. If you need an application, please go to the Parish website (www.stjohn-holyangels.com), and on the home page, click on Parish Fundraisers. Then go to #2, BJ's Fundraiser and click on it. At the bottom of the page, click on the attachment, which is the blank application that you can print out and send in. Also, the School will be running this fundraiser in the Spring (probably April), so if your membership is due for renewal in the Spring or Summer months, please consider renewing with this program and save some money! For more information, please call Patti Bebbington at 836-1794.



SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date: Saturday, May 15, 2013
"Angels Attic" Sale

(We are accepting clothing, electronics, books, games, furniture and appliances.) Please consider donations for Holy Angels as you begin to sort items that are no longer needed!

Consignment Sale Drop-Off Dates:

Sunday, Dec. 16 12:00 Noon-2:00 PM (Holy Angels School)
Week of Dec. 17 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM (Holy Angels School)
Please support this fundraising effort for instructional programs.

Christmas Vacation will take place from Dec. 22- Jan. 1.

Classes resume on Weds., January 2, 2013.
The faculty and staff at Holy Angels School wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Monday, Dec. 17th

Welcome Dr. Flayhart to Grade 4
Future City Club – 3:15 PM
Social Studies Presentation for new series – 3:30 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 18th

Welcome Dr. Flayhart – Grades 4 and 6
Science Olympiad Club – 3:15 PM
Fungineering Club – 3:15 PM
After-Care Christmas Show at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 19th

Future City Club
Robotics Club
** Scrip Cards will be sold at School – 2:15 – 2:45 PM

Thursday, Dec. 20th

Morning Prayer – 10:00 AM All are welcome!
Holy Angels Church
Christmas Treat Day (Lunchtime)

Friday, Dec. 21st

Holy Angels Christmas Program – 1:15 PM
Holy Angels Church
** Scrip Cards will be available before and after the Christmas Program in the Gathering Space.

Snow Cancellations

Cancellations of parish activities due to poor weather and driving conditions can be on the parish website, www.stjohn-holyangels.com, and also are available by calling the Parish Center, 731-2200.



The following radio stations will be contacted if the 8:00 AM Daily Mass or Weekend Masses are canceled. Please check to be sure there are no cancellations before you venture out in adverse weather.

WSTW 93.7 FM WDEL 1150 AM WJBR 99.5 FM
Please note: Parish Offices follow the School Closing Policy. If the Diocesan Catholic Schools are closed for inclement weather, the Parish Offices will be closed that day also.



The Sports Box

Athletic Association Meeting: Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00 PM in Athletic Building.

Save the Date: The Fabulous Greaseband
Friday, March 1
(more information to follow)

Basketball Scores

JV Y Boys, 21 – St. Elizabeth's, 8
Varsity C Boys, 30 – St. Joe's, 20
Varsity Y Boys, 29 – St. Elizabeth's, 20
Varsity Y Boys, 30 – **St. Mary's, 36**
Varsity C Girls, 36 – St. Mary's, 6
Varsity C Girls, 42 – St. Elizabeth's, 29
JV C Girls, 22 – St. Mary's, 17

Upcoming Basketball Games

December 22

JV Boys V vs. All Saints Cath. School, 9 AM at Holy Angels
HA 4th Grade vs. St. Mary Magdalen, 10 AM at St. Peter's
JV Boys C vs. Our Lady of Fatima, 10:15 at O.L.F.
JV Girls vs. St. John the Beloved, 10:45 AM at St. Elizabeth's
Varsity C Girls vs. St. John the Beloved, 11:30 AM at H.A.
Varsity C Boys vs. St. Peter's, 12:45 PM at Holy Angels
JV Boys O vs. St. Edmonds, 1 PM at St. Edmond's
Varsity Y Boys vs. Immac. Heart of Mary, 2 PM at Holy Angels

December 23

HA Senior Boys vs. St. Elizabeth's, 12 Noon at St. Elizabeth's.

Congratulations

The following students from St. John-Holy Angels were on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll at St. Mark's High School. Keep up the good work!

First Honors

Regine Choi	John Korleski
Emily Evans	Melissa Matsanka
Christopher Higgins	Madelyn Murphy
Zachary Hopkins	Andrew Riegner
Kyle Johnson	Christopher Stayton

Holly Stevens

Second Honors

Samual Benjamin	Meaghan Kenney
Allison Blackwell	Emily Luck
Christopher Blackwell	Pauline Maiura
Gabrielle Bourne	Katherine Marzulli
Mary Brown	Alexa Murray
Jaclyn Campanella	Michael Rawding
Christina Danberg	Anne Reidinger
Tyler Dennis	Samantha Rex
Jacob Dominelli	Kathryn Siemienski
Alexandria Esposito	Amanda Smith
John Esposito	Heather Sniadowski
Mark Ferelli Jr.	Benjamin Steenkamer
Michael Hertsenberg	Allyson Taylor
Carrie Hinte	Christina Taylor
Taylor Joachimowski	Kevin Taylor

Hannah Zimmerman

Thank You!

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your kind support for the Bottles for Babies project during Respect Life Month. Our parish raised \$987.69! Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies.

Thank you to **Lindalee and Joe Wald** for your donation of office supplies! Items we always need at the Parish Center are postage stamps and regular-size copy paper. A tax receipt is available for your donations upon request.

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality** thanks all of you who supported their Advent Candle and Wreath Sale. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas! God bless you all!

A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center sent the following note to us last week:

Thank you for your donations to A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center! The donations given to A Door of Hope are an important aspect of our ministry in meeting the practical needs of our moms and babies.

It was so kind and generous of you to donate the maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, toiletries, sheets, blankets, snowsuits and diaper bags. We are thankful we can demonstrate to our clients that so many people care and want to help provide for them

Your support and willingness to come alongside us to help women and children in our community is a great blessing!

Sincerely,

Fran Lemon

*Wilmington Center Supervisor
A Door of Hope*

Girl Scout

Troop 449 News

Holy Angels Girl Scout Troop 449 recently visited the residents of the Franciscan Care Center at Brackenville to spread some Christmas cheer. The girls sang Christmas carols and recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Afterwards, the girls decorated the

residents' new Christmas tree with the beaded candy canes and wreaths that they had made for them. A fun time was had by all. Great job, Troop 449!

Need a Christmas Gift for someone who has "everything"?

Why not purchase them a Supermarket Gift Card from the Parish Office? Gift Cards are available for Acme, Shop-Rite, Superfresh and Pathmark. Denominations available are \$25 and \$100. Please call the Parish Office, 731-2200, for more information.

Do You Shop at Amazon.com or Staples?



Help support the Parish each time you make a purchase through the Parish link to the Amazon.com website. To make qualifying purchases, go to 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.



You can help our parish save money! When you make a purchase at Staples Office Supply Store, please give the cashier the Parish Center phone number, (302) 731-2200. Your purchases will count toward reward certificates for the parish that we can use to purchase office supplies and save money!

Visitors for Christ

Visitors for Christ are men and women commissioned by the parish to serve and minister to the sick, the convalescing, the elderly and the homebound of our parish family.

We make short visits to homes, hospitals, and nursing homes bringing the prayers of the Parish and the Eucharist when requested. We also offer the opportunity to pray the rosary with you for your personal intentions and the needs of our community.

If you or someone you know would like a visit from the Visitors For Christ, please call the Parish Center, 731-2200, or June, 366-0711.

Northwest Italy & Western Mediterranean Cruise/Tour with Very Rev. Arthur B. Fiore, VF

May 15 – 27, 2013

A quality cruise/tour:
4 nights land/7 nights cruise



Please join Father Fiore on this exciting cruise/tour. Explore the culture and history of 3 fascinating countries: Italy, France and Spain.

We hope you'll join us on this exciting cruise/tour. Cost is from \$3779 per person including r/t air. Space is limited, so call today to reserve your space or for more information.

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Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436
Horario de Oficina: Lunes, martes, jueves; 9:00 - 4:00 PM
Miércoles: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Viernes: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

“COORDINADORES DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO”

Coordinador General: Milton Santiago
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Secretaria: María Lara

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Monaguillos:

Coordinadora: Alicia Gómez

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Carlos Andrade & Mariana Navas

Círculo de Oración:

Carlos & Mariana Navas

Estudio Bíblico: Rev. Alan Reyna

Hospitalidad: Joel & María Lara

Rosarios en las casas: Cecilia Olano/ Carmen Broncales

Coros: Milton & Ana & Carmen

Liturgia de los niños: Leticia Lomelí

Grupo Guadalupano: Víctor Pérez

Viacrucis: ¿ ?

Posadas: Grupo Bíblico

Pláticas de bautismo & Charlas Prematrimoniales:

Roberto & Georgina Hernández Flores

Quinceañeras: Martha Just/ Pilar Carazo

Retiros & Actividades:

Mayte Castro, Ana Durán
Paola Del Prado, Martha Just & Gustavo Grajales

Sacristía: Javier Lomelí- Héctor Quiñones

Ofrendas: Carmen Broncales

Libro de Intenciones: Martha Reyes & Lisseth García

Actividades en nuestra parroquia

Bautismos: Charlas, domingo de cada mes después de misa. 2:30-4:30 PM: Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia. Todos traer biblias católica, obligatoriamente y no biblias protestante. (Latinoamericana, preferiblemente). No habrá cuidado de niños, por favor busque con tiempo quien se los cuide. Gracias. (Cualquier pregunta, llamar a Roberto y Georgina).

Próximas charlas: Enero 6, 2013

Presentaciones:

Registrar al niño(a) en la oficina.

Quinceañeras:

Charlas tercer viernes de cada mes en la oficina parroquial de 6:00-8:00 PM. Traer su biblia. Las jóvenes tienen que tener sus sacramentos completos o estar registrados para la confirmación. Si todavía no la ha recibido. Registrarse en la oficina. La preparación empieza en Enero, 2013.

Grupo de Oración:

Todos los viernes 7:00 PM. HAC.

Clases de Biblia: Todos los miércoles a las 7:00 PM.

En la oficina Parroquial.

Rosarios en las casas:

Todos los martes a las 7:00 PM. (En enero se continuara)

Nuestra parroquia les da las gracias a todas las personas que contribuyeron para la celebración de la virgen de Guadalupe. Gracias nuevamente por su colaboración, lo mismo que al trabajo arduo del comité Guadalupano.

Favor de cuidar de nuestra iglesia, no dejando basura en las bancas ni en el piso. Gracias

A la salida se están entregando los calendarios para el 2013. Llevarse uno por familia.

Hoy domingo 16 de Diciembre, tercer domingo de Adviento. Tiempo de oración y de esperanza, se acerca el nacimiento de nuestro querido Redentor

Viernes 28 de noviembre cena e intercambio de regalo de servidores. (Pendiente el lugar).

Las Posadas empezarán el domingo 16 de Diciembre y terminan el 23, a las 2:30 PM en el salón AA. Con una comida para las personas que no tienen familia.

Nuestra misa de Noche Buena, la tendremos el lunes 24 de Diciembre a las 7:30 PM.

El retiro de Cuaresma será el 9 de febrero, 2013. Apartar esa fecha en su calendario.