

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.



Parish Center Holiday Hours

Open Monday, December 28 – Wednesday, December 30
 Closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1
 Normal Schedule resumes Monday, January 4

Mass Intentions for the Week St. John Church

December 27	8:00 AM	In Honor of the 50 th Anniversary of Jan & Jim Roedersheimer
	10:00 AM	Joseph Tomczak
December 28	8:00 AM	Ann Naughton
December 29	8:00 AM	Bill Howell
December 30	8:00 AM	Catherine McDevitt
December 31	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
January 1	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
January 2	8:00 AM	Kathleen White, living
January 3	8:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
	10:00 AM	Larry Firth

Holy Angels Church

December 26	5:00 PM	Raymond Soehlke
December 27	9:00 AM	Aleseo J. Baffone Jr.
	11:00 AM	Jeff & Corinne Buckalew & Family
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 31	5:00 PM	Edward Twohig
	7:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
January 1	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
January 2	5:00 PM	John Mullin Sr.
January 3	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
	7:30 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	I John 1:5 – 2:2;	Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday:	I John 2:3-11;	Luke 2:22-35
Wednesday:	I John 2:12-17;	Luke 2:36-40
Thursday:	I John 2:18-21;	John 1:1-18
New Year's Eve & Day:	Numbers 6:22-27;	
	Galatians 4:4-7;	Luke 2:16-21
Saturday:	I John 2:22-28;	John 1:19-28
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-4;	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
	Matthew 2:1-12	

Question for the Week

Feast of the Holy Family – Year C

“What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?”

New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, January 1, 2016, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.

December 31, 2015

Holy Angels

5:00 PM

7:00 PM (Spanish)

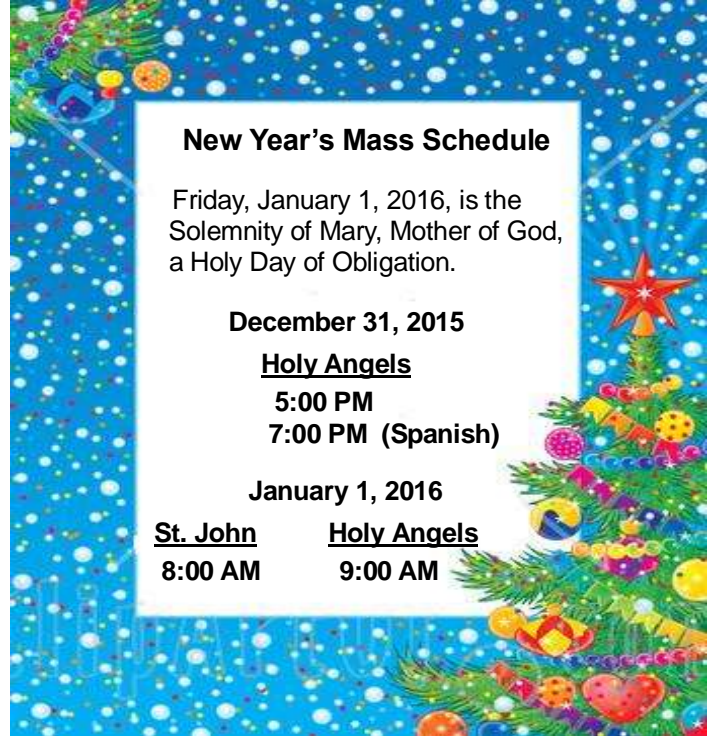
January 1, 2016

St. John

8:00 AM

Holy Angels

9:00 AM



Holy Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

“It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation”.

-- Pope Francis

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

“A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive”

December 27, 2015 – January 2, 2016



New Year's Eve: See Mass Schedule on previous page

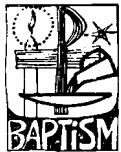
New Year's Day: See Mass Schedule on previous page

Please Note!

Bishop Malooly will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on **Sunday, January 3 at the 10:00 AM Mass** at St. John Church.

Newly Baptized

December 19, 2015



Marlene Isabella Herrera-Olvera, daughter of Lorena Olvera-Cazares and Hector Joel Herrera-Guzman.

December 20, 2015

Blaise Orin VanStan, daughter of Sarah Vedock Black and Jarrad Harrison VanStan.

Eternal rest grant unto him...

Please remember in your prayers Arturo Agra. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the January 3 bulletin has already gone to the publisher.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st Reconciliation Sacramental Information

1st Reconciliation Class for 7th, 8th & High School students

Tuesday, January 5 7:00 PM in Holy Angels Parish Center
You will NOT need to attend the workshop on Saturday, Jan. 9.

1st Reconciliation Workshop for Parent & Child (in Grades 2nd – 6th)

Saturday, January 9

10:00 AM in Fremont Hall: Last Names A – L

12:30 PM in Fremont Hall: Last Names M – Z

Celebration of 1st Reconciliation in Holy Angels Church:

Saturday, January 23

10:00 AM: Last Names A – L

12:30 PM: Last Names M – Z

Christmas Holiday Break:

No Religious Education Classes on Wednesdays, Dec. 23 & 30, and Sunday, Dec. 27. Classes resume January 3 (Sunday) and January 6 (Wednesday).



SCHOOL NEWS

The Faculty and Staff at Holy Angels School wish you and your family a most Blessed and Merry Christmas! May all good things be yours in 2016 including the gifts of good health and happiness!

School will be closed starting Wednesday, December 23 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4.

Applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in Grades Pre/K3 through Grade 8. School tours are also available upon request. Call the School Office at 731-2210 if you are interested. Information may also be found on the School website at www.holyangelschool.org. Our next Open House for prospective parents will take place on Wednesday, January 20, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Calendar Lottery Fundraiser—Winter 2016

\$20.00 each

91 chances to win!

Only 1000 calendars will be sold!

No duplicate numbers!

- Calendars are on sale now in the Parish Office.
- Calendars will be sold through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2016.
- 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.
- Prizes will be 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.



Food Collection

Through the collaboration of St. John-Holy Angels and Holy Family Parishes, 113 families were provided food, since Thanksgiving. Please keep up your generous gifts of food and money to this joint charitable work. The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Newark but, remember, hunger never takes a holiday.



THANK YOU



We would like to acknowledge the members of the Environment Committee for their generosity in giving of their time and talent to this ministry during 2015. These members wash and iron linens, clean and decorate the churches and prepare bread for our Eucharist. Thank you for enhancing the overall beauty and prayerfulness of our church liturgies. All your volunteer work is very much appreciated and our parish community thanks you for all that you do.....

Patti Walters (Coordinator)

Bread Baking: Missy Charney, Gene Consiglio, Patty Coyle, Kathy Fisher, Marie Gitney, Diane Heebner, Gary Heebner, Gail Hellams, Linda Mahoney, Ann Marie Markovchick, Ellen Norman, Tom Peterson, Margaret Pinckney, Beth Roberts, Sue Scannell, and Francis Talarowski.

Linens & Altar Cloths:

St. John Church – Debbie Galla, Marie Gitney, Judy Guidash, Linda Mahoney, Louise Martin, Patti Stout, Donna Twohig, Lindalee Wald and Donna Weibley.

Holy Angels Church – Betty Baker, Patty Coyle, Beth Haney, Teri Harwell, Diane Heebner, Doris Lillard, Linda Mahoney, Ann Marie Markovchick, Pat Ochonocki, Sue Orga, Margaret Pinckney, Kathy Smith, Janet Stead, Marie Thomas and Betty White.

Vacuuming/Cleaning

St. John Church – Sandy Cole and family, the Danberg Family, Judith Davis, Ronnie Hahn, Bill and Linda Mahoney, Priscilla Onizuk, Tom Peterson, Paul and Willie Short, the Stancil Family and Martin Reynolds.

Decorating, Cleaning and Scaffolding Work: John Arena, Steve Aubuchon, Wesley Aubuchon, Cindy Bartosik, Eileen Castle, John Castle, Gene Consiglio, Patty Coyle, Larry Fenlon, Gary Heebner, Don Hudgins, Fr. Jim Jackson, Ed Korber, Doris Lillard, Linda Mahoney, Bill Mahoney, Ann Marie Markovchick, Joe McKeown, Mike McLeod, Trevor McNabb, Cheree McPhee, Megan McPhee, Frank Miller, Pat Ochonicki, Tom Peterson, Margaret Pinckney, Craig Rotenberry, Tom Smith, Susan Starnes and Kevin Starnes.

A Vocation Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family

We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel: Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done". What is the Father's will for you? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling you to live out a religious vocation, 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!

Annual Election of Parish Trustees January 3, 2016

Delaware State Law requires that all corporations have trustees who are elected on an annual basis (§ 105. Election of trustees: The trustees shall be elected at a public meeting of the society or congregation, held at their usual place of worship, on 10 days notice by advertisements of such place and by a plurality of votes of the members present.)

Each parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated and therefore must have a board of trustees. Trustees sign legal documents for the parish and work with the Pastor when needed. Trustees are officers of the corporation.

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the annual election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 3, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Angels Church and the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John Church. Ballots and the ballot box will be available after each Mass. Please take a moment to vote before you leave Church that day. The ballots also include space for a write-in candidate.

This year's candidates for election are Mike McLeod and Charlie Colgan, both longtime, active members of the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, (302) 731-2200.

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.



Holy Family Church in Newark is beginning the **Women of Grace Study Program, "Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life."** Discover the gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life, and God's awesome purpose and mission for you in the world today.

An **information meeting** will be held on **Thursday, January 7th at 7:00 PM** in the Adult Ed Room. Join us and find out how you can fulfill your call as a woman of grace in the world today. To register, please contact Evelyn at 302-379-4119 or e-mail baldwinevelyn@gmail.com. There is no initial commitment since the study program is simply explained in detail at the opening session.

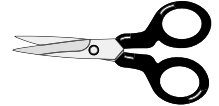
New Vestment available for Memorializing



We have purchased a new red cope, veil and dalmatic for the celebration of Eucharist at Holy Angels. If you would like to have one memorialized for your family, please contact the Parish Office, 731-2200, for more information.

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

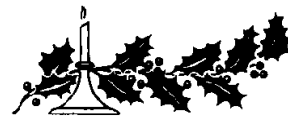
Please remember to patronize the advertisers on the back of our bulletin. This week's featured advertiser is:



Penna Orthodontics
Robert A. Penna, DMD
2710 Centerville Road, Suite 215
(302) 998-8783
www.pennaortho.com

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 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.



Many of you have discovered the substantial savings that can be found through the Amazon shopping network. Do you know that if you access Amazon through the link on our website you can also benefit the Parish at **no additional cost to you?** Simply click on the Amazon link on our website, use Amazon the way you normally do, and Amazon will provide us a percentage of every purchase. This is a great and painless way to help support the Parish throughout the entire year!

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 Weekend Masses are canceled.

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.



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

SAGRADA FAMILIA

I lectura 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Salmo Responsorial: 84

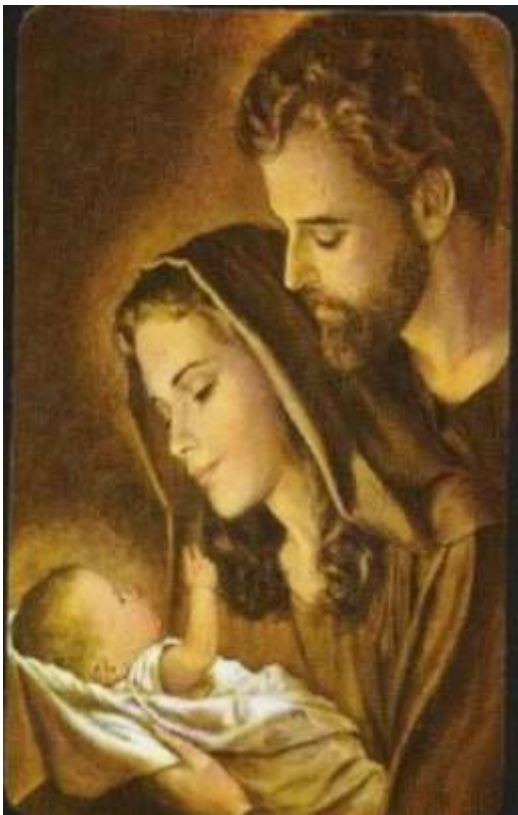
“Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa”.

II lectura 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24

Evangelio Lucas 2: 41-52

“San Lucas nos pinta a la familia de Jesús como una típica familia judía, piadosa, apegada a las tradiciones y cumplidora de la Ley de Dios. En ella se mandaba peregrinar a Jerusalén para celebrar la Pascua. La peregrinación pascual de ese año, le brindó a la Sagrada Familia la oportunidad de cumplir con el mandato y el rito de compromiso al que todo varón israelita debía someterse al llegar a los doce años Entonces se convertía en sujeto de derechos y obligaciones ante la ley.

SAGRADA FAMILIA BENDICE



NUESTRA FAMILIA. AMÉN

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



Misa el 31 de Diciembre a las 7:00 PM. Para despedir el año y esperar el Año Nuevo, bajo la protección de Dios y de su Divina Misericordia. También esa misa es dedicada a “Santa María Madre de Dios”. Que la iglesia celebra el primero de Enero. Los esperamos.

Que este nuevo año sea de muchas bendiciones para toda nuestra querida familia parroquial.

