

## 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.

### Eternal rest grant unto them...

Please remember in your prayers Paola E. Delgado-Polanco, Christine Foster, Yolanda Pascual, Alice M. Seaberg, Joseph G. Speir and William H. Wright, Jr. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. John Church

December 7	8:00 AM	Wilkinson-Tusio Family
	10:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concav age
December 8	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	7:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 9	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 10	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 11	8:00 AM	Catherine O'Connell
December 12	8:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
December 13	8:00 AM	Rev. Alfred Stopyra
December 14	8:00 AM	Timothy Greenwood
	10:00 AM	Thomas Concav age

### Holy Angels Church

December 6	5:00 PM	Verna Dvorscak
December 7	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	John Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 8	7:00 PM	Pierrot Palisse
December 13	5:00 PM	John Sporay
December 14	9:00 AM	Stephen Orsulak
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

## Preview of This Week's Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-13;	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11;	Matthew 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 40:25-31;	Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 41:13-20;	Matthew 11:11-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab or Zechariah 2:14-17;	Luke 1:39-47
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday:</b>	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-13; I Thessalonians 5:16-24;	John 1:6-8, 19-28

## Question for the Week

### Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

"With whom could you be more patient with this week, as God has been patient with you?"

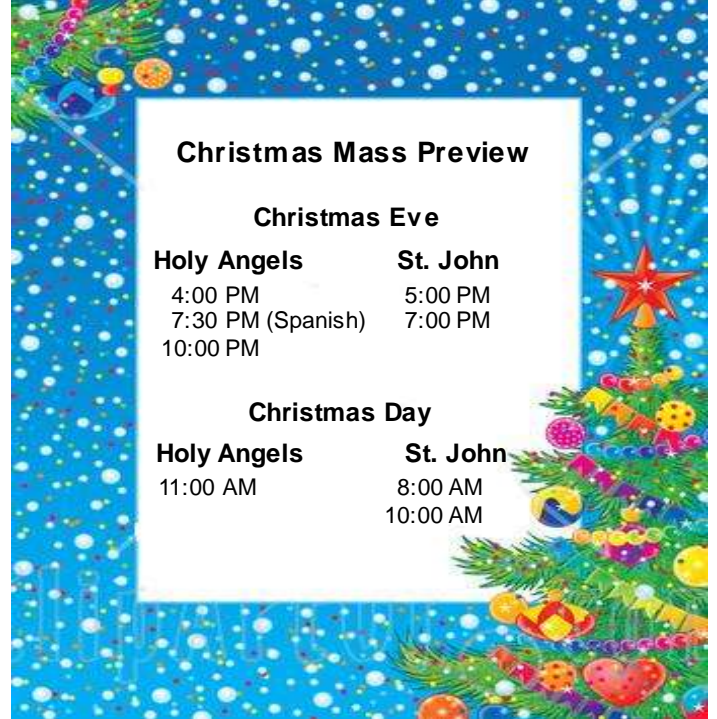
## Christmas Mass Preview

### Christmas Eve

<b>Holy Angels</b>	<b>St. John</b>
4:00 PM	5:00 PM
7:30 PM (Spanish)	7:00 PM
10:00 PM	

### Christmas Day

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



Thank you to all who have responded to the *Sustaining Hope for the Future* Campaign. We are very grateful for all the responses we received this past weekend. To date, 358 responses have been received.



### Diocesan Goal

\$ 512,400

### Parish Goal

\$ 341,600

- ◆ St. John Church refurbishment
- ◆ Holy Angels School windows
- ◆ St. Michael Chapel in Holy Angels Church
- ◆ Athletic Building renovation

**Total St. John-Holy Angels Parish Goal** \$ 854,000

Gifts & Pledges to Date: - 683,000

Still needed to fulfill our parish projects \$ 171,000

As you can see, we have fulfilled our commitment to the Bishop. In order for us to complete our parish goal, we still need \$171,000. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a sacrifice of \$5/day, \$3/day or \$1/day, for the 3 year pledge period. Pledge cards can be turned in at the parish office or in the collection basket. Thank you, once again, to every one who has been a part of this campaign!



**December 7 – 13, 2014**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 AM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels Church
	6:00 PM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels Church
	6:30 PM	Vespers – Holy Angels Church
	7:30 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church
<b>Monday:</b>	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (see Mass Schedule below)	
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Children – Holy Angels Church Archangels Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Guardian Angels Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Catechesis – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 & 2
	10:30 AM	Lectio Divina – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
	6:00 PM	Religious Education Classes – Holy Angels School
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – St. John Church
	7:00 PM	Spanish Novena – Holy Angels Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30 AM	Eucharistic Bread Baking – Fremont Hall Kitchen
	6:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
	7:00 PM	Mañanitas, Procession and Novena – Holy Angels Church
	11:00 PM	Spanish Mass – Holy Angels Church
<b>Friday:</b>	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
	8:00 PM	Spanish Mass – Holy Angels Church
<b>Saturday:</b>	7:30 AM	Men's Scripture Sharing – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	9:00 AM	Breakfast with Santa – Fremont Hall



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the **Environment team** for putting the new hymnals in the pews! Thanks to our **Choir members** for prepping the new hymnals by adding the plastic sheets inside, and removing the old hymnal covers!

Thank you to **Emily List, Marie Thomas and Lindalee Wald** for their donations of office supplies for the Parish Center.



**Advent Quiet Day**  
**Monday, December 15**  
**9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Holy Angels Church**

Take the time this Advent Season to spend a few hours in prayer and fasting. Join us for a mini-retreat of silence and reflection in the midst of the busyness which can be overwhelming at this time of the year. To register, please email [consiq.mr@verizon.net](mailto:consiq.mr@verizon.net) or call Mary at (302) 453-9613.

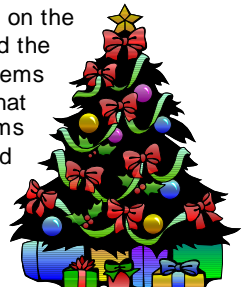
**Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day Mass Schedule**

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are scheduled as follows:

<b><u>Holy Angels Church</u></b>	<b><u>St. John Church</u></b>
10:00 AM (School Mass)	8:00 AM
7:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Wish Tree**

Wish Tree gifts are due back today! Tags on the tree support 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. These items can be filtered into the program to be used as gifts. Our outreach always welcomes gift cards for groceries, gas and other merchants. Consider buying gift cards from our School by contacting them at (302) 731-2210. For more information about the Wish Tree, please contact Diane Fisher at (302) 737-6864.





# SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are being accepted for the current school year and the 2015-2016 school year. Please call the School Office for details and information – 731-2210. You may also email Cindy Bartosik at [cbartosik@holyangelsschool.org](mailto:cbartosik@holyangelsschool.org).

School tours are available upon request. Please join us for our Open House on Tuesday, December 9, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM!

**December 8:** Mass – 10:00 AM  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**December 9:** Open House 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
P,B,J Outreach  
Middle School Science Olympiad  
Italian Club  
Drama Club  
Home & School Exec. Meeting – 6:30 PM

**December 10:** Kindergarten & Gr. 8 Prayer Partner activity  
– Gingerbread House Decorating  
Math League Practice  
Chemist Club

**December 11:** Faculty Meeting 3:15 PM

**December 12:** regular schedule

**December 13:** Breakfast with Santa – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Fremont Hall

Please support Holy Angels School by utilizing the Modell's Team Weeks Coupon for 15% off purchases at Modell's Sports Store. The coupon is good from November 28 – December 25, 2014. You can obtain one on the Parish website home page ([www.stjohn-holyangels.com](http://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 Patt Bebbington at (302) 836-1794 or [phaitsch@hotmail.com](mailto:phaitsch@hotmail.com).



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 during this Christmas shopping season or when making other purchases through 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](http://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.

## Congratulations!

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

### First Honors

Juliana Danese	Caroline Klinger
Marigrace Ferrill	Sarah Kunkle
Olivia Giannetta	Victoria Leone
Madelyn Guidash	Anne Lynch
Katherine Hayes	Lauren Pala
Kelsey Wallace	

### Second Honors

Angela Akumiah	Kylee Maxwell
Christine Barba	Courtney Patterson
Victoria Crisona	Elizabeth Quesenberry
Jennifer Frazier	Camryn Scully
Sophia Giannetta	Brianna Serafin
Christine Lewis	Madeline Tullier
Kayla Marasiak	Bailey Tuschinski

## 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. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> bulletin.



**Order deadline is Wednesday, December 10<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 at 731-2200.

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

## Confirmation 2015

### Final Parent/Child Registration Meeting

**December 15 7:00 PM Holy Angels Church**

Students who entered 8<sup>th</sup> Grade this Fall and who meet the eligibility requirements (have been in a Religious Education program or Catholic School for the past 2 years, received Baptism and First Communion), must attend a registration meeting with a parent. For more information, call the Office of Religious Education, 731-2209.

## Have an Extra Turkey?

### Bring it to Mass with you next weekend!

The Newark Area Needy Family Fund will again be collecting turkeys for Christmas Baskets for the less fortunate in our community. The turkeys should be brought to Mass with you on the weekend of December 13/14. Vehicles will be parked at both churches to receive your turkeys as you arrive at Mass.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!



## Calendar Lottery Fundraiser Winter 2015

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, crossing guards, etc. Calendars will be sold after each weekend Mass in November and December, and at the parish.

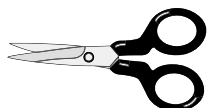
**\$20.00 each      90 chances to win!**

**Only 1000 calendars will be sold! No duplicate numbers!**

- Calendars are on sale now in the Parish Office.
- Calendars will be sold after Mass through December 31.
- The lottery begins January 1, 2015.
- 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.
- For more information, contact [apress@holyangels.net](mailto:apress@holyangels.net).

## Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

**State Line Liquors**  
Fine Selection of Spirits, Wine & Beer  
Elkton-Newark Road  
Elkton, MD 21921  
(410) 398-3838  
or (800) 446-WINE



## 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 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 7 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church; and on December 14 and 21 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. Come see what the "best kept secret" is all about!

## 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 738-3033, and our members will pray for you. Please let us know when your prayer has been answered, so that we too might give thanks.

## Supermarket Gift Card Program

Our parish participates in a Gift Card Program with Pathmark, Superfresh, ShopRite, and Acme Markets. You use the gift cards you purchase from us rather than your own money at the grocery store. Please call the Parish Center, 731-2200, if you have questions.

There are two ways to purchase the gift cards.

**Method I:** You may stop in at the Parish Center and purchase Gift Cards during office hours.

**Method II:** A Supermarket Gift Card envelope is included in your monthly packet of offertory envelopes. Each month, you can order Supermarket Gift Cards by filling out that envelope, placing your check inside, and putting it in the collection basket. Your order will be filled and mailed to you the next day.



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

**“SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO”**

La Corona de Adviento

La corona o guirnalda de Adviento es el primer anuncio de Navidad.



!Oh, María, madre mía, oh consuelo del mortal amparadme y guidme a la patria celestial. María auxilio de los cristianos ruega por nosotros!. Amén.

**Bautismos:** Charlas, domingo después de misa. Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia., SISON PAREJA. Pueden ser padrinos solteros que no estén conviviendo con otra persona. Debe de tener todos los sacramentos de iniciación, BAUTISMO, PRIMERA COMUNION Y CONFIRMACION. Todos traer biblias católica, obligatoriamente. No habrá cuidado de niños, busque con tiempo quien se los cuide.

Próxima charla: Enero 11, 2015  
(Diciembre no habrá charla).

La próxima reunión y última para padres de los niños que recibirán la primera comunión será el 14 de diciembre en la iglesia a las 6:00 PM. Recuerden que las charlas son obligatorias, es un requisito indispensable para que sus hijos reciban la primera comunión.

Visite nuestra tiendita, ya tenemos biblias, libros de crecimiento espiritual, rosarios, imágenes coronas de Adviento y mucho más, estamos después de cada misa en la entrada de la iglesia.

La novena de la virgen de Guadalupe, todos los días a las 7 de la noche en la iglesia, cualquier cambio se les avisará con anticipación.

El día 8 de diciembre día de La Inmaculada Concepción nuestra celebración de la santa misa será en la iglesia San Juan Bautista en la Main Street. El 11 de diciembre las mañitas empezarán a las 7:00 de la noche, la procesión como siempre saldrá de Wendy's a las 7:30 pm, se rezará el rosario en la procesión, hasta llegar a la iglesia en donde otro grupo estará también rezando el rosario, tendremos celebración de la santa misa. El día 12, la misa será a las 8:00 pm, y a continuación habrá un convivio en el Fremont Hall.

Los esperamos para celebrar con devoción este evento