

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.



**May God bless you
and keep you**

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.

Parish Center Holiday Hours

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, January 2, for the New Year's Holiday.

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	I John 2:22-28;	John 1:19-28
Tuesday:	I John 2:29 – 3:6;	John 1:29-34
Wednesday:	I John 3:7-10;	John 1:35-42
Thursday:	I John 3:11-21;	John 1:43-51
Friday:	I John 5:5-13;	Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38
Saturday:	I John 5:14-21;	John 2:1-11
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	

Sacrament of Matrimony

Alexa Keene and Chris Bowman will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on January 7. God's blessings from St. John-Holy Angels Parish.



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

January 1	8:00 AM	Mrs. Clancey
	10:00 AM	Theresa Fagan
January 2	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
January 3	8:00 AM	Mary Alice Soehlke
January 4	8:00 AM	Ron Nagle
January 5	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
January 6	8:00 AM	M. William Broaddus
January 7	8:00 AM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity
January 8	8:00 AM	August & John Muller
	10:00 AM	Helene Gantz

Holy Angels Church

December 31	5:00 PM	Nicholas G. Williams
January 1	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Roger Strickland
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
January 7	5:00 PM	Nicholas G. Williams
January 8	9:00 AM	Diane DeSantis
	11:00 AM	Edward Dugan
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



Eternal rest grant unto him...

Please remember in your prayers Joseph R. Zito. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Election of Parish Trustees

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the annual election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John Church.

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines for submission of information. Please submit all bulletin items to the Parish Office as noted below. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

January 8 bulletin: (already gone to printer)



January 1 – 7, 2012

Sunday:		New Year's Day
Monday:		Offices closed for New Year's Holiday
Tuesday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building R.C.I.A. Adult Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Conference Room R.C.I.A. Adult Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 R.C.I.A. Children Catechesis – Parish Center Meeting Room 3 R.C.I.A. Children Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 2
Wednesday:	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School R.C.I.A. Team – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
Thursday:	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Christian Formation Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 1 Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
Friday:	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church Open House – Holy Angels School

Our Weekly Offertory

December 24/25, 2011

Parish Collection	\$25752
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow	760
Building & Maintenance	35
Christmas	17753
Total	\$44300

December 24/25/26, 2010

Parish Collection	\$14380
Restoration for Today/Vision for Tomorrow	373
Building & Maintenance	165
Christmas	26595
Total	\$41513

2011 Year End Statements

If you would like a 2011 Church Contribution record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below, and send it to the Parish Office. **Statements will be mailed out at the end of January to those requesting one.**

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Offering Envelope Number: _____

Thank You from Birthright!

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for our parishioners' kind support of the Bottles for Babies during Respect Life Month. St. John-Holy Angels raised \$ 1,069.66. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of serving mothers and their babies!

Raffle Raffle Raffle

Our Hispanic Ministry invites you to participate in a raffle of a hand-painted oil portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, by Columbian Artist Gabriel Escobar. The drawing will take place on Sunday, January 8 in Fremont Hall, after the 1:00 PM Mass.

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. For more information, call Ruben Lara (302) 588-0327, Alicia Cardenas (302) 981-7504 or the Hispanic Ministry Office (302) 731-2436.



New Year's Resolution – Get Involved!

Many people may be considering making New Year's Resolutions. One of your resolutions can be to get more involved in your church's liturgical ministries. Have you ever considered helping out? Why not make it your resolution this year to serve your parish and your faith community in a more active way!

Sign up to be...

- ...an Altar Server (ages 10+)
- ...a Lector (ages 10+, with excellent projection and proclamation/reading skills)
- ...a Cantor/Choir Member (ages 14+)
- ...a Minister of Communion (ages 16+, having made confirmation)

Call Amy at 731-2219 or email apress@holyangels.net for more information or to sign up. Make it your resolution to get more involved this year! Call today!



SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to you and your family! The faculty and staff hope that you have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas vacation.

School resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Our **Christmas Mass** as a school community will be celebrated on Thursday, January 5th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to join us.

Open House for Prospective Parents will take place on Friday, January 6th, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Holy Angels School.



The Sports Box

Need "A" Gear? Contact Angela, angela.hahn@comcast.net.

The **Fabulous Greaseband** is coming back to Holy Angels on March 2. Contact Lynn Wolfe at wolfe.lynn@comcast.net for tickets.

Athletic Association Meeting: Tuesday, January 10
8:00 PM A.A. Building

Upcoming Games

January 7

Varsity Girls C vs. Christ the Teacher, 10 AM at Holy Angels
Varsity Girls Y vs. St. Mary's, 11:15 AM at Holy Angels
JV Girls C vs. I.H.M., 12:30 PM at Holy Angels

January 8

Varsity Y Boys vs. Mt. Aviat, 12 Noon at Holy Angels
Varsity C Boys vs. Nativity Prep, 2:30 PM at Holy Angels
JV 2 Boys vs. Mt. Aviat, 2:45 PM at Christ the Teacher
JV 1 Boys vs. Christ the Teacher, 4 PM at Christ the Teacher

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 is available by calling the Parish Center, 731-2200.



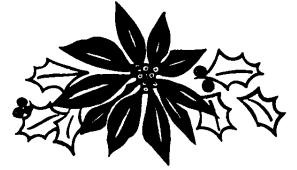
The following radio stations will be contacted if the 8:00 AM Daily Mass or Weekend Masses are canceled. Please check to be sure there are no cancellations before you venture out in adverse weather.

WILM	1450 AM	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.

New Year's Holiday Meeting News

Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group is not meeting on Monday, January 2.



Thank You!

We wish to thank Patti Walters and the many people who assisted her in decorating, cleaning and preparing our two churches for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These talented people give numerous hours of their own time in order to make and keep our worship spaces looking beautiful throughout the year, especially during Advent and Christmas.

Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you! May God continue to bless you and your untiring generosity to our parish!

If you would like to lend a hand to Patti and her "crew", she sure could use your help – especially if you are young and able to climb ladders, reach high places, and don't have a fear of heights. Call 731-2219 to volunteer!

March For Life January 23, 2012 Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend of Life,

It is that time of year again! The March For Life in Washington, D.C. is fast approaching, and Delaware Right to Life has reserved one bus for the event.

The **March for Life** will be held on Monday, January 23. We will depart from the Christiana Mall Bus Depot at 10:00 AM that morning, and return by 8:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person, \$10 per student, and \$50 per family.

Reservations are being taken by Janet Grayson. You may contact her by email at randigrayson@hotmail.com, or phone, (302) 661-1877. Payment should also be sent to Janet Grayson at 603 S. Broom St., Wilmington, DE 19805.

Wilmington March For Life

We realize that not everyone can make the trip to Washington, D.C. on January 23rd. The Wilmington March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 20th, from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM at Rodney Square. Delaware Right to Life will provide the signs for this event. Participants are asked to maintain a peaceful presence during the March. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janet Grayson at randigrayson@hotmail.com, or (302) 661-1877.

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 369-3330, and our members will pray for you. Please let us know when your prayer has been answered, so we too may give thanks.



It's that time of year again...time to start thinking about New Year's Resolutions! For a lot of people, these tend to include cutting back – both in our belts and in our budgets!

"Mason Jar Budgeting" and "Envelope Budgeting" are tools that have been used for years to help control spending habits, by putting allotted spending amounts into labeled jars or envelopes. This is a great way to keep track of things like gas and grocery spending. A modern way to implement budgeting is with **gift cards**.

Instead of using jars or envelopes to budget, use **gift cards** instead. This works especially well for stores where you typically overspend. For some people, that's Home Depot; for others, Macy's! Whatever stores tempt you the most – determine ahead of time how much you can afford to spend each month, buy gift cards for that amount, and once the card is used up, you're done for the month. It's that simple!

Let Holy Angels School help you keep your budget resolutions for 2012. **Gift cards** for various locations are available through the School at (302) 731-2210. More information is also on the school website at [www.holyangelschool.org/Fundraising .htm](http://www.holyangelschool.org/Fundraising.htm).

"Water Is Life"
January 15 3:00 PM
St. Margaret of Scotland Social Hall
Route 40 & Frazer Road, Glasgow

Delaware native Joyce Tannian will discuss her work in bringing life-giving water to the people of rural Kenya. Find out what is being done to meet this most basic of human needs, and what you can do to help.

Make the Decision to Give the Gift of Life!

One person can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. More than 103,000 Americans are waiting for life-saving organ transplants. Tragically, 18 people die each day because the organs they need are not available. Register to be an organ and tissue donor online today, or when you renew your driver's license, and tell your family about your decision. To register or get more information online, go to www.donors1.org. You may also call The Gift of Life Donor Program, our region's organ and tissue donor program, at 800-DONORS-1.

Hall Rental

Our two social halls have been renovated and are available for rental. **Fremont Hall** is available for large social functions, and the smaller **Athletic Building** is perfect for smaller groups (75 people or less). To see our facilities, or find out more about our rental packages, please contact Elaine, 731-2431.

"Catholicism" – A Journey to the Heart of the Faith... at St. John The Beloved Parish 907 Milltown Road

It's been referred to as "catechesis for the 21st century". What is it? It's the new media series entitled "Catholicism", the highly acclaimed presentation seen on the TODAY Show, PBS, EWTN, and which premiered in major U.S. media outlets.

Through 10 episodes the view will travel from Rome to Jerusalem to Calcutta, to the US, and to many of Europe's cathedrals. The journey is accompanied by breathtaking Catholic art and music through which the deepest truths of the faith come alive.

All are welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish to view this magnificent presentation. It will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, beginning January 12 and ending March 15. It is a journey that will fill you to the brim, yet leave you hungering for more. To register, call (302) 999-0211 or email sjbrecep907@yahoo.com.

Save Your Zingo Grocery Store Receipts!

Please send your Zingo cash register receipts to the Parish Office via the offertory or the mail. Our Sodality members use these to procure monies for the Parish. Thank you!

Do You Shop at Amazon.com or Staples?

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) 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.

STAPLES You can help our parish save money! When you make a purchase at Staples Office Supply Store, please give the cashier the Parish telephone 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.

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

Asistente: María del Pilar Carazo (302) 731-2436

Horario de Oficina: Lunes, Martes, Jueves viernes: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Miércoles: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Noticias y fechas importantes

Próximas clases de biblias los miércoles, en la oficina parroquial. Hasta enero 2012

Estamos vendiendo dos refrigeradoras, un frízer, para restaurante o negocio. También tenemos una lavadora, todos en buen estado. Para más información llamar a la oficina.

En los meses de Diciembre y Enero, no habrá charlas para bautizos.

Si usted desea participar en algún ministerio de nuestra parroquia, por favor llamar a la oficina.

Las charlas de quinceañeras, comenzaran en el mes de enero, si usted tiene una hija que va a cumplir los 15 años, por favor vaya a la oficina para más información y llenar la forma de registración.

FELIZ AÑO NUEVO TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.

*Que Dios les bendiga. Son los deseos de:
Rev. Arturo Fiore (Párroco)
Rev. Alan Reyna
Rev. Gregory Lee
Pilar Carazo: (Asistente Ministerio Hispano)
y todo el personal de Santos Ángeles.*

Fechas para bautizos, solamente los sábados

Enero 2012: Sábados 7 y 21 / 11:30 AM

Febrero: Sábado 4 /11:30 AM

Para anotar intenciones de misas para difuntos, por favor ir a la oficina a anotarlos con anticipación de lunes a jueves.

Presentaciones, quinceañeras, bodas. Llegar a la oficina para llenar las formas y obtener más información.

El miércoles está abierta la oficina para atender en español de 1:00 PM hasta la 7:00 de la noche.

Tenemos disponible el calendario de la lotería que se jugara por los meses de enero, febrero y marzo, todos los días. \$20.00 cada calendario. Participa, gana y colabora con tu parroquia.

Estamos rifando una imagen de nuestra madre, la virgen de Guadalupe muy preciosa pintada al oleo a \$10.00 el boleto.

Los requisitos para ser padrinos de bautizos son los siguientes: Los padrinos si son parejas deben estar casados por la iglesia, presentar certificado de matrimonio, recibir las charlas pre-bautismales los padres y padrinos, certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Llenar la forma en la oficina.

La oficina estará cerrada desde diciembre: 22 a partir de las 10:30 AM. Hasta Enero 03, 2012.

ACTIVIDADES EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

- Lunes: 7:00 PM Rosario en las casas con Cecilia Olano /Javier Valadez
- Miércoles: 7:00 PM Circulo Bíblico con el Padre Alan Reyna
- Jueves: 7:00 PM Grupo de Jóvenes en la oficina parroquial
Coordinadores: Freddy Aparicio y Marilú Aparicio
- Viernes: 7:00 PM Círculo de Oración con Javier Lomelí, coordinador.