

From the Pastor.....

The Advent of the Revised Roman Missal – 2011

The Season of Advent initiates the Church's liturgical year. "Advent represents for the Christian an exodus from the world of sin and death to that of life and love." (Pope Benedict XVI). The Church's liturgical year gives us a glimpse of the way God's time breaks into our time. It is the way we Christians add a religious or spiritual dimension to the natural seasons, months, weeks and days.

Advent takes us in two directions. In the first we are pointed toward the Second Coming of Christ, the return of Christ in glory as Lord of heaven and earth. The second direction of Advent points us to the great mystery of the Incarnation – the Nativity of the Lord – the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. (December 25)

The liturgical life of the Church revolves around the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist. Each sacrament celebrates the grace of God that calls us to conversion and makes Jesus Christ ever-present in us and among us. At each celebration of Mass we proclaim "*The Mystery of Faith*." That *Mystery* is Jesus accomplishing our salvation through his sacrificial death on the cross. That *Mystery* is the center of our Roman Catholic faith and the reason we gather together to celebrate Word and Sacrament.

We have a serious responsibility to celebrate these sacraments well, with the full, conscious and active participation of the worshipping Assembly. The revised prayers of the Roman Missal will have us "pause" and have us "wonder" about these words that come from our scriptural and traditional expressions of faith. This Advent will be an opportunity to renew the grace that God has bestowed on us in Christ.

Besides the Roman Missal, there are some other revisions taking place at this time:

- **Candlesticks** at Holy Angels have been designed for easier processional use and will be placed around the altar of celebration and lit for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to create a more festive and solemn atmosphere and draw attention to the altar of celebration. "For the celebration of Mass it is required that 'on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles; at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation.'" (GIRM #117)
- **Holy Family Shrine** will be initiated at Holy Angels. The Holy Family of Nazareth can be a model for every Christian family and the true model for every Christian home. Parents are the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. They have an irreplaceable task in the formation of their children in accord with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This shrine will be a reminder and inspiration to live in relationship to the Gospel. "In keeping with the Church's very ancient tradition, images of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints may be displayed in sacred buildings for veneration by the faithful..." (GIRM #318)
- **Ambo** replaced for St. John Church to accommodate the Lectionary and Book of the Gospels as well as a higher book rest for proclamation of the Word. Now these books will be accommodated in the Ambo and the higher, larger bookstand will provide the needed space for the larger Lectionary and Book of the Gospels as well as provide better proclamation space for the lectors.
- **Placement of Reconciliation Chapels/Rooms** at both St. John and Holy Angels for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. The Church provides norms governing the place of sacramental confessions: "Provision must be made in each church for a sufficient number of places for sacramental confessions which are clearly visible, truly accessible, and which provide a fixed grille between the penitent and the confessor. Provision should also be made for penitents who wish to confess face-to-face." (Canon 964)
- **Placement of Tabernacle** at St. John Church. "The tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved should be placed in a part of the church that is prominent, conspicuous, beautifully decorated and suitable for prayer." (Canon 938). The tabernacle is to be situated "in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor." The dignity, placing and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. (CCC 1183)

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.

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10;	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Romans 10:9-18;	Matthew 4:18-22
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6;	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24;	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8	
Sunday:	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; II Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

November 27	8:00 AM	Helene Gantz
	10:00 AM	Lester Smith
November 28	8:00 AM	Lucille Silva
November 29	8:00 AM	Gail Stewart
November 30	8:00 AM	Mattie McLaughlin
December 1	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 2	8:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
December 3	8:00 AM	Helene Gantz
December 4	8:00 AM	Helene Gantz
	10:00 AM	John & Helen Cheddar

Holy Angels Church

November 26	5:00 PM	Richard Martratt
November 27	9:00 AM	Theresa L. Fagan
	11:00 AM	John Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 3	7:00 PM	Constance Flynn
December 4	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Rago
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Day Mass Schedule

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

Holy Angels Church

6:30 PM	December 7
10:00 AM	December 8 (School Mass)
7:00 PM	December 8

St. John Church

8:00 AM	December 8
12:05 PM	December 8

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 November 27th and December 4th at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels Church; and on December 11th and 18th at 6:30 PM at St. John 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!

Calendar Lottery

Fundraiser Winter 2012

\$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, 2012.
- Calendars may **not** be purchased in the name of a minor.
- Calendar purchases are **non-refundable**.
- Not every one 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
- Winners will be notified and prizes 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 fundraiser, contact emontoro@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.



November 27 – December 3, 2011

Table with columns for Day (Sunday-Saturday) and Time/Event details. Includes events like Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast, Religious Education, and various church services.

Youth News

- Dec. 3: Service Day (TBD)
Dec. 6: Movie Night Fremont Hall (ELF)
Dec. 20: Christmas Carolling at our local nursing homes (details to follow)

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.



Order deadline is Monday, December 12th. Please place the form below in your flower envelope with your donation, and return it to the Parish Center.

In Memory Of _____

From _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Which Church (circle one): St. John's Holy Angels'

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed \$30 enclosed

Wish Tree

Remember that Wish Tree Gifts are due back December 4th. We will also accept any items that you or your children have at home that are new and no longer needed.

For more information about the Wish Tree, contact Diane Fisher, jdfish2@comcast.net or (302) 737-6864.

The Sports Box section containing information about Athletic Association Meeting, Basketball, Need 'A' Gear for Christmas?, and Beef & Beer.



SCHOOL NEWS

Week of November 28th

Monday, Nov. 28: Open House for Prospective Parents
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 30: End of Trimester II

Thursday, Dec. 1: Students will attend Eucharistic
Adoration in Holy Angels Church

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.

Religious Christmas Card Sale

Holy Angels Council, Knights of Columbus, will be having their annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Card Sale after all Masses, beginning November 26 through December 11. Proceeds benefit various Parish Ministries and our needy parishioners.

Christmas Turkeys Needed

Val's 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 10/11. Vehicles will be parked at both churches to receive your turkeys as you arrive at Mass.

Please fill out the "Turkey Pledge Slip" below and return it in the collection basket when you come to Mass next weekend. This will give us an idea of how many turkeys to expect, so we can plan for vehicles to pick up the turkeys on December 10/11. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

If you have any questions, please call Val Nardo, 994-1453.

Pledge a Turkey!

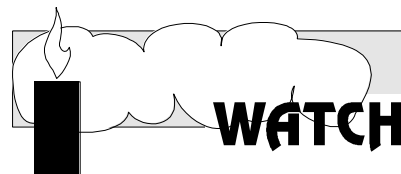
Val's Needy Family Fund for Christmas 2011

I will drop off a turkey when I arrive for Mass on
Saturday, December 10 or Sunday, December 11.



Name _____

Phone _____



The Roman Missal Has Arrived

We have begun to use the revised texts of the *Roman Missal*. The revisions in the Mass texts present a wonderful opportunity to further explore the riches of our liturgy. To help you to understand the reasons for the changes, we are providing a booklet that explains what's happening. The booklet, Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, Second Edition, was written by Rev. Paul Turner. They are available at the entrance of the church. As you read this booklet, you will quickly see that the essence of the Mass has not changed; only the words will be different. We still offer ourselves to God in bread and wine, which God transforms into the Body and Blood of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ continues to nurture us as he did his first disciples.



Advent Worship Aids/Pew Cards

Again this year we are providing Advent Worship booklets to assist you in participation at our liturgies during this holy season. This year the booklets feature the revised texts of the Mass. We ask that you please take them as you enter church and please return them when you leave the church so others may participate. Please share when possible. Pew Cards with the revised texts will appear at the entrances of the church after the Christmas Season.

The Book of the Gospels

Since the time of St. Gregory the Great (590 AD), formal liturgical books containing readings from Sacred Scripture have been common in the Church. Today every effort is made to assure that the Scriptures are bound in books that are "worthy, dignified and beautiful" (*Lectionary for Mass*, no. 35). The *Book of the Gospels* is a sign of Christ's presence in the liturgy; it is revered with the same holy kiss given to the Altar. For this reason, it is desirable "cathedrals and... more populous parishes and the churches with a larger attendance possess a beautifully designed *Book of the Gospels*, separate from any other book of readings" (*Lectionary*, no. 36).

Both of our copies of the *Book of the Gospels* have been read to us time and time again that they are beginning to fray. Such an important book should be beautiful, and treated with dignity and reverence and made of high quality materials for the teachings it contains.

We would like to replace our copies of the *Book of the Gospels* at both churches. One copy is \$200; for a total of \$400 between both churches. If you would like to make a partial or whole donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please send your donation to the Parish Office to the attention of Stephen Adams, Director of Liturgy & Music. A nameplate bearing the name of the donor will be placed on the inside front cover bearing the name of the donor(s) and the names that are to be remembered.

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

Charla pre-matrimonial llamar al diácono Joe Pérez para más información al # 302-981-2019.

El jueves 1 de Diciembre tendremos Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento, desde las 9:00 AM, hasta las 8:00 PM. Cerrando todo el día de adoración con la bendición. Todos están invitados a acompañar al Señor este día de oración.

Próximas clases de biblias los miércoles, en la oficina parroquial. Noviembre 23, 30 a las 7:00 PM. Con el padre Alan.

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.

Estamos necesitando personas que deseen participar en la dramatización de la virgen de Guadalupe, hablar con Rubén o Francisco en la salida de la iglesia.

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.

Fechas para bautizos, solamente los sábados

Diciembre: 3

Enero 2012: 7, 21

Febrero: 4

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.

En los 2 meses siguientes tendremos diferentes actividades. Anótelas en su calendario.

Diciembre: 3-10. Novena de la virgen de Guadalupe.

Diciembre: 11 Las Mañanitas Guadalupanas. 7:00 PM.

Diciembre: 12 celebración de nuestra señora de Guadalupe 6:00 PM.

La antorcha Guadalupana llegará a la iglesia San Pablo en Wilmington, el día 6 de diciembre a las 5:00 PM. El rosario será a las 5:30 PM y la misa a las 7:00 de la noche. Si deseas más información comunícate con Miriam Domínguez al 302-298-6314

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

Estaremos rifando una imagen de nuestra madre, la virgen de Guadalupe muy preciosa pintada al óleo a \$10.00 el boleto. Muy pronto estará en exhibición. Tú puedes ser el ganador de esta preciosa imagen.

ACTIVIDADES EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

- **Lunes: 7:00 PM** Rosario en las casas con Cecilia Olano /Javier Valàdez
- **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.