

## 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.

### 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.

### Preview of This Week's Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 4:2-6;	Matthew 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Romans 10:9-18;	Matthew 4:18-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10a4;	Matthew 15:29-37
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 26:1-6;	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 29:17-24;	Matthew 9:27-31
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;	Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday:</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10;	Romans 15:4-9;
		Matthew 3:1-1224:37-44



### Advent Retreat Day

Give yourself the gift of taking time to pray and reflect on "Advent – Waiting in Joyful Hope". Join us at Holy Angels on Tuesday, December 7, from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM for this parish retreat facilitated by Mary Consiglio. Please bring your Bible and your lunch. There will be time for prayer, scripture, reflection, discussion and silence. Our time together will conclude with Mass at 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please register by phoning Mary at 453-9613.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. John The Baptist Church. Vespers will be celebrated on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Angels Church at 6:30 PM. **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!

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### St. John Church

November 28	8:00 AM	Helen & John Cheddar
	10:00 AM	Gail C. Stewart
November 29	8:00 AM	Mary Crimian
November 30	8:00 AM	Stella, Bernard & Ronald Concavage
December 1	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 2	8:00 AM	Frances Cooper
December 3	8:00 AM	Thomas Concavage
December 4	8:00 AM	Sevearn J. Struyk
December 5	8:00 AM	Pauline Swann
	10:00 AM	Richard Taylor

#### Holy Angels Church

November 27	5:00 PM	Constance Flynn
November 28	9:00 AM	John Rago
	11:00 AM	Waldo & Minerva Fox
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
December 4	5:00 PM	Raymond Civatte
December 5	9:00 AM	Sodality Members, Living & Deceased
	11:00 AM	Jake Gleber
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias



**November 28 – December 4, 2010**

<b>Sunday:</b>	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – St. John Church
<b>Monday:</b>	7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:00 PM	RCIA Catechesis – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:00 PM	RCIA Children Inquiry – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Santa Visit – Joan Muzzi Athletic Building
	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
<b>Friday:</b>	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration – St. John Church
<b>Saturday:</b>	7:00 AM	Grades 6 – 8 Youth Dance – Holy Angels Gym

**Youth Box**

**True or False?**

..... from **The National Study of Youth and Religion**

The Catholic Church, in comparison to other religious traditions, was equal to or better in most variables measuring religiosity.

**See the answer in next week's bulletin!**



**Would You Like to Dress a Priest?**

Thank you to those who have donated toward providing 5 new vestments for our priests.

We are still in need of 3 more new chasubles for various seasons of the liturgical church year. The cost is about \$440 per vestment. If you would be interested in donating toward the cost of a chasuble, please call the Parish Office, 731-2200.

**Newly Baptized**

**November 20, 2010**

Brianna Lizeth Diaz-Jardon, daughter of Rozario Jardon-Merida and Santos Diaz-Rios.  
 Katherine Luna-Otlica, daughter of Erika Otlica-Urbe and Ignacio Luna-Otlica.  
 Kassy Guadalupe Ramos, daughter of Irma Castañeda and Jose E. Ramos.  
 Adamaris Martinez-Gonzalez and Stephanie Rodriguez-Gonzalez, daughters of Maria Felix Gonzalez and Omar Martinez Cintron.  
 Rachel Sophia Vasquez and Sebastian Vasquez, daughter and son of Jacqueline Gomez and Antonio Vasquez.

**Do You Shop at Amazon.com?**



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](http://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](mailto:apress@holyangels.net).

**Priests' Mass Schedule**

**December 4/5**

<b>St. John Church</b>	<b>Holy Angels Church</b>
8:00 AM Fr. Castelow	5:00 PM Fr. Cook
10:00 AM Fr. Castelow	9:00 AM Fr. Fiore
	11:00 AM Fr. Fiore
	1:00 PM Fr. Reyna

**December 11/12**

<b>St. John Church</b>	<b>Holy Angels Church</b>
8:00 AM Fr. Cook	5:00 PM Fr. Fiore
10:00 AM Fr. Cook	9:00 AM Fr. Castelow
	11:00 AM Fr. Castelow
	1:00 PM Fr. Reyna

**Christmas Mass Preview**

**Christmas Eve**

<b>St. John</b>	<b>Holy Angels</b>
6:00PM	4:00 PM
8:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)
	10:00 PM

**Christmas Day**

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





## SCHOOL NEWS

The **Great Lake Scrip Program** is a great way to shop for the holidays. Gift cards are available for restaurant chains, department stores, grocery stores, and gas stations. Proceeds benefit Holy Angels. Scrip is also available at the School on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:15 PM – 2:45 PM.

### Monday, November 29:

Holy Angels School Open House for prospective parents  
(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

### Tuesday, November 30:

Breakfast with the Principal 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
Fremont Hall (Question/Answer/Information)

### Thursday, December 2:

Advent Morning Prayer 10:00 AM  
Holy Angels Church All are welcome to attend!

### Saturday, December 4:

High School Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## Holy Angels Youth Dances

The first of six Holy Angels Youth Dances will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, in the School Gymnasium from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Admission cost is \$10. All students in Grades 6 – 8 are welcome to attend! Stay tuned for more information on our Youth New Year's Dance, on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. For more information, contact Maryann Eastep, (302) 731-4001 or [maegoirish@aol.com](mailto:maegoirish@aol.com).

## Santa Claus is Coming to Holy Angels

Holy Angels Knights of Columbus will welcome Santa to our Parish on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Athletic Building. Free admission – open to all children! Enjoy snacks and a visit with Santa. Pictures also available.



## The Sports Box

Looking for "A" gear?  
Contact Lyn, [wolfelyn@comcast.net](mailto:wolfelyn@comcast.net).

### Jingle Ball Dance

**December 11, 2010 7 PM – 12 Midnight**  
**Holy Angels Gym**

Raffles, 50/50, Silent Auction  
Tickets are \$30 each - \$50/couple  
Includes buffet dinner, beer, dessert. DJ & tons of fun!

Tickets: Lyn Wolfe [wolfelyn@comcast.net](mailto:wolfelyn@comcast.net)  
Erin Tobin [etobin@cqainc.com](mailto:etobin@cqainc.com)

**Softball, Baseball & Track Coaches Needed for Spring.**  
Send resume to Lyn Wolfe at [wolfelyn@comcast.net](mailto:wolfelyn@comcast.net) if you are interested.

## An Invitation to Advent Reconciliation

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 and St. Thomas More Oratory will join us for an Advent Penance Service at Holy Angels Church, on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM. The liturgy will be bilingual (Spanish/English) and there will be priests available to hear confessions in both Spanish and English. We hope you can join us as we prepare to have Jesus enter into our hearts on Christmas morning.

## Part-Time Cook Needed for St. John Rectory

For more information, please call Father Michael Cook at 731-2200.

## 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 \$25 each. Acknowledgments will appear in the Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> bulletin. **Order deadline is Monday, December 13<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, 731-2200, weekdays.



In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Small or Large (circle one): \$12 enclosed    \$25 enclosed

## Adopt-A-Family Program is in Dire Need of Help!

**There are still 64 families with a total of 141 children that need to be adopted.** Please consider adopting a family as part of your holiday activities. Families have between 2 and 3 children each. Adopting more than one family can be great activity for schools, social organizations and groups of co-workers. Donations of Gift Cards and unused gifts, wrapped or unwrapped, to be used in the Adopt-A-Family program are also welcome. Gifts are due in to the Parish Office by December 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information to donate or adopt a family, please contact Amy at 731-2219, or [apress@holylangels.net](mailto:apress@holylangels.net).



## 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 11/12.



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. Please call Val Nardo, 994-1453, for more information.

### Pledge a Turkey

#### Val's Needy Family Fund for Christmas 2010

I will drop off a turkey when I arrive for Mass on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Wish Tree Update



Please remember that Wish Tree Gifts should be returned to the Parish Office or to either church by December 5.

#### Wish Tree Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Wish Tree gift return at Holy Angels on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Coordinating involves manning the sorting area, logging in gifts and assisting volunteers with sorting and bagging. Help is also needed to store gifts in the sorting area after the 5:00 PM Mass on December 4<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, please call Amy at 731-2219 or [apress@holyangels.net](mailto:apress@holyangels.net).

### St. Margaret of Scotland Christmas Bazaar/Craft Show

2431 Frazer Road, Newark  
Saturday, December 4 8 AM – 5 PM

40+ craft tables, good food, Mr. & Mrs. Santa, raffles – something for everyone. Come join the fun!

### Seventh Grade Achievers' Test

St. Mark's High School is offering a special opportunity for seventh grade students. Students who take the Seventh Grade Achievers' Test are eligible to participate in the Achievers' Gateway Summer Program to earn elective credit at Saint Mark's. Additionally, a \$500 one-time tuition discount at Saint Mark's will be offered to students who have taken the Achievers' Test plus the school's Entrance Test during their eighth grade year. The Achievers Test will be offered on Saturday, December 4 and December 11. There is no charge to take the test and it is open to all seventh grade students. A test application can be downloaded at [www.stmarkshs.net/admissions](http://www.stmarkshs.net/admissions). For more information, please call 302-757-8721.

## **PARISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY** **(Open for Business)**

Over the next year, Finance Council will seek out creative strategies to unleash the financial resources within our parish community. One of these strategies, approved several months ago, is the concept of the Parish Business Community (PBC).

Simply defined, it is a creative strategy to shift parishioner spending to parishioner businesses who will donate a percentage of their incremental business to our parish!

Here is an exciting example. If \$1,000,000 of spending across 2,500 families is shifted to the **PBC**, with an average donation of 10%, that would mean \$100,000 of incremental donations to the parish. If we had access to those funds now, it would make a big difference.

Since we have released our financial report, many people are asking, "How can we help?" Well – there is nothing like starting now and supporting our parish programs. As more companies sign up, please consider shifting your spending and loyalty to those businesses that are committed to our financial success.

#### **ACCOUNTANTS**

Domenic A. Palagruto E.A.  
Elkton, MD 21921

#### ***Accounting, Tax Preparation and Securities.***

(410) 392-8961

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Parish Donation: 10%

#### **BUSINESS CONSULTANT**

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New Castle, DE 19720

#### ***Your business coach & strategic advisor.***

(302) 356-1546

Email: [rich@genesistrategygroup.com](mailto:rich@genesistrategygroup.com)

Website: [www.GenesisStrategyGroup.com](http://www.GenesisStrategyGroup.com)

Parishioner: Rich Savona

Parish Donation: 10%

#### **MUSICAL INSTRUCTION**

Katy's Piano Studio  
Newark, DE 19711

#### ***Teaching students to become independent musicians.***

(302) 689-3146

Email: [katy@newarkpiano.com](mailto:katy@newarkpiano.com)

Website: [www.newarkpiano.com](http://www.newarkpiano.com)

Parish Donation: 10%

#### **PRESCHOOL**

The Learning Patch  
Newark, DE 19711

#### ***Preschool/Child Care (ages 3 & up)***

(302) 368-7208

[info@learningpatchkids.com](mailto:info@learningpatchkids.com)

[www.learningpatchkids.com](http://www.learningpatchkids.com)

Parishioner: Erin and Mark Goldberg

Parish Donation: 5%