



HOLY ANGELS

CATHOLIC PARISH

81 Cooper Street · Woodbury, NJ 08096 · 856-845-0123

Welcome... We're glad you are here!



St. Patrick Church
86 Cooper Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Worship Center
96 Green Avenue
Woodbury, NJ 08096

St. Matthew Church
4th & Monument Avenue
National Park, NJ 08063

Ministry Center
8 Green Avenue
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Holy Angels Catholic School
211 Cooper Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Family Faith Formation Office
81 Cooper Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † September 5, 2021 †

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church
4:00PM—St. Patrick Church
5:30PM—St. Matthew Church

Sunday: 7:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM—St. Patrick Church
8:30AM—St. Matthew Church
6:00PM—St. Patrick Church

10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.HOLYANGELSNJ.ORG

Monday—Friday: *6:45AM & 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church
*(NO 6:45AM MASS ON CIVIC HOLIDAYS)

Holy Day Vigil and Holy Day: 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

Holy Day: 6:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM—St. Patrick Church

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Monday: 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday: 5:00PM—St. Patrick Church
6:30PM—St. Matthew Church

CONFESSIONS

Monday—Friday: 9:30AM—St. Patrick Church
Saturday: 3:00PM—St. Patrick Church
4:30PM—St. Matthew Church

COMMUNION CALLS

For sick or homebound, please call the parish office.



BACK TO SCHOOL

As we gear up for another academic year, before anything else, I want to wish the best and all God's blessings to all our Holy Angels Parish students and educators in whatever grammar school, high school, or university you are attending or working. I am praying for all of you that you may have a successful and good school year! I am also praying that it will be less stressful and crazy as last year! As you know, from a Catholic perspective, the goal of education is to enable children to learn and develop - intellectually, physically, emotionally, and most of all spiritually - so that they can reach their full God-given human potential to contribute to the common good of society and to deepen their relationship with the Lord, leading to eternal salvation.

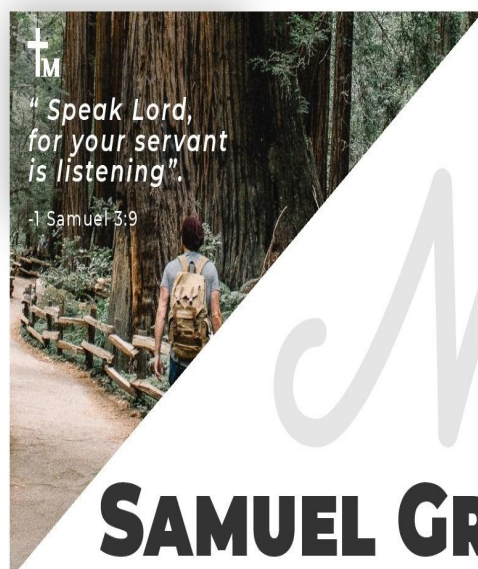
I was in Catholic education as a high school teacher at Paul VI High School for six years and I have learned that education plays a critical role in the development of young people. I urge parents to show constant vigilance upon what is going on at the school(s) where their children are present, whether a Catholic school or not. Please talk to your children every day and find out what their teachers are saying in class. Be prepared to offer a response to them when you find that they are "learning" things that go against our faith, as well as affirming the good and true things that they are taught. This is especially important in our current cultural environment where there are many things in the state mandated curriculum for public schools that are contrary to the Gospel and harmful to our children.

Being intimately involved in the education of your children is not just the duty of parents, but also a great opportunity to bring the light of Christ and his love to them. Don't forget - the earlier the involvement starts and more constant it is, the less likely that it will seem intrusive to the children. Also don't forget to attend every possible event in which your children participate. They may not mention it, but you can be sure that your presence means very much to them.

Now, to you wonderful students. You may not know this, but to be honest, I never liked school very much. I was so looking forward to the end of college, thinking that I would never have to go to school again. Well, then I went into the seminary. So, after six years of seminary and two of further studies (that's eight years of school after college!), I didn't seem to get my wish. But along the way, I did learn a lot. One thing I learned along the way that as much as I disliked doing homework and studying, it's really important. I know now, from my own experience and from working with high school students, it's actually much easier to work a little bit all the time and not get behind, than to let things go and then have periods of crazy activity just to throw a bunch of stuff together just to get something in on time. You end up with better grades with less stress. It's a tough lesson to learn but it works. Try it. Have a great year!

God Bless you,
Father Joseph Byerley





"Speak Lord,
for your servant
is listening".

-1 Samuel 3:9

SAMUEL GROUP

Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program to go deeper in your prayer life and receive information on discerning God's voice in your life.

Ages 18-39

1:30PM—5:30PM

Sep. 12 | Oct. 10 | Nov. 7 | Dec. 5 | Jan. 9 (optional)

Feb. 6 | Mar. 6 | May 1

St Anthony Of Padua Church

285 Route 206

Hammonton, NJ

Obligations

- ~ Interview with Sr. Ann Kateri over the phone
- ~ Full participation and attendance at all meetings
- ~ Have a Spiritual Director (we can help you find one)

Contact

Sr. Ann Kateri 609-343-1545

To learn more and register, go to
www.franciscansisterscr.com/st-michael

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Oneself,
Jesus,
and Your Role
in the Church
and World



SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

St. Therese, also known as the "Little Flower," is known for her spirituality called the "Little Way." Her feast day is October 1st.

Julie Rutherford, who co-hosts our parish Grief Support Ministry, will do a presentation on the Spirituality of St. Therese on Thursday, **September 30th** in the Ministry Center, first floor back room, from **1:00 to 2:30PM**. All are invited. There is no fee.



FALL SCRIPTURE SESSION

This Fall's Scripture reflection will be
Chapters 5 to 7
in the Gospel of Matthew,
Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus' call to discipleship in the Sermon on the Mount is too often dismissed as special instructions for the most exceptional Christians. In this study we are challenged to hear the sermon once again as Christ intended it, as our call to follow him. The Sermon on the Mount is a message for each of us, a challenge that is our constant call to renewal.

The four-session reflection will begin on **Thursday, September 30th** and continue for four Thursdays from **7:00 to 8:30PM**. All sessions will be held in the Worship Center upstairs classroom.

To register, call Jean or Jerry Washko at 856-845-6944. **Please register by September 19th**. Cost for materials from the Diocese of Little Rock Scripture Program is \$20, but lack of funds should not prevent attendance.



ST. JOSEPH REFLECTION

We are currently in the year dedicated to St. Joseph. Judy Principe, of the Spiritual Life Ministry, is moderating a book/reflection on St. Joseph. The book is entitled St. Joseph, Tender Father. **Reading and discussion will be ZOOM ONLY format.**

The program will begin September 14th and continue for six weeks at 7:00PM. (Books can be obtained through Amazon.com, Catholic Book Publishing Corp., The Catholic Company, Word Among us.)

If interested, call Judy at 856-845-7507.

Judy will also consider a daytime Zoom meeting for those interested but you will need to call her to express your interest.

HOLY ANGELS GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

For any and all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how recent or how long ago. Please consider this invitation for yourself or extend this invitation to another who is suffering loss. **Newcomers are welcome.**



EACH WEDNESDAY
September 15th thru October 27th
1:00PM – 2:30PM

—MINISTRY CENTER CLASSROOM—

For more information or to register for the afternoon program contact: Julie Rutherford – 856-845-1846
Tasha Amendt – 856-848-3942

EACH THURSDAY
September 16th thru October 28th
7:00PM – 8:30PM

—MINISTRY CENTER CLASSROOM—

For more information or to register for the evening program contact: Lorraine Woodring – 856-534-9095
or: Lwoodring@yahoo.com





SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

9:00AM—3:00PM

thru September 6

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS
CLOSED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

WELCOME TO HOLY ANGELS PARISH!



*We are blessed to have you share in this
Eucharist Celebration. You are invited to
become part of our parish family and become
fully involved in our life of prayer, education,
service and community.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM for new and expectant parents held on the 1st Sunday of the month, at 11:30AM in the Worship Center. It is mandatory for both parents. Parents, please call the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to register for class and to schedule a Baptism.—856-845-0123 ext. 103

BAPTISMS are held each Sunday in St. Patrick Church following the 11:30AM Mass. When choosing your Godparents, please keep in mind that according to Canon Law, both Godparents must be Christian, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

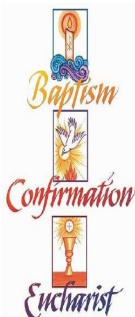
***If you have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, please call the office to set up a short meeting with one of our priests to obtain your Letter of Eligibility/Sponsorship Letter.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Deadline for receiving information is Monday by noon. Email: mail@holyangelsnj.org

FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE If you are interested in having the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of your loved one, or if you would like to purchase flowers for the Altar in his/her memory, please contact the Parish Office at 856-845-0123 ext. 5106. Arrangements should be made in advance to make sure that the week is available.

MARRIAGES Must be arranged at least 1 year in advance. Engaged couples should reserve the Church prior to scheduling the reception. Please call the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays to register: 856-845-0123 ext. 5106.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church. Persons who complete the program receive the sacraments of Baptism (if not yet baptized), First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

RCIA begins after each Easter season with a rolling open enrollment and continues to the following Easter season. The program is also available for Catholics who have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Deacon Vince at dvladini@outlook.com or 609-932-6170.



MASKS

At Mass and in all parish offices, if you have been completely vaccinated, masks are not required.

You are encouraged to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated.



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6
IN
OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY**



GATHERING OF WOMEN

Enjoy fellowship and sharing with women of the parish!

Every other Wednesday at 12:30PM

**JOIN US: SEPTEMBER 8th
REDBANK BATTLEFIELD**

**BY THE PAVILION
BYOL & B!**

(BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & BEVERAGE)

For more information, contact
Phyllis Misilewich at 856-251-9086



HOLY ANGELS ART CLUB

We're back for another colorful year!

Beginning Monday, September 13

**Classes are held each Monday at 10AM
and 6:30PM in The Ministry Center.**

**For more information, Please contact
Jerry O'Donnell: 856-534-0063**



HOLY ANGELS CHOIR IS BACK!

Please join us for a **Meet and Greet** on **Sunday, October 3rd, 1:00PM** in the Worship Center. We'll meet, talk, and make some music!

St. Augustine once said that "He who sings prays twice." If you love to sing along to hymns at Mass, or to the radio when no one's watching, come on out! Come to meet people with similar interests, to make music with your fellow parishioners, or just to get more information. You don't have to have any previous experience or know how to read music to join - just bring yourself and your love for music. I hope to see you there!

All the best,
Beth Pirolli



P.S. - If you are thinking of coming to the **Meet and Greet**, please send an email to **bpirolli@holyangelsnj.org**. This is not a commitment to join; I would just like to know how many people to plan for.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

† MASS INTENTIONS †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00AM-STP PURGATORIAL INTENTIONS

Tom Killeen, Leonard Piontkowski, Louis and Margaret Morrison, Madeline Kraczyk, Shirley Monaco, Eugene Gould, Anna Taylor, Pearl Gould, Deceased members of the Gould and Lawson Family, Eileen and Arthur Allen, Frank and Gloria Galligan, Carmine and Mary Penza, Paul LaBarca, Joseph W. Wilson, Timothy McNasby, Rev. Kenneth Johnston, Joan L. Labbree, Patrick McCrea, Deceased members of the Daily Family, Deceased members of the Honrychs Family, Deceased members of the Ambrose and Magee Families, James Curtin, Joseph S. Moloznik, Eileen Operacz, Mrs. Ferdinand Mouchahwar, Thomas Ramsey, Patricia Portanova, Dr. John A. Kakaty, Caterina Lomanno, Deacon Paul Parchinski, Leo and Jean Parchinski, Joseph and Concetta North, Frank and Pauline Parchinski, Herbert and Mary Lodge, Anna and Jason Lodge

4:00PM-STP Intentions of Robert and Elizabeth Purden in Celebration of 50th Anniversary r/b Family
5:30PM-STM James W. Curran r/b wife, Marie

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30AM-STP Deceased d members of the Ertl Family
r/b Loretta Stubits

8:30AM-STM Daniel Tinney, wife Krista

10:00AM-STP MULTIPLE INTENTIONS

Christie Lee Yula r/b Wanda and Ken McIlvaine
Jennifer Ryan Bubnis r/b Annette Liquori
Mario Flamini r/b Jim and Janice Lopez
Ronald Svitak r/b wife, Sandy
11:30AM-STP Jim Rutherford r/b wife, Julia
6:00PM-STP Chris Brenner r/b Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

No 6:45AM MASS

9:00AM-STP Fr. Alfred Onyutha r/b Sharon Ambrose

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:45AM-STP

9:00AM-STP Edward Mayr r/b Maureen and Peter Killilea

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:45AM-STP Robert and Evelyn Sarlo r/b Family

9:00AM-STP Walter Green r/b Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:45AM-STP People of the Parish

9:00AM-STP Caterina Lomanno r/b Kathi, Roe and Kristin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:45AM-STP

9:00AM-STP William Kelly, Jr. r/b Joan Magee

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00AM-STP Francis A. Giovinazzo

r/b The Lostracco Family

4:00PM-STP Philomena Reitmann r/b Family

5:30PM-STM Edward Verbit r/b Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30AM-STP Mary Theresa Andaloro

r/b Diane Brenner and Family

8:30AM-STM Daniel Tinney r/b wife, Krista

10:00AM-STP Joe Avallone r/b The Smith Family

11:30AM-STP Ellen O'Laughlin r/b The Dolan Family

6:00PM-STP Gianna Marie Palladino

r/b Scott and Sue Jones and Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:45PM Baptisms—St. Patrick Church

5:00PM **B I N G O**—American Legion Hall, Brooklawn

DOORS OPEN AT 3PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Holy Angels 1st Day of School!

9:00AM Pray the Rosary—St. Matthew Church

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

7:00PM Men's Bible Study—St. Patrick Church Basement

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3:00PM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

4:30PM Confessions—St. Matthew Church

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

There are a number of
Mass intentions still available
before next year's book can be opened.
Please call the office if you would like to
schedule an intention for 2021.



He's always waiting for you with great expectation!

Looking for some serenity?

Need some peace?

How about some down time

to just think, or just be?

Try an hour with Jesus....

every Monday at 7:00PM

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
in St. Patrick Church.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Patrick Church

in loving memory of

Fr. Alfred Onyutha

requested by
The Seigel Family



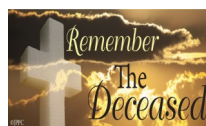
MAIN ALTAR FLOWERS

Saint Patrick Church

in loving memory of

Robert Moreland

donated by
Irene Moreland



*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and
their families for the selfless acts they perform in
our time of need." We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen*

DIAPER DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus appreciate your continued generosity and ask to please keep the diapers coming! Thank you!



PARISH MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Are you registered at Holy Angels Parish? Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Are you receiving envelopes or wish to sign up for electronic giving?

Please call the Parish office about changes: **856-845-0123**.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in the vestibules of Church, or can be downloaded from our website: **www.holyangelsnj.org**.

Parish Giving

EGIVING...Sharing your weekly offerings with Holy Angels has never been easier! *Electronic Giving* has been available for a number of years and is successfully being used by many parishioners. To find the link to Parish Giving, go to our Parish website: **www.holyangelsnj.org**, and sign up on the secure website, then manage your account anytime at **www.parishgiving.org**.

Once signed-up, you can use your checking account or credit card to set up customized recurring donations based on the amount and timing of giving that best suits your needs.

Thank You for your active participation in Holy Angels Parish!

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" - James 2:5

What is more important to a **Steward** – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:



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cell: 267-549-7210; or email: wassmer@jppc.net

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FACES OF HOPE



2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Gifts to-date: \$122,475

Our Goal: \$155,500 % of Goal: 78.8%

A big thank you to those parishioners who responded to the reminder mailing by the Diocesan Appeals Office. As a result of your generosity and sacrifice we are approaching 79% of our goal.

And for those households who have not yet contributed this year, please join with your fellow parishioners in this very worthwhile effort. Please consider a sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in our parish and in our Diocese.

**Thank You!
YOUR GIFT MATTERS**

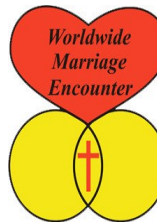


SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

If you would like to join or know more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate of Prayer for Priests,

please contact Brenda Quinn
856-534-0400 or olvbquinn@aol.com

**Prayer to
Saint Michael the Archangel**
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our defense
against the wickedness and snares of the
Devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are

October 8-10 and December 3-5, 2021.

For more information, call 609-741-8012 or
email: applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

81 COOPER ST. • WOODBURY

856-845-6826

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM-1:00PM

REGISTRATION LETTERS

Registration letters for 2021-2022 were sent home. Please read the packet and complete all forms enclosed. Make sure all pre-printed information is correct and please designate the session your child(ren) will be attending. **Return to the Office of Family Faith Formation as soon as possible.**

If you have not received the registration letter, please contact the Family Faith Office at **856-845-6826**.

Parents/Guardians if you have children entering grades 1,2,7, or 8, who attend Catholic School and haven't received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact the Parish Family Faith Formation Office. Sacraments are received in the parish where family is registered NOT the Catholic School where the children attend.

VOLUNTEERS

Catechists are needed for Grades 1 and 4. Classes are held on Sunday morning at Holy Angels Catholic School from 10:30-11:45. If you enjoy being with and teaching children this is a perfect opportunity to share the faith with our children. In the words of Pope Francis: "catechists are the keepers of the memory of God."

Catechist aides are also needed. This is a perfect opportunity for high school students in search of service hours.

Contact the Family Faith Office at 856-845-6826.



PB&J FOR *Joseph's* HOUSE

Since April, five months ago, parishioners have continued to provide on average **359 sandwiches a month** to the overnight residents of Joseph House in Camden.

(Consumption is about 100 per day.) Thank You to all who continue to provide for the hungry among us. We remember Jesus' words in Matthew, "if you give bread to a hungry person, you give it to me".

If anyone would like to join the PB&J Club, just buy a loaf of bread, a jar of grape jam (it spreads easier than jelly) and peanut butter and make as many as you hearts and sticky fingers can handle. Make it a family project. (On average, a loaf of bread gives approximately 11 sandwiches.)

Then, call Jean/Jerry Washko at 856-845-6944 and we can pick them up from your home or you can drop them off at our home: 439 E. Barber Ave, Woodbury. Thank you so very much!

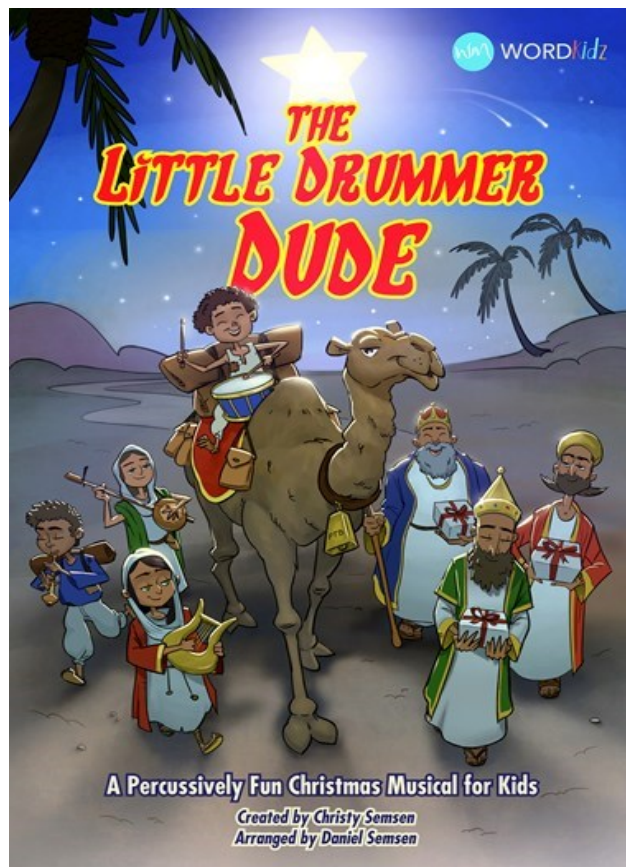
Anne Connor
Jerry & Jean Washko
Life and Justice Ministry

Let's Connect



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HOLY ANGELS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS:



**COME ONE, COME ALL AND TAP YOUR TOES
TO THE TRAVELING PERSIAN BAND
AS THEY TELL THE STORY ABOUT
THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY'S
PERFORMANCE AT THE BIRTH OF JESUS!**

Practice starts:

Sunday September 12th

1: 00-2:00pm in Holy Angels School

Registration:

\$25 per child / \$40 for Family of 2 or more

Any questions, please contact:

Jennifer Liberto

HAPAProgram@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook:

Holy Angels Performing Arts

**CDC / DIOCESAN
GUIDELINES IN PLACE**

MASKS REQUIRED!

**God Bless All
Students & the Staff**

• **BACK**  
SCHOOL
BLESSING

SEPTEMBER 7—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Register today we
have a few more
seats** 



Holy Angels
PRESCHOOL

Holy Angels



Join us on

Sunday Nights

**Doors Open at 3pm Games
Begin at 5pm**

**Brooklawn American
Legion 11 RR Lane**

Three 50/50s

Progressive

House Jackpot

\$1000

609-828-2709



HOLY ANGELS

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Holy Angels Catholic School
Enroll now for the 2021-2022 school year.


**We offer small class sizes and
a strong academic and spiritual education.**

Visit our website at:

www.holyangelswoodbury.org

or contact the school: **856-848-6826**

The small school, with a big heart!

Thank You to all of our families and
parishioners who support us throughout
the year! We could not do it alone! 



Please use our link when making your purchases
on Amazon—our School receives a percentage
back! The link shows up as Holy Angels Parish!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2392839>

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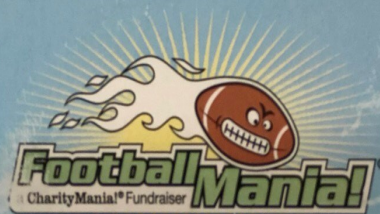
**Holy Angels Catholic School
Fundraiser**

211 Cooper St

Woodbury NJ 08096

marketing@holyangelswoodbury.org

www.charitymania.com



9/7 TILL 10/15

SEPTEMBER 5 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindiction; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Reading II: James 2: 1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

The prophet announces that the age of salvation has arrived. The Southern desert will flower, and physical healing will abound.

Reading II: James 2: 1-5

God's glory should cancel out all taint of partiality in our relationships, such as a person's status or worldly rank. In God's kingdom, both rich and poor are invited to feast heartily.

The Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

After the miraculous healing, Jesus commands the crowd to be silent about it. He wants them to know that He is more than a healer. The crowd's opinion of Jesus echoes words found in the First Reading today from Isaiah, wherein Christ's activity makes the Kingdom of God present.

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



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