



# THE HOLY ANGELS

# TRUMPETER



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*From your Pastor, Rev. Lawrence S. Symolon*

Dear parishioners,

I have finally unpacked all my boxes and am in the process of learning my way around our parish and Meriden. I look forward to getting to know you and all the good people of Holy Angels Parish. As I said my first weekend here, you have been blessed by God in having such a fine pastor as Fr. LaPlante for so many years. I have large shoes to fill. Pray to God that I will be a good pastor for you.

EWTN network shows religious movies every Saturday evening at 8:00 pm. Recently they aired a mini series on the life of St. Teresa of Avila. In one scene, as St. Teresa is taking over as the new superior of a convent, she tells the sisters that Our Blessed Mother is the real superior of the convent. If all the sisters obey Mary, God will be pleased and the sisters will be happy and blessed. I would suggest something similar to you. At my ordination I, and every man who is ordained a priest, was ordained into the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Therefore let us view Jesus as the ultimate pastor of Holy Angels Parish. I am His "stand in," if you will. If you and I strive to be faithful and obedient to Jesus our parish will flourish and we will be blessed. Let us always seek God's will rather than our own. As pastor, I have to make all final decisions regarding the running of our parish. However, the role of parish Trustees, Parish Council, Finance Council, staff and others, is to advise and aid the pastor so that God's will can become more clearly known. God works in various ways and sometimes the pastor doesn't know best, at times God can work and speak through parish councils, etc. If all of us have as an ultimate goal the will of God, we shall do well.

One of my first priorities will be to become involved with our youth in CCD. I hope I will be able to be very present to our children while they

are here for classes. To those of you who are parents with young children, I say please keep your priorities clear – desire to implant a deep faith in the hearts of your children. If they grow up knowing how much God loves them and all the wonderful things God has planned for them if they but cooperate with His grace, that will turn out to be the greatest and most important gift you ever give your children. Please make time for Mass every weekend. Come as a family to Mass. God is so good in giving us the gift of life and time. The least we can do is give back one hour of the week to God. The main reason we should faithfully attend Mass should be the need we feel to honor and worship God as Jesus told us to; "Do this in memory of me." How could I be so selfish as to not make time to worship and honor God by giving Him one hour of my week's time? You know how deeply it hurts when someone fails to acknowledge and thank you for all you do, how much more so God who is always giving and doing for us.

I pray that my time here as pastor of Holy Angels Parish will be a time of new spiritual growth for all of us. May God bless us in His mercy!

In Christ,

*Fr. Symolon*



## **Scholarship Awarded**

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Reverend Alfred R. Merusi Memorial Scholarship. They are (from left to right) Nathan LaBissoniere, Christopher Molinari, Jenette Schiopucie and Christina Ward. They all received a \$1,000 scholarship from funds generously donated by Holy Angels parishioners.



## **Pro-Life Outreach Ministry**

**Mark Your Calendar!** The 11th annual Respect Life Conference hosted by the Holy Angels Pro-Life Outreach Ministry will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Holy Angels Parish Center. The conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will open the conference.

Dr. Marie T. Hilliard, the Director of Bioethics and Public Policy at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, PA, and Father Brian Mullady, O.P., a Dominican priest from Portland, OR, will be our keynote speakers.

Guest speakers will include Judith M. Mascolo, M.D., a practicing Catholic doctor from West Hartford, CT, Bill O'Brien, President of Connecticut Right to Life Corporation, and Leticia Velasquez, a Culture of Life writer and speaker. The Very Reverend Douglas L. Mosey will be the celebrant and homilist at the Respect Life Mass at noon.

There will also be exhibits by pro-life agencies.

Registration is \$15 per person which includes hospitality and lunch. Register today and join us on this wonderful day. More information can be

obtained by calling the parish office at (203) 235-3822 or by visiting our website at [www.holyangelschurch.org](http://www.holyangelschurch.org).

## **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversary are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy.

Family, friends and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception will immediately follow. Registration for the anniversary couples is requested by September 23rd. Please contact Toni Jardine, the Parish Secretary at 203-235-3822 or at [office@holyangelschurch.org](mailto:office@holyangelschurch.org).



## **Holy Angels Night at Avanti's**

On Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, all parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us for dinner at Avanti Restaurant, 34 River Road, South Meriden. Avanti's agreed to give our parish 20% of the bill for all people holding one of our coupons.

The last time Holy Angels Parish held this "fun" raiser, the results were good food, good fellowship, a great time and an excellent donation of \$900.

We all had a great time! Thank you for your help with this fund-raising project.

THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH  
& FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

## Community Action Committee

The Community Action Committee would like to thank all our parishioners who donate their time and gifts for Holy Angels' various campaigns to help others. During the month of August, we have the annual drive for school supplies, which helps our own Religious Education program as well as those in need.



In September we will be collecting household supplies. Donations may be left in the vestibule of the church.



Members of the committee store the donated items, setup and help with the distribution. If you would like to take a more active role in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at (203) 235-3822. Again, your support is greatly appreciated.

## Young-at-Heart

On Friday, September 3rd, as they have done for over 20 years, Holy Angels Young-at-Heart group will attend Mass to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is observed on the first Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. This is a very old and traditional devotion of our faith. A luncheon, at a cost of only \$5.00 per person, is served in the Parish Center by volunteer members after the Mass.

The purpose of the program is to help serve the spiritual and social needs of our senior citizens and allow them,



in turn, to offer their talents to others. It is open to all registered parishioners who are 60 years of age or older. The group is funded by the donations of its

members and from the proceeds of raffles. There are also outside programs offered, such as civic, health, probate, poetry and music.

For additional information on joining the Young-at-Heart group, contact the Parish Office at (203) 235-3822.

## Singers Wanted

The Choir season is again upon us. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center's Music Room beginning September 1st. They sing at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for the first three Sundays of the month (and the occasional fifth Sunday). They also sing for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas "Midnight" Mass and 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass as well as other special Masses. One does not have to read music to join and will learn the basics of reading music. Please contact Toni Jardine at (203) 235-6669 or at [toni.jardine@snet.net](mailto:toni.jardine@snet.net).

The Choristers are made up of our younger parishioners in grades three through ten. They will be singing the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass and for Christmas Eve. Practices will start in September. Check the weekly bulletin for more details at the end of August. Please address your questions to Michelle Murolo at (203) 464-0932 or at [michellemurolo@yahoo.com](mailto:michellemurolo@yahoo.com).



## I Said a Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!

I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn't mind).  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind!

I asked that He be near you  
At the start of each new day;  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all!



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## **HOLY ANGELS TENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

It's not too late to participate in this year's tournament. It will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010 at the Hunter Memorial Golf Course in Meriden. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Tee-Off at 1:00 p.m. One of the goals is for a shotgun start. Parishioners can help by getting foursomes together.

Other ways parishioners can help is by becoming a sponsor or donating a prize or gift certificate. Parishioners may also help by asking businesses and professionals to become sponsors. Entry forms, as well as Sponsor forms, are available in the Church vestibule, Parish office and on our website at [www.holyangelschurch.org](http://www.holyangelschurch.org).

Let's make the Tenth Annual Golf Tournament our best fundraiser yet!

