

Holy Spirit Church

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Union

971 Suburban Road

New Jersey 07083

Masses

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday: 7:30am and 8:30am

Holy Days: Will be announced in Bulletin and
from Pulpit.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month. A Parent Preparation Program occurs in the preceding week. New parents should register for the Baptism at the beginning of the month prior to requested month by contacting the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:30-12 Noon and 4:30 to 5:00pm.

Matrimony

Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the priest whom you wish to officiate at your wedding, by calling the Parish Office.

Novena

In honor of Our Lady and St. Jude - Monday Mornings - Immediately following 8:30 Mass

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register at the Parish Office. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify the Parish Office.

Parish Office - 687-3327

Fax - 687-1312

~ School - 687-8415 ~

E-Mail - holyspiritchurch@comcast.net

Religious Education Office - 964-7533

Web Site - www.holyspiritunion.org

Holy Spirit Church

Union, NJ

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009



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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heir to the kingdom?

—James 2:5

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$9,489.00

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/30/09

POOR: \$13.00
 HELPING HANDS: \$17.00

Pray for ...

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| Kevin Anon | Rev. John Olszewski |
| Shirley Gargano | Joseph Santillo |
| Joey Genova | Nicholas Compare |
| Ann Marques | Gil Restanio |
| Stanley Stachowicz | Emily Butler |
| Louis Giaconna | Michael Denicola |
| Jody Wendt | James Neylon |
| Nick Panzariello | Marilyn Camancho |
| John Marques | Trude Kleissler |
| Emily Kokotos | Lois Tunnera |
| Anna Magis | Bea Guadagno |
| Carolyn Milewski | Raymond Milewski |
| Christopher Butler | Pat Cupo |

Names will remain for four (4) weeks. For additional time, please call the Parish Office (908) 687-3327

Holy Spirit Men's Prayer Group will meet in September, please watch the bulletin for further messages.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

ALTAR BREAD; SACRIFICIAL WINE; SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of Donald Faughnan req. by Family

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

Where did the summer go? It seems like only yesterday that things were slowing down, and here we are already at Labor Day, and everything is starting up again. It really is true that the older one gets, the faster time passes.

Rather than dwell on the past that was, let us look to the future that will be. As I write this, all of our parish ministries, groups and organizations are gearing up for a new season of service and fellowship. Perhaps this year, you can join one of them and add your unique gifts and talents to all the wonderful things that happen here at Holy Spirit.

This coming Thursday, our school reopens for another year of endless possibilities. Soon we will once again hear the sounds of young voices echoing through our halls. God be praised, I am thrilled to report that we are almost completely full for the coming year. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in sending a child to our school, there are only a very small number of openings left in just a few grades. Please call the school for further information.

Quite soon our Religious Education program also will resume. I wish to thank all those who have already registered or re-registered, and I strongly encourage those who wait for the last minute to do so now. Please remember that there are Archdiocesan regulations that we are required to follow regarding the preparation time required before the celebration of Sacraments. If you need further assistance, please call the Religious Education office as soon as possible.

Finally, if you really want to plan ahead, know that we will be sponsoring a trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in early July of 2010. Full details will be available shortly. This play is only performed every 10 years, so now might be the best time for you to see it.

Fr. Armand

GIFTS OF THE HARVEST: SAINTS & SELF

Women of the parish, save the evening of Friday, October 23, 2009, from 7 to 10 p. m. for a night of reflection, presented by the members of the women's retreat team. Details to follow.



School News

back to school!

WELCOME BACK ... to everyone here at Holy Spirit School! A new school year begins again for Grades K-8 with half-day sessions on Thursday, Sept. 10th. Our Pre-K class and full day sessions begin on Monday, Sept. 14th. May God bless us all as we focus on another spiritually and educationally enriched school year!

Attention All Parents & Parishioners:

**Don't throw away that empty inkjet cartridge!
Send it to EMPTIES4CASH**

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school, the students, and even the environment. You can help! Any ink cartridges with a print head can be recycled regardless of brand or type. Bring all cartridges to a designated cartridge box located in front of the Computer classroom in the Parish Hall.

**Thank you for your support!
Daria Wallerstein & Judy Julien**



The **Labels for Education** and **Box Top\$ for Education** programs are a great way to get **FREE** merchandise for **Holy Spirit School**. But we need **YOUR** help in order for our school to meet its collection goals! Many companies now participate in these programs (i.e. Campbell's, Swanson, Pepperidge Farms, Kimberly-Clark, Ziploc, etc.), and by saving the **labels with the UPC bar code**, and/or clipping the **Box Tops for Education** symbol from these products, you can help Holy Spirit School receive **FREE** school supplies! Collection boxes for these labels are located on the tables inside the entrances of our Church and School. **Thank you all for helping to benefit our students at Holy Spirit School!**

CYO/Youth Ministry News Cyunionnj.com



Our combined Holy Spirit/ St. Michael's CYO/Youth Ministry

Program Begins Tuesday, September 15TH
(7:30-9PM) St. Michael's Lower Church.

As usual, we have a great year planned. We have all our much anticipated events: *Topic Nights, Teen Retreat, Ski Trip, Christmas Dance, Festival of Lights, Stations of the Cross.....and many more!*

We also have our much loved service projects each month: (Nursing Home, Homeless Shelter, Quadriplegic Center, Handicapped Children, Mentoring and more)

But most importantly, we will Share our Catholic Faith, learn about Jesus and his word, PRAY, and grow as young Christians!

All High School Students are welcome!

Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society

The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society will be sponsoring a day of recollection at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling on October 8, 2009. The price of the ticket is \$27.00. Coffee and donuts will be provided upon arrival. A hot lunch will be served at noon. A free bus will be provided. For reservations call Mary Faughnan at 908-688-6168.

Something to Pray About

We are in need of a few Catechists. Please prayerfully consider sharing our faith and its traditions with the youth of Holy Spirit Church. Presently we need **catechists** from 3:45-5:00: If you feel that at this time your schedule does not allow you to commit weekly, please let us know if you are available to be a substitute if the need arises.

Wednesday, Grade 5; Wednesday, Grade 6

Several other classes are near full and we may need catechists from 3:45-5:00:

Tuesday, Grade 3; Tuesday, Grade 5

We are also in need of several class aides on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:45-5:00 PM.

If you are willing and able to share in this valuable ministry, please call the Religious Education Office at 964-7533. Thank you.

Just a Reminder:

+ Registrations increase by another \$10.00 as of September 1. Please re-register immediately.

+ Grade 1 parents, your children should register for Religious Education this year. A child must be a part of the Religious Education program for two consecutive years before celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please bring a copy of their Baptismal certificate when you register.



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 5th
8:30	Anthony Russo req. by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pawiak
5:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 6th
8:00	Ann Boron req. by Toth Family
10:00	Michael Miczewski req. by Sister, Frances Martin
12:00	Mary Mantia req. by Family
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7th
8:30	(1) Mary D. Dooner req. by Family (2) Vincent Gazzo req. by Magda Wagner
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8th
7:30	Nicholas Soriano req. by Friends
8:30	Donald Faughnan req. by Family
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9th
7:30	Olga Della Bella req. by Clara Rodrigues
8:30	Alice Towers req. by Denise \ Sadvary
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10th
7:30	Sister Mary Joel Hopkinson req. by Irene and Bill Donahue
8:30	Cecelia Maher req. by Joseph and Carol Trovato
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 11th
7:30	Thomas Fisher req. by Family
8:30	Joseph Mate req. by Wife and Children
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 12th
8:30	Blanche Mulligan req. by Betty Engle
5:30 pm	Julia and William McCarthy req. by Daughter, Dorothy
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 13th
7:30	Frederick J. Neri, Sr., req. by Wife and Children
9:00	Katheryn Ranalho req. by Granddaughter
10:30	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:00	Special Intentions for Louis Giacona Req. by Fran Donnelly and Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall 7:15 pm
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	RCIA—7:30-9:00pm—Drexler Hall Boy Scouts Committee Meeting— 7:00-9:00pm-Music Room
WEDNESDAY	St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church
THURSDAY	Catholic Divorce Ministry - 7:30 - 9:00 Drexler Hall Boy Scouts—7:00-9:00pm-Parish Hall
FRIDAY	60+ Meeting 12:30-Church/ 1:00-3:00pm—Parish Hall
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	Baptisms-1:00pm—Church AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall 7:15 pm

Regular Mass Schedule

*Please remember
Beginning Next Week
September 13, 2009*

We will resume our Regular Mass
Schedule:

Saturdays: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

The Cooperative Admissions Examination Attention: Eighth Graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic High School in September, 2010:

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for participating Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 6, 2009. Application forms and Handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from: MCS/CTB at their website, www.coopexam.org or email support @coopexam.org. Questions and to obtain registration forms, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is “a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful.” The length of time of the process varies according to individual need, experience, readiness and commitment. If you, or someone you know is interested in more information, please call Cathy Drake at the **Office of Religious Education** at (908) 964-7533.

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### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

#### *Inquiry*

If you are not a Catholic, but attracted to the Catholic Church, or a Catholic needing to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), *Inquiry* is just as it sounds. It is a time set aside for asking questions and exploring God’s call in an informal setting. There are no commitments or obligations required, only questions answered and information shared. Again, call Cathy Drake at 908 964-7533.

### ***Congratulations 60+ It’s our 25th Anniversary***

Thanks to our beloved “Sister Celine”. Her love for Holy Spirit and its Senior members, she organized our first senior club, now called Holy Spirit 60+

Our first meeting of our twenty fifth year will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009. Prayer service to thank God for all his blessings bestowed upon 60+ these past twenty five years and the coming of our new season at 12:30 in Church with our Moderator Father Burke and meeting following at 1:00pm in the School Hall.

Please be prepared with trips you are planning to attend. See Liz or call her at 908-687-0781.

**New members are always welcomed.**

### **Fall Foliage Trip**

**Monday, Oct. 19 to Friday, Oct. 23, 2009**

**Holy Spirit 60+** invited all to a Fall Foliage trip to newly renovated Villa Roma Resort, in the Mountains of Calicoon, N.Y. for a great week-long vacation.

Welcome refreshments and orientation upon arrival. Full American plan with dinner on Monday, breakfast, light buffet lunch and dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and breakfast on Friday before departure. Caesar’s Night Feast on Thursday, with complimentary wine at every table. Nightly music and top variety entertainment, with a different show each night.

Complete schedule of daytime activities, games and prizes. Indoor sport complex, with Bocce, shuffleboard, ping-pong table, video games. Indoor pool/Jacuzzi—fully equipped state of the art fitness center. Outdoor bocce, volleyball, tennis, basketball and more.

Price: \$485.00 per person, double...\$535.00 per person, single.

**\$100.00 deposit at time of reservation  
Call Liz at 908-687-0781.**

### **Union Knight of Columbus Council #4505 Presents: “A Charitable Evening”**

**Special Guest—Sr. Ann Dominic—October 3, 2009**

The evening will consist of dinner, open bar, music, dancing, presentations and much more. Ticket prices are \$45.00 per person. All proceeds to be donated to Camp Fatima and other charities at the direction of Sr. Ann Dominic.

Full table reservations taken exclusively until September 18th, at which time individual tickets will be sold. Please consider forming full tables as a full sell out is anticipated.

For tickets or information call Tom Conte at 908-687-4898 or email oct3dinner@aol.com. Thanks and hope to see your there.

### **Holy Spirit Red Hawks Soccer 2009**

Please note: Soccer uniforms will be distributed on Sunday, Sept. 13th following 9:00am and 10:30 Masses. Any Holy Spirit student who has submitted their registration and uniform deposit forms, will be able to pick up their soccer uniform on this date.

#### **Soccer Fundraiser**

Purchase an authentic Holy Spirit “Red Hawk” soccer ball when you pick up your uniform for only \$15.00

### **Pro-Life Seminar**

On Saturday, October 3, 2009 the annual Archdiocesan Life Issues Seminar will be held at Queen of Peace Church and High School in North Arlington from 11 AM to 3:30 PM. Auxiliary Bishop Edgar M. daCunha will celebrate Liturgy at 11 AM. A light lunch will precede the seminar. The theme of the day will be “A Call to Action – Overcoming the ‘Culture of Death’.” Robert George, Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University and Damon Owens, Founder of Joy-Filled Marriage and Natural Family Planning Coordinator for the Archdiocese will be the featured speakers. Registration is required. General Admission is \$10. Student admission is \$5. Registration forms with information regarding the speakers and directions are available on the Respect Life table in the vestibule of the church or call the Respect Life Office to register – (732)-388-8211.

**The Association of St. Philomena’s Helpers and Servants of the Suffering and the Poor** welcome and invite all to join them every Wednesday at 12:00 noon for Mass in Holy Spirit Church. After Mass, the Association conducts a prayer service, praying for the end of abortions, increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for the conversion of sinners and the release of the souls in Purgatory by praying the Rosary, conduction of a Cenacle, followed by Benediction. Any questions please direct them to Deacon Stanley Kwiatek.

### **ATTENTION BOWLERS:**

The Holy Spirit Rosarian Bowling League will begin their new season on Wednesday, September 9th at 12:15 pm at Hy-Way Bowl. All women from the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Helen Schultheis at 686-2406 before August 30th.



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**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2009**

**“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 has done all things well.’”**

When we read the miracle accounts in the gospel, the healing, restoration to life, the feeding of the multitudes, it is important to pause and look at specific details which make one account different from others. Note that the man with the hearing impairment was brought by others to Jesus. It might have been their faith which initiated the process. Jesus went ‘one on one’ with him.

We find four steps in the process - touch, saliva, eye direction and a groaning word.

The results are clearly described by Mark.

On the day of our baptism, the celebrant touched our ear and mouth praying that we too might be open to hear His Word and be ready to proclaim or speak our praise of God. Have we?

Recently at a funeral a Deacon eloquently proclaimed the gospel of the mass and simultaneously signed the Word he was proclaiming. How meaningful it was for all present to have the Word of God proclaimed so clearly for the hearing impaired, as well as those with the gift of hearing, who sometimes are unable to listen.

I ask myself today whether I have heard the Word and am ready to proclaim God’s praise.

**PARISH OFFICE**

**is located at 984 Suburban Road 908-687-3327**

You can reach the Office from the Parking Lot. **(On the Morris Avenue Side)**

**The Office hours are: 8:30 am to 12:00 noon  
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

In an emergency, or to arrange an appointment with a priest, please call 908 687-3327

**Bulletin Information**—Articles for this church bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at noon to appear in the following Sunday edition. Articles can be dropped off at the Parish Office or submitted through e-mail at [bulletin@holyspiritunion.org](mailto:bulletin@holyspiritunion.org). As always, articles will be published as space allows