

Holy Spirit Church

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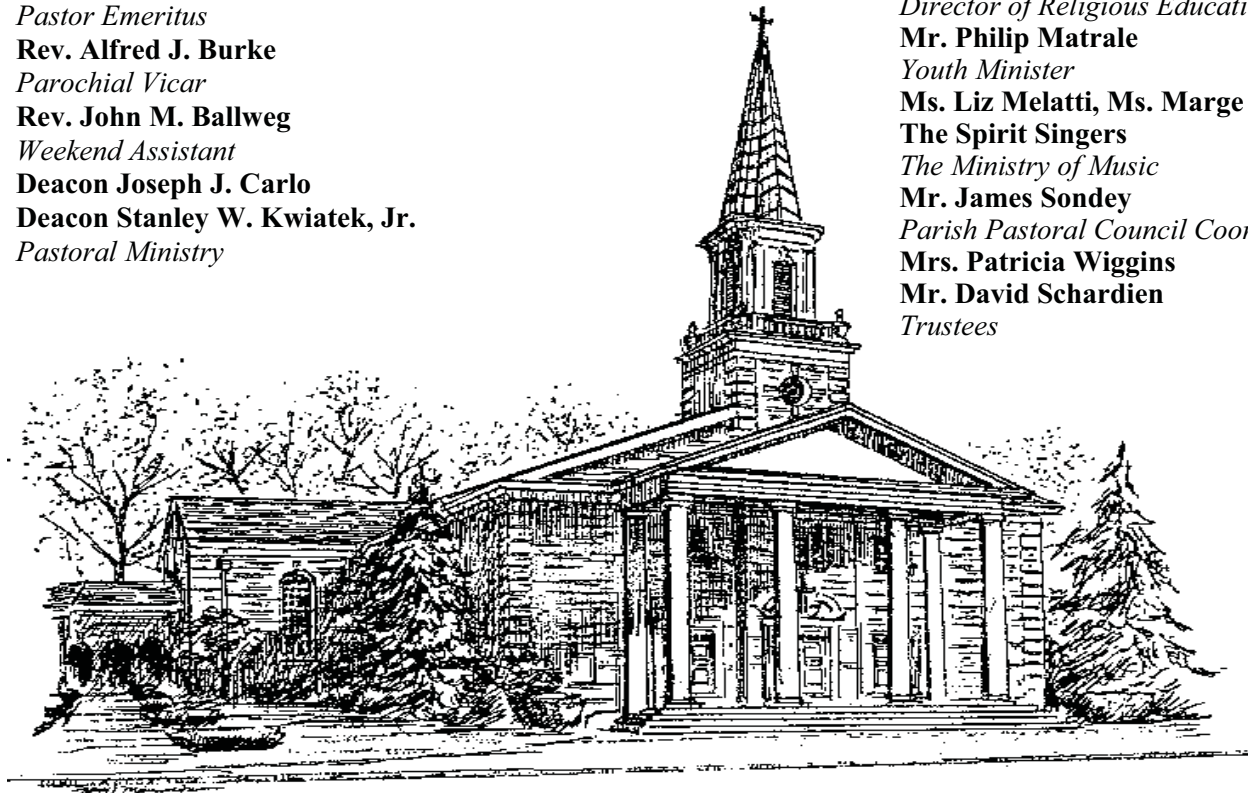
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Union

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

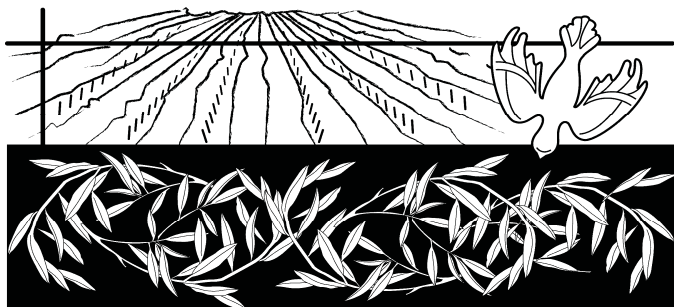
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Holy Spirit Church

Union, NJ

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009



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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

-James 3:18

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$10,426.00

Eastern Church Collection: \$2,581.00

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/13/09

POOR: \$17.00

HELPING HANDS: \$18.00

Pray for ...

Kevin Anon
Shirley Gargano
Joey Genova
Ann Marques
Pat Cupo
Louis Giaconna
Jody Wendt
Nick Panzariello
John Marques
Emily Kokotos
Anna Magis
Carolyn Milewski

Rev. John Olszewski
Joseph Santillo
Nicholas Compare
Gil Restanio
Emily Butler
Michael Denicola
James Neylon
Marilyn Camancho
Trude Kleissler
Christopher Butler
Bea Guadagno
Raymond Milewski

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

All men of Holy Spirit – ALL are invited to the HOLY SPIRIT MENS PRAYER GROUP. Saturday 9/26 after 8:30 mass we will pray and discuss Sunday's scripture. Refreshments will be served. Just bring yourself and a friend and come in faith.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

ALTAR BREAD; In memory of Phillip Herrejon req. by Mom, Dad and Family

SACRIFICIAL WINE; In memory of Florence LaRocco req. by Husband

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

For the past few weeks, you have had the opportunity to read the letter from the Bishops of New Jersey regarding the dignity of marriage. From the amount of copies that have been taken, I know that a large number of you have used the opportunity to review this, and I hope that it has given you much to reflect upon.

Today, in every Catholic Church in the State of New Jersey, the next step in this process is taking place. To read and understand a letter is one thing, to take action on it is quite another. Now is the time for action. After mass today, in the parish hall, you will find a petition, addressed to our legislators, indicating our support for the traditional definition of marriage. I invite, indeed I urge and beg you, to please add your name to this petition. It will take just a few seconds of your time, it will cost you nothing, it obligates you to nothing, but the overwhelming number of signatures of the Catholics of New Jersey will send a powerful and unified message to Trenton.

Remember, this is happening because it has been strongly hinted that the governor and legislature will try to force a bill through during the lame duck session, after the November elections, to redefine marriage in our state.

Once the petition has been signed, representatives from our parish will join with those of the other local parishes and hand deliver them to our local State representatives. Some of these people have already proven themselves to be hostile to the Church's teachings on other matters, so it is essential that we present an overwhelming number of signatures to them.

Again I say that I know this to be a painful issue to many. There are good, honest and committed people on both sides of this issue genuinely agonizing over their position on its' outcome. However, as a people of faith, dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are compelled to make our voices heard. We are compelled to stand up and proclaim publicly that some things are not within the plan of God and cannot be legislated as if they were. I thank you for your help and cooperation. Please come to the parish hall and make your voice heard.

Fr. Armand

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.



School News

WELCOME BACK! With school back in session, we would like to remind all to please use caution and drive safely through our parking lot. Please drive slowly in aisles and use caution while pulling out of parking spaces. **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INSIDE THE ORANGE SAFETY CONES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, and please do not park in the middle of aisles or create extra spaces on the ends of aisles. Abiding by these safety rules helps to ensure the well-being and lives of our precious Holy Spirit families! Thank you for your cooperation!

Our first **Home School Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd**, following our annual **Open House at 6 PM**. Your attendance and participation is truly appreciated and beneficial to our children here at Holy Spirit School.

Hope to see you there!

Reminder to Parents: The **Protecting God's Children Workshop** will be held Wednesday, **Sept. 23rd at 7PM** in the cafegymatorium. If you would like to **volunteer at the school** in any capacity, **completing this workshop is a must**, so please make every effort to attend!

Help support our **8th Grade** class by joining us for a **Roller Skating Party** on

Thursday, Sept. 24th from 7:30-9:30 PM at the **USA Skating Rink in Woodbridge, NJ!**

Admission is \$6 per person (not including skate rentals) and

ALL children MUST be chaperoned.



Friends & family are welcome to join the fun!

Please contact Cindy Kelly (908) 688-1365 or

Tracey Sielski (908) 353-3486 with any questions.

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

CYO/Youth Ministry News

Website: cyouionnj.com



CYO meetings started last Tuesday with a huge crowd and many new members from our Parish. All High School Students are welcomed to join us this and every Tuesday. Meetings are 7:30-9pm in St. Michael's lower Church.

This week we will see a powerpoint presentation on our activities and community service projects. We will also continue our conversation on finding God in our lives.



Be sure to stop by our Dunk Tank and Statue Booth this weekend at the Union Center Italian Feast. All proceeds go to our Youth Group

The Holy Spirit Home School Association will be sponsoring its annual **Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17, 2009**. Please come out and join us for what promises to be another successful year. Plenty of wonderful Holiday gifts and ideas.

The Holy Spirit 8th grade will once again be selling a selection of colorful and hardy mums—these funds will be used towards 8th grade graduation costs.

There are still some tables available to crafters...but time is running out. Please spread the word to any crafters who may be interested. Please contact Lori Wunder at 908-713-0120 for additional information.

Religious Education Classes began this past week.

Thank you to each and every volunteer who came forward to be a Catechist.

It is through their dedication, preparation and prayer that our faith and its traditions will be passed on to the youth of Holy Spirit Church.

Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the catechists, students, and their families.

Mass Intentions  for the week

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 19th
8:30	Michael and Elizabeth Ziobro req. by Family
5:30 pm	Helen Gantter req. by The Family
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 20th
7:30	Reynan A. and Lynette Campos req. by Alister Famarin and Family
9:00	Phillip Herrejon req. by Mom, Dad and Family
10:30	Florence LaRocco req. by Husband
12:00	Msgr. John H. Koenig req. by The Saunderson Family
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 21st
7:30	Goldy Stampfl req. by Fran Donnelly and Family
8:30	Blanche Lindenmuth req. by Deborah Scott
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 22nd
7:30	Harry A. Ramsay req. by Daughter
8:30	Katherine Gunther req. by Children
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23rd
7:30	Ellen Bruno req. by Skip and Kathy Penizotto
8:30	Jane Bruzzi req. by Family
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th
7:30	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
8:30	Bob Armstrong req. by Wife and Family
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 25th
7:30	Rocco Corbo req. by Gus Haluska
8:30	Edward Chory req. by Tom and Joan Shannon
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 26th
8:30	Josephine Kreder req. by Greg Kreder
5:30 pm	Reno Family req. by Adams Family
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 27th
7:30	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00	Raymond Manganelli req. by Karas Family
10:30	George E. Price req. by Family
12:00	Marie Monteverdi req. by Daughters

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	Center-Hope Hospice Raffle—After all Masses AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall 7:15 pm
MONDAY	7th Grade Catechist Meeting—Drexler Hall
TUESDAY	CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church Holy Spirit-Open House—6:00pm—Classrooms Home School Meeting 7:30pm Parish Hall RCIA—7:30-9:00pm—Drexler Hall
WEDNESDAY	St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church Protecting God's Children—7:00-9:30—Parish Hall
THURSDAY	CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church Catholic Divorce Ministry - 7:30 - 9:00 Drexler Hall Boy Scouts—7:00-9:00pm-Parish Hall
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall 7:15 pm

“Holy Hour for Life”

Come join us for a Holy Hour for Life
Praying before the Blessed Sacrament On
Wednesday, October 7, 2009 7:30 PM
At Holy Spirit Church Suburban Road, Union, New Jersey
Sponsored by: Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry

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.

**The Novena in honor of Our Lady and St. Jude will resume September 21, 2009—Monday mornings immediately following the 8:30 Mass**

### 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 Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, 11/6/09. Application forms and Handbooks for this test; a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from: MCS/CTB at their website, [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) or email support @[coopexam.org](mailto:coopexam.org). To obtain registration forms, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

### 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 [octdinner@aol.com](mailto:octdinner@aol.com). Thanks and hope to see your there.

### Mother Seton Regional High School Valley Road, Clark, NJ

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009—7:30—9:30 pm*

There will be an OPEN HOUSE for all fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents. The program will be informal and enjoyable. Parents and students will have an opportunity to tour the school, examine the curricular and co-curricular programs and meet with administration, guidance and faculty members. Visiting students will experience life at Mother Seton Regional High School through contacts with students involved in various activities within the school. An informal social will follow at which parents and daughters may mingle with faculty and students of Mother Seton, which is located at Parkway Exit #135 in Clark.

### Union Catholic High School 1600 Martine Ave. Scotch Plains, NJ

On Thursday, October 8, 2009, Union Catholic will host its Fall Open House. We would like to cordially invite students who are currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to join us. There will be formal presentation beginning at 7:00pm with "Early Bird Tours" at 6:15 pm. Our faculty, staff, and coaches will be on hand to lead individualized presentations and answer any questions.

Our "Freshman for a day" Program will begin on October 1st. Parents can call our office to schedule a day to visit. Our Scholarship Exam will be held on January 9, 2010 at 9:00am. Parents and students can obtain information and an application at Open House or on our website at [www.unioncatholic.org](http://www.unioncatholic.org).

### 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.

### Benedictine Academy

**840 North Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ**

Benedictine Academy, an all-female Catholic secondary school located in the Westminster section of Elizabeth, will hold Open Houses for the Class of 2014 on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00pm, and again on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00pm. Parents and current 7th and 8th grade female students interested in knowing more about the school's college preparatory program for grades 9-12 are invited to attend.

This school offers individualized attention and encouragement in the Benedictine Tradition, while teaching young women to "listen, learn, love and lead". Middle States Association accredited, ninety-eight percent of students applying to college have been accepted for the past fourteen years. Financial assistance and scholarships are available for the 2010-2011 academic year. During the Open Houses, visitors will have the opportunity to meet faculty, administration and current students, and to have their questions answered. For more information, please call 908-352-0670, ext. 104

### St. Joseph Social Service Center RAFFLE

*Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00pm*

**The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ**

**Raffle Books: \$1.00 per chance; \$10.00 per book**

**Dinner \$35.00**

You may pick up raffle books and dinner tickets at: St. Joseph Social Service Center 118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202-908-354-5456 ext. 3 Or St. Helen's Parish Center 1600 Rahway Avenue Westfield, NJ 07090 -908-233-8757

If you want us to fill out your books, send us your labels.

We will send you the receipts.

### Center for Hope Hospice

Volunteers from the Center for Hope Hospice will be selling tickets for their raffle after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$1.00. The drawing will be held at L'Affaire Catering, Mountainside on Sunday, October 11th. The winner need not be present. However, anyone interested in attending the Fashion Show-Lunch may call Dot Chard directly at 732-521-5362.

## ***GIFTS OF THE HARVEST: SAINTS AND SELF***

### **REGISTRATION**

***For those who attended the Women's Retreat, come again! For those who were unable to attend the retreat, come and see ...!***

On Friday, October 23, 2009 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. the Women's Retreat Team will offer an evening of reflection ***for all interested women.*** You will have an opportunity to listen, reflect, pray, and share, if you wish. Below is a registration form to be returned by **October 13** to the parish office or to Joan Garthwaite, 650 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083. If you prefer, you may email your response and the following information to [jgarthwaite2@verizon.net](mailto:jgarthwaite2@verizon.net). Please put ***Gifts of the Harvest*** in the subject line.

**Bring a friend!**

***If you have any questions, call 908-964-9261.***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



***\*\* Please bring a nonperishable food item for Helping Hands***

### **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