

# Holy Spirit Church

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*The Ministry of Music*

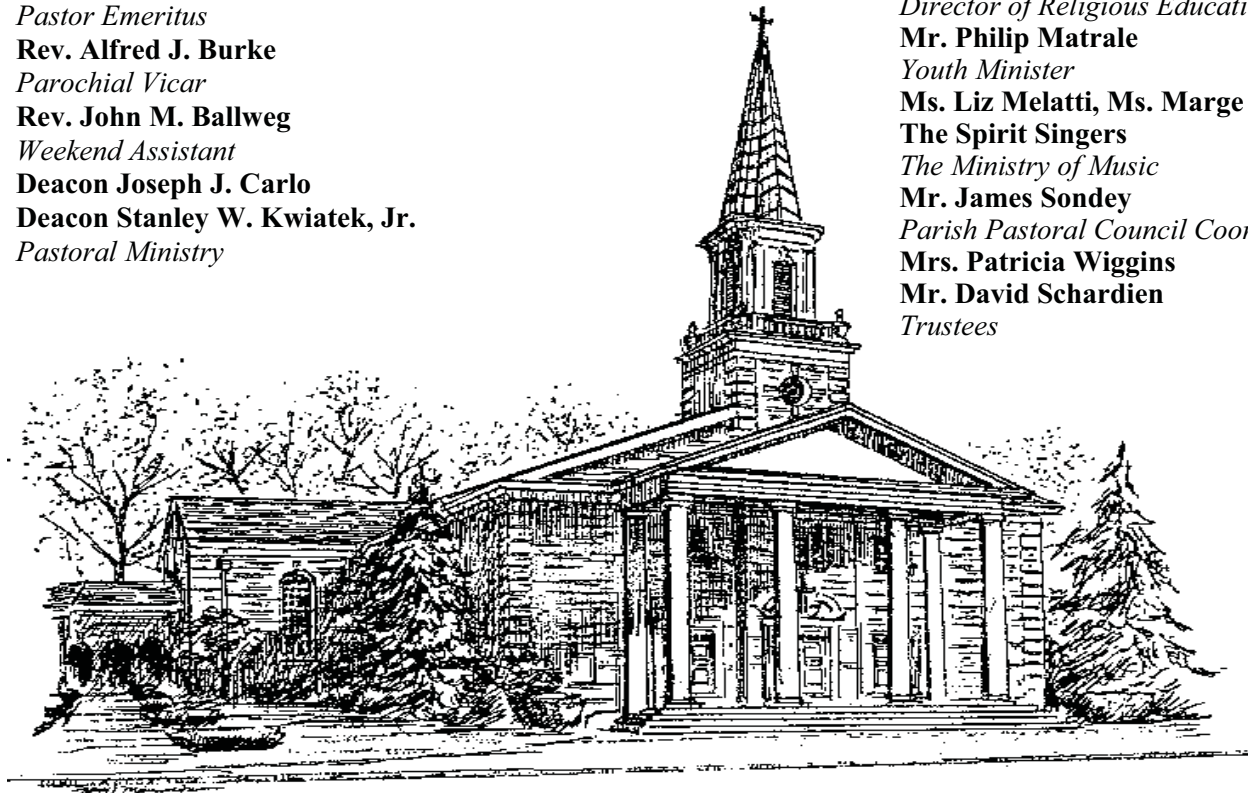
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*Parish Pastoral Council Coordinator*

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**Mr. David Schardien**

*Trustees*



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

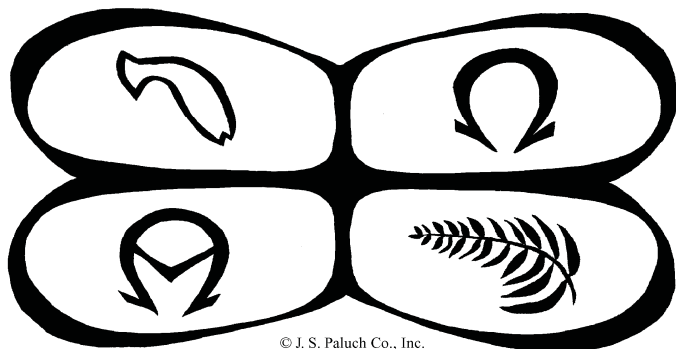
~ School - 687-8415 ~

E-Mail - [holyspiritchurch@comcast.net](mailto:holyspiritchurch@comcast.net)

Religious Education Office - 964-7533

Web Site - [www.holyspiritunion.org](http://www.holyspiritunion.org)

**Holy Spirit Church**  
 Union, NJ  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King  
 November 22, 2009



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
 The firstborn of the dead  
 And the ruler of the kings of the earth  
 — Revelation 1:5

**Collections**

Sunday Collection: \$11,661.82

**DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/15/09**

POOR: \$14.00  
 HELPING HANDS: \$ 9.00

*Pray for ...*

Nikki Nyzio  
 Marie Armstrong  
 Joseph Santillo  
 Trude Kleissler  
 Gary Russo  
 Jo Landwirth  
 Andrew Lewinter  
 Sal Guarino  
 Ann Marques  
 Michael Denicola

Rev. John Olszewski  
 Shirley Gargano  
 Joey Genova  
 Ann Russo  
 Grace Cuomo  
 Bea Guadagno  
 Susan Dowling  
 Kevin Anon  
 John Marques  
 Jodi Wendt

**St. Joseph Social Service Center**

St. Joseph's is experiencing an overwhelming increase in clients. With winter, Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, our budget will be strained. The need for volunteers will increase. For 23 years St. Joseph's has been serving the poor, providing food, clothing, prescription vouchers, job training, tutoring for children, and shelter.

To become more aware of St. Joseph's needs please visit their website at [stjosephelizabeth.org](http://stjosephelizabeth.org).

***A message from our Pastor:***

***Dear Parishioners,***

Welcome to the final Sunday of the liturgical year of 2009; next week, everything starts all over with a new year. As we celebrate this great Feast of Christ the King, we do so as a people of faith united around our Lord who has done so much for us.

Speaking of God's generosity, this week our nation celebrates Thanksgiving Day, a wonderful opportunity to pause and remember all the gifts with which our all loving God has entrusted to us.

Unfortunately, for many people Thanksgiving Day is nothing more than an excuse for a big meal eaten before a football game, or still worse, only a reminder that Christmas is fast approaching. Life for so many has become so busy and so commercialized that they cannot stop for just one day to simply say thank you.

These are the two most important words that can ever come out of a persons mouth. Spoken either quickly or profoundly, they imply a realization that someone else has gone out of their way to do something nice for us. At the very least, it is a polite thing to do. Will God hear these words from all of us this year or will we be too busy or too disinterested to join our parish family on Thursday morning at 8:30? I hope to see all of you there.

*Fr. Armand*

***Holy Spirit Rosary Society***

Members of the Holy Spirit Rosary Society will meet in the Church on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:30pm for services. We will then have our annual Christmas Party in the Parish Hall. A delicious selection of food and drinks will be available. Entertainment will provided. Members should be prepared to make monetary donations to Holy Angels Nursery and to the township youth through the "Santa in Blue" program of the Township PBA. All women are invited to join us at this celebration.





## School News

**Reminder to Parents:** Our annual **Winter Auction** is less than 2 weeks away, and we are still gladly accepting **gift donations** for the auction. Remember, **hours** are awarded for your generous contributions! If you have not donated a gift yet and would like to help make this auction a success, please contact the school at **(908) 687-8415** for further details. Our sincerest thanks to all of you who have already sent in your generous donations!

The **Holy Spirit School** annual **Winter Auction** will be held on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Our **50/50 Raffle tickets & Admission tickets** will be available **before and after all masses on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** and the weekend of **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. Auction tickets and more information can also be obtained by calling the school at **(908)**

**687-8415**. The **Winter Auction** is a tremendous fundraiser and **all proceeds benefit Holy Spirit School and the St. Thomas More Scholarship fund**. *Thank you for your continued support!*

~~~~ **Holy Spirit School** would like to wish everyone a **happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving!**  
**Have a safe and relaxing weekend!** ~~~~



Please come to our **Breakfast with Santa** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** after the **9:00 AM mass**. This is great fun for the children and refreshments will be available for all! In the spirit of giving, we would like to ask **our guests to please bring a donation of a warm item** (i.e. gloves, scarves, socks, etc.) for the underprivileged women & children of **the Apostles' House in Newark**. Your kindness and generosity will help bring comfort and joy to those less fortunate than us during this Christmas season.

For more information, please contact **Ana Moreira** (908) 370-2910 or **Michelle Miranda** (908) 686-4431.



## CYO/Youth Ministry News

**Website: [cyounionnj.com](http://cyounionnj.com)**

We would like to thank everyone who made our teen retreat "Lost? Get Found!" the spiritual success it was. We had over 60 Holy Spirit teens and 10 HS Adults attend. Our thanks also to Fr. Armand and Fr. Al who came up for Penance on Saturday evening.



Tickets for our Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday (December 12<sup>th</sup> at Costa del Sol) are now on sale. See any Core Team member for tickets. You can also get them at CYO meetings.

CYO will resume this Tuesday with a special night of Thanksgiving and a PowerPoint presentation from our Retreat.

## "Holy Hour for Life"

Come join us for a Holy Hour for Life  
Praying before the Blessed Sacrament On  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2009 7:30 PM**  
At Holy Spirit Church Suburban Road, Union, NJ  
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.



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| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>NOVEMBER 21st</b>  |
| 8:30             | Charles Lorenzo req. by Marie and Joseph Canarelli                            |
| 5:30 pm          | Frank DeSarno req. by Nieces, Tracie and Lisa                                 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 22nd</b>  |
| 7:30             | Genevieve Jamer req. by Husband and Son                                       |
| 9:00             | Anna Gunther req. by Husband and Children                                     |
| 10:30            | Fr. Ron Ruth req. by Helen Cetnarski  |
| 12:00            | Joseph Vilardo req. by Daughter, Maria Teresa McCaffrey                       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 23rd</b>  |
| 7:30             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish  |
| 8:30             | Lou Santelle req. by Aldo and Dolores Sanzari                                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>NOVEMBER 24th</b>  |
| 7:30             | Jennie Bizon req. by Helen Cetnarski  |
| 8:30             | Anthony Robina req. by Lenore Robina  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>NOVEMBER 25th</b>  |
| 7:30             | Caroline Hatch req. by Betty Engle  |
| 8:30             | Francis Walsh req. by McCormick Family  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>NOVEMBER 26th</b>  |
| 8:30             | People of Holy Spirit Parish<br>Emma Blumetti req. by Kathy and David Arminio |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 27th</b>  |
| 8:30             | Cecelia Maher req. by Tom and Joan Shannon                                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>NOVEMBER 28th</b>  |
| 8:30             | Donald Faughnan (5th Anniversary)<br>Req. by Family                           |
| 5:30 pm          | Pat Lambiase & Nicholas Gargione req. by Edith & Daughters                    |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 29th</b>  |
| 7:30             | William & Blanch Lindenmuth req. by Deborah Scott                             |
| 9:00             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish  |
| 10:30            | Patrick Daly req. by Wife & Children  |
| 12:00            | Gerald Gantter req. by Family   |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Children's Liturgy—9:00am—Church<br>Little Bethlehem Christians Sale<br>After all Masses<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    |   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church<br>RCIA—7:30-9:00pm—Drexler Hall   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  |   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    |   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | Winter Auction raffle Tickets on Sale<br>After 5:30 Mass  |
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**Family Liturgy:** Just a reminder that our next Family Liturgy will be held on December 6th at the nine o'clock Mass. We encourage all families, especially those with young children, to attend.

Advent being one week away, we begin preparing for the birth of Jesus. We of many different nationalities at Holy Spirit, traditionally follow many beautiful customs on Christmas Eve. Many parishioners of Holy Spirit are of Polish ancestry and keep the tradition of sharing the "oplatek", the most ancient and beloved of all Polish traditions. Oplatek is a thin wafer made of flour and water, similar in taste to the hosts that are used for communion during Mass. The Christmas wafer is shared before Wigilia, the Christmas Eve supper. The head of the household usually starts by breaking the wafer with his wife and then continues to share it with everyone at the Wigilia table. Wishes for peace and prosperity are exchanged.

This tradition dates back many centuries when thin, flat bread called "podplomyk" was baked over an open flame and then shared with the family gathered around the fire on Christmas Eve. Generally, today's oplatki has a pattern of the nativity scenes imprinted of each wafer. Deacon Stan has made arrangement of obtaining oplatek for your use at the Christmas Eve supper. If you are interested in purchasing oplatek for your family this Christmas Eve, please notify him, that he may get a general idea how much to order. Thank you.

### Giving Tree



Starting November 29th our Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the Church. Please take a tag and purchase the gift listed for a poor person and return it to the Church by December 14th, so they can be sorted, delivered and packed for distribution by Christmas. Please place the gift in a bag/box and **ATTACH THE TAG**. By attaching the tag, it will ensure the gift goes to the correct person. Kindly **DO NOT WRAP** the gift. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this project which brings so much joy to so many needy families. May God Bless You for all your help in this tremendous endeavor. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Joanne Landeck at 908-964-7533 or 908-686-1137.



### 60+ ANNUAL FUND RAISER

Holy Spirit 60+ Club will be having their annual fund raiser to benefit the 8th grade class and the Thomas Moore Scholarship

Fund on Sunday December 6, 2009 in the Parish Hall after all Masses.

Items being sold: Jewelry; Linens; and Wood Crafts. If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Liz at 908-687-0781.

### Troop 85 Wreath and Grave Cover Sale



The scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths and grave covers before and after every mass on the weekends of November 21/22, November 28/29, December 5/6, and December 12/13.

**Please support our troop!!!!!!**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference

to be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Seton Hall University.....More details soon.....

**Hold the date for yourself!**

**Loyola House of Retreats!** Please join Deacon's Stan and Joe for a wonderful weekend retreat. The retreat starts Friday night (12/4) and ends Sunday about 1:30 in the afternoon. For more details and car pool plans please call Deacon Joe 964-9372.



**Holy Spirit 60+ Christmas Party** will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 at the Kenilworth Inn, from 12 noon to

4:00pm. \$25.00 for members: \$27.00 for guests. For tickets, please call Marie Kelly @ 687-5516 or Alma Lauer @ 687-1086.

### Little Bethlehem Christians



Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 170 Christian families who live in Bethlehem the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers.



This weekend, after all Masses, the group represented by the Alshouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. Please come and take a look at them.

**Please visit their website**



**www.little-bethlehem.org.**

### WHAT WILL YOUR SON BE DOING THIS YEAR?

He could be camping, swimming, hiking, building a rocket, tying a knot, building a campfire, learning life skills & first aid, pitching a tent, making a friend, helping a community, just about ANYTHING!

He could be doing these things all year with the scouts!

Learn what it's all about.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 161 & BOY SCOUT TROOP 85

Grades 1-5 Cub Scouts;  
Grades 6-12 Boy Scouts

Scouting with attitude!

For more information contact:  
Vinny Franchino (908) 686-8789 or  
Fred Sloan (908) 591-1564

### **Arriving Late For Mass?**

Late arrivals are asked to join the worshipping assembly unobtrusively, entering the pews by way of the side aisles (and preferably while the congregation is standing). Please do not walk down the main aisle once the liturgy has begun.

... And may we all be mindful of the teaching of Vatican II (CSL 56): "The two parts which in a sense go to make up the Mass, viz. the liturgy of the word and the Eucharistic liturgy, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship. Accordingly this sacred Synod strongly urges pastors of souls that, when instructing the faithful, they insistently teach them to take their place for the entire Mass, especially on Sundays and holy days of obligation."

### **Ready for Summer Vacation?**

It is certainly not too early to begin thinking about your vacation plans for Summer, 2010. Why not be a part of history and attend the 41st production of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, which is performed every 10 years. Brochures are available in the parish office detailing this wonderful opportunity, departing July 3, 2010 which also includes visits to many of the other beautiful cities of Bavaria and Austria such as Munich, Nuremberg, Innsbruck and Salzburg. Space is limited, so please act quickly. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Armand or call Anne Breslin of Great Experiences at (201) 825-3725

### **N.A.C.C.W.**

**The Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women are having their annual Christmas Luncheon and Tricky Tray on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Kenilworth Inn, The Boulevard in Kenilworth and 11:30am.**

Luncheon choice is Chicken Franchise or Sliced Roast Beef; Dessert and Beverage. There is a cash Bar.

**Price is \$30.00**

**Please make checks payable to N.A.C.C.W and mail to:  
Adele Ciccone 626 New York Avenue Lyndhurst, NJ 07071**

**Everyone is Welcome!!! Any questions call: Fran Donnelly after 6:00pm at 908-688-1032**

### **Benedictine Center**

**Retreat:** The Benedictine Center invites you to **Advent: A Season of Hope** on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Open to all. (Weekend retreat December 4-6 for women only) at St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ. Through meditating on Scripture passages we will open ourselves to the Word of God revealing the mystery of Christ's hope in our lives. \$30 for Saturday with lunch included. \$125 for the weekend. Call 908-353-3028 to register.

**Oblate Meeting:** Women and men desiring a spiritual association with a Benedictine monastery are invited to attend the meeting of Oblates of Saint Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, NJ on December 13, 2009. At 3:30pm two Oblates will report on their experience of the World Congress of Oblates, 2009. The presentation will be followed by discussion, refreshments and 5:00pm Vespers with the monastic community. All are welcome. For further information, please call Sr. Marita at 908-353-3028

**Retreat:** The Benedictine Center invites women to begin the New Year with prayer and reflection by attending the **New Year's Eve Retreat** at St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ. Cost is \$50. Call 908-353-2028 for information.

**Blood Drive:** During this season of giving, please give the gift of life by donating blood. St. Genevieve Church located at 200 Monmouth St. in Elizabeth is sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> between 8:30-2:00 with the New Jersey Blood Services. Did you know that your one donation can help to save the lives of 3 patients? Platelets, plasma and red cells from a whole blood donation may be used to save the lives of 3 patients. We have so much to be thankful for, and patients and their families are thankful for the kindness and caring of our amazing blood donors. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and bring identification to the drive. Please remember to have plenty to eat and drink before the drive and come well rested. Please contact 1-800-933-2566 if you have any questions about donor eligibility. Thank you for taking the time to save a life!

### **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 and 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