

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

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009



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I will raise up for David a just shoot;
He shall do what is right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15

Collections

Sunday Collection: Will be in next week's bulletin

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/22/09

POOR: Will be in next week's
HELPING HANDS: bulletin

Pray for ...

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| Nikki Nyzio | Rev. John Olszewski |
| Marie Armstrong | Shirley Gargano |
| Joseph Santillo | Joey Genova |
| Trude Kleissler | Ann Russo |
| Gary Russo | Bea Guadagno |
| Grace Cuomo | Jo Landwirth |
| Andrew Lewinter | Susan Dowling |
| Sal Guarino | Kevin Anon |
| Ann Marques | John Marques |
| Michael Denicola | Jodi Wendt |
| William Tyson | |

ALTAR BREAD; SACRIFICIAL WINE;
SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of Donald
Faughnan (5th Anniversary) requested by The Family

St. Joseph Social Service Center

St. Joseph's is experiencing an overwhelming increase in clients. With winter 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.

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No, I have not gone crazy, nor did I skip an entire month on my calendar. The First Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year. The cycle of readings begins all over, the computation of the liturgical seasons starts again, the life of the church is renewed.

However, Advent is far more important than this, or, God forbid, just the countdown of shopping days until Christmas. Advent is a powerful reminder of two great realities: that Jesus came once in history to save us, and that He will come again at an unknown time to judge us and all creation. We need to keep both of these points firmly in mind as we go through this beautiful season, because doing so will help make sense of the madness we so often find ourselves in during this time of year.

Advent is a time to sit back and contemplate the wonders of God around us, to rejoice in His great love and to prepare ourselves for that moment when we see him again, both as a child in the manger and as the great judge of all things.

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 be 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



The Holy Spirit School annual tricky-tray Winter Auction will be held this Friday evening, Dec 4th, from 7PM - 11 PM. Doors open at 5 PM and light refreshments will be served.

Admission tickets for the auction are \$10 each and are still available! 50/50 raffle tickets and admission tickets will be sold outside the doors of the Church before and after all masses this weekend, or can be purchased by calling the school at (908) 687-8415. The Winter Auction is a tremendous fundraiser and ALL proceeds directly support Holy Spirit School and the St. Thomas More Scholarship Fund!

We appreciate everyone's support!

On Tuesday December 1st, grades 4 thru 8 will be attending the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in New York City sponsored by our Home School Association! We are all looking forward to this exciting trip!

Please come to our **Breakfast with Santa** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 13th** after the **9:00 AM mass**. This is great fun for the children and refreshments will be available for all! **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA TO GET A PICTURE WITH SANTA**, as we regret being unable to provide pictures this year.



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.



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!

Judy Julien and Daria Wallerstein

CYO/Youth Ministry News

Website: cyouunionnj.com

This week you can sign up for one of our Christmas Service Projects! We will be cooking and serving dinner at both the Nursing Home and the Quadriplegic Center. We will also run a Party for the Handicapped kids complete with gifts and Santa. A project for the Homeless and Invisible children will also be announced very soon.



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

“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 28th</b>                                                  |
| 8:30             | Donald Faughnan (5th Anniversary)<br>Req. by Family                   |
| 5:30 pm          | Pat Lambiase & Nicholas Gargione<br>req. by Edith & Daughters         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 29th</b>                                                  |
| 7:30             | William & Blanch Lindenmuth req.<br>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                                         |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 30th</b>                                                  |
| 7:30             | Stan Commander req. by the<br>Bergman Family                          |
| 8:30             | Anna Gunther req. by Husband and<br>Children                          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 1st</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Susan Morello req. by The Bergman<br>Family                           |
| 8:30             | All of those who have died of Aids<br>req. by Joan and Harry Wagner   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 2nd</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Robert Ambielli req. by Wife, Anne                                    |
| 8:30             | Mary Dooner req. by Family                                            |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 3rd</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Esther Korybski req. by Geraldine<br>Casey                            |
| 8:30             | In Thanksgiving for Azriel Manuel<br>Tamayo req. by The Tamayo Family |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 4th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Rocco Corbo req. by Friend,<br>Barbara                                |
| 8:30             | Joseph D'Addio req. by Ray Bischoff                                   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 5th</b>                                                   |
| 8:30             | Jean Marie James req. by Llemos<br>Family                             |
| 5:30 pm          | Mrs. Couto req. by Lockwood Family                                    |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 6th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                  |
| 9:00             | The Children of the Parish                                            |
| 10:30            | Vincent H. Yeo req. by Sister,<br>Francis Price                       |
| 12:00            | Mark Jared Wagner req. by Mom<br>and Dad                              |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Winter Auction raffle Tickets on 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<br>CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church<br>Holy Hour For Life—7:30-8:30pm<br>Church                    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church<br>Catholic Divorce Ministry—7:30-9:00<br>Drexler Hall                                                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Winter Auction—6:00pm-Parish Hall                                                                                             |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Family Liturgy—9:00am—Church<br>60+ Annual Fund Raiser—After all<br>Masses<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm |

**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.

### With the start of Advent,

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 oplatek to order. Thank you.



**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.

### **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**



### **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 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.

## **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.

## **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

**Craft Fair—Mother Seton Regional High School**  
On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> the Parents Guild of Mother Seton Regional High School, Exit 135 of the GSP, Clark, will sponsor a Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All articles are handmade original crafts. Shoppers and browsers are invited to join our Christmas Festivities. Admission is Free.

### **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.



**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!

### **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.”

### **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.

### **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