

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009



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With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation
—Isaiah 12:3

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$11,785.50

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/6/09

POOR: \$24.00
HELPING HANDS: \$18.00

Pray for ...

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	Rudy LaGala

ALTAR BREAD; In memory of Manuel and Mary Vieira req. by Ken and Louise Schreihofner

Important Bulletin Deadlines

The schedule for the Christmas and New Year's Bulletins is as follows:

If you would like something in the **12/27/09 bulletin** you must have it submitted by **noon on 12/18/09.**

If you would like something in the **1/3/10 bulletin** you must have it submitted by **noon on 12/23/09.**

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent! Today, things are a little different than the other days of the season. Traditionally called "Gaudete," or, "rejoice" Sunday, it is the day when the rose colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath, and the priest is permitted to use a rose colored vestment for Mass. The purpose of Gaudete Sunday is to offer a brief glimpse of the joy to come as we get nearer to the celebration of our Saviors' birthday.

How lucky for us that this day has arrived. Given the state of our world, and the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters, we all could use a reason for rejoicing. As Auntie Mame sang in her famous song "for we need a little Christmas right this very minute." When things were darkest in her life, she realized that the promise of Christmas offered hope like no other. Jesus is that reason. The coming of his light illuminates and conquers all the darkness that surrounds us.

In spite of all the bad news we seem to hear, today's liturgy reminds us that once we acknowledge the presence of Jesus in our lives and in our world, everything changes. His coming gives us reason to rejoice, and greater hope for genuine happiness. It may be a challenge, but today, step back from everything for a few moments, and rejoice that He is coming quickly.

Things are looking brighter!

My sincere thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers who spent many hours last week changing all the light bulbs in the church, and cleaning the chandeliers. As you can imagine, this is not an easy job to accomplish as it involves moving and climbing scaffolding and working in very tight places. Thank you for allowing God's light to shine brighter upon us and enhancing the beauty of our church and our worship.

Fr. Armand

Special Announcements

This past weekend Deacon Joe Carlo was awarded a certificate at Loyola Retreat House in Morristown, NJ for his completion of 20 Retreats. Also, Charles Poppe was awarded a certificate for his completion of 5 Retreats.

The Retreat weekend was a very spiritually enriching weekend for those who attended.

ALL MEN of Holy Spirit are invited to Prayer with the Holy Spirit Men's Prayer Group on Saturday 12/19 after 8:30 mass. Bring a friend and yourself with an open heart. Coffee and..... will be served. Peace to All!



School News

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.



Our annual Christmas Show is on Monday evening, December 14th at 7:30PM in the Church. The Christmas Show is a relaxing, peaceful experience and a nice break from the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season. Come and enjoy!

Our annual **Winter Auction** held on December 4th was a **HUGE** success!!! **Thank you to all of our guests, contributors, and volunteers** whose generosity and cooperation helped make the auction a **profitable fundraiser for our school!** We would also like to **congratulate** the big, **50/50 raffle winner, TONY BARROQUEIRO**, who won over **\$4,800!** **Congratulations, Tony!**



Along with the **Labels for Education** and **Box Top\$ for Education** programs, **Holy Spirit School** also participates in an additional fundraiser from **Tyson products**. Clipping these labels is a great way to get **FREE** merchandise for Holy Spirit School! **Many companies** now participate in these programs, so by saving the **labels with the UPC bar code**, and clipping the **Box Tops for Education** symbol and **Tyson labels** from these products, you are helping **Holy Spirit School!** Collection boxes for these labels are located on the tables inside the entrances of our Church and School.

Thank you for your support!!!

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 & Daria Wallerstein

CYO/Youth Ministry News

Website: cyounionnj.com

You are Invited!

Christmas Family Presentation!



Festival of Lights

This Tuesday, December 15, 2009
7:30PM In St. Michael's Church

Once again our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will present the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS for our Family, Friends and the entire Parishes of St. Michael's and Holy Spirit. All are welcome including Children.

Our Festival will be a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer for the Advent Season. Our members will re-enact the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Shepherds and all the Christmas Characters. This is truly an event to be seen!

Please join us for this Holy and Enlightening Family Event.

Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

"Holy Hour for Life"

Come join us for a Holy Hour for Life
Praying before the Blessed Sacrament On
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 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>DECEMBER 12th</b>                                              |
| 8:30             | Carol Palasits and Dennis<br>Petruccelli req. by Judy & Al Arnold |
| 5:30 pm          | Helen Dobrowolski req. by Holy<br>Spirit 60+                      |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 13th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | Mary Cahalan req. by Kurt and<br>Joanne Landeck                   |
| 9:00             | Frank Gilbride req. by Wife                                       |
| 10:30            | Lena Speronza req. by Martin and<br>Lisa Herrejon                 |
| 12:00            | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                              |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 14th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | Susan Morello req. by Marie Helena<br>and Joe Canarelli           |
| 8:30             | Katherine Gunther req. by Children                                |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 15th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | Dolores Schwab req. by Bob and<br>Diane Felle                     |
| 8:30             | Bruno Unkowicz req. by Sister                                     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 16th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | William Sokiera req. by Eleanor and<br>George Kovach              |
| 8:30             | Patricia Maenza req. by The Anton<br>Family                       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 17th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | Francis and Florence Bradley req.<br>by Children                  |
| 8:30             | Ann Valentino req. by Daughter,<br>Diann                          |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 18th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | Diane Lynn Barlics req. by The<br>Wiggins Family                  |
| 8:30             | Canarelli Family req. by The Family                               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 19th</b>                                              |
| 8:30             | Mary Nelson req. by George and<br>Eleanor Kovach                  |
| 5:30 pm          | Rose Gargione req. by Daughter<br>and Granddaughters              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 20th</b>                                              |
| 7:30             | George Kost req. by Wife                                          |
| 9:00             | Carmen DeSarno req. by Wife,<br>Rose and Family                   |
| 10:30            | Gertrude C. Grandlouis req. by<br>Louise Robles                   |
| 12:00            | Gertrude C. Grandlouis req. by<br>Nancy Spiniello                 |

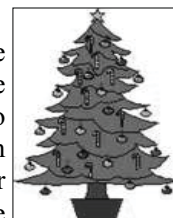
## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Breakfast with Santa—After 9:00 Mass<br>Parish Hall<br>Baptisms—1:00pm—Church<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Christmas Show (School) 7:30pm<br>Church and Parish Hall                                                                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church<br>RCIA—7:30-9:00pm—Drexler Hall<br>Tree of Remembrance—7:00pm<br>Church                                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church<br>CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church                                                                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | CCD—3:45-5:00pm—Church<br>Catholic Divorce Ministry—7:30-9:00<br>Drexler Hall<br>Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00pm—Parish<br>Hall           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Children's Liturgy—9:00am—Church<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm                                              |

**Family Liturgy:** Thank you to all who participated in our Family Liturgy on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Our petitioners were Christina Moran, Destinee Mickens, Victoria Pastore and Giovanna Pietrosky. The Menendez Family brought up the gifts in the Offertory procession. First grade students in Mrs. Mulhall's Wednesday CCD class and Mrs. Watson's Thursday CCD class completed the "John the Baptist" banner. Our CYO lector was Austin LaPilusa. We will be having a Family Liturgy on Christmas Eve at the 5:30 Mass and our next regularly scheduled Family Liturgy will be held on January 10, 2010. We hope to see many of you at both Masses.

## Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is 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.

***The Oplatek is in!!!*** If you have already ordered Oplatek—please call Lisa at 908-687-3327 or stop in the office to pick it up. The Cost is \$3.00 per pack.

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.

If you are interested in purchasing oplatek for your family this Christmas Eve, please notify Deacon Stan or Lisa in the Parish Office.

### ***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

### ***Celebrate the Joy of Christmas!***

Come see and hear the popular St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra in Concert at St. Theresa’s, in Kenilworth. The concert is on Wednesday, December 16th, and will feature the Jersey Shore’s favorite orchestra and energetically led by the must-see maestro, Father Alphonse Stephenson. Tickets cost \$15, \$25, and \$50. Call 908-709-1930 for tickets. All seats are reserved for your convenience!.

### **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

### **Knights of Columbus 4504 Annual Breakfast with Santa**

Hosted by the Columbiettes

**When:** Sunday, December 20, 2009

**Where:** Knights of Columbus 4505 Frank Dickerson Hall!

Time: 9:45am....after 9am Mass

**Menu Includes:** Our Famous Omelet Station

**Buffet Includes:** Eggs, Hash browns, Bacon, Pancakes, Bagels, Coffee and juices!!

**Price:** \$25.00 for a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)

\$8.00 each additional adult \$6.00 each additional child

**Reservations Required—This event fills up fast!!**

**Please call: Mary Celletti (908) 687-1299**

### ***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.”

**Candlelight Carol Sing:** The 39th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th at 8 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7 pm both nights. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more information call 973-484-2400, or visit: [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org).

### **Catholic Men’s Conference “Champions of Faith”**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.**

Offering a structure of fellowship and support to deepen men’s faith and relationships with Jesus Christ, their families and society

**“As Iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another” Proverbs 27:17**

### **Benedictine Center**

**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.

**Nativity Pageant:** Once again the children in grades 1 through 6 are invited to participate in acting out the Nativity story. This year we are going to do something new and different. The pageant will take place on Friday, December 18, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church. It will include a small prayer service and then a procession wherein the children will carry the Christ child to the outdoor Nativity Set, followed by a special blessing. We will then proceed to the parish hall for refreshments. Flyers will be sent home to all children in Holy Spirit School and Holy Spirit CCD classes this week. All children who are interested **MUST sign up on Sunday, December 13th** in the 1st grade classroom after the 9 o'clock Mass. There will be a short meeting at that time and a full rehearsal on Wednesday, December 16th at 3:30 pm in the Church. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this very special event.



If you have any questions, please call Judy Arnold at (908) 964-1365.

**You are cordially invited to attend a very special holiday program:**

### ***A TREE OF REMEMBRANCE DEDICATION***

**On Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the  
Holy Spirit Church, 971 Suburban Road, Union, NJ**

During this program, we will dedicate our holiday tree. Those attending will have the opportunity to personalize ornaments (which we will provide) with the name of the loved one they remember this holiday season. The ornaments will be placed on the tree and remain there during the holiday season.

If you can attend the program, please contact us at (908) 686-4700 or visit the funeral home to placed your ornament on the tree anytime **after** December 16th.



The dedication is complimentary and open to everyone. The Holy Spirit Church was chosen as a place of accommodation and not religious preference. We encourage you to bring family members or friends to this special memorial. **Refreshments will be served in the Holy Spirit Church Hall (which is located to the left of the Church entrance) from 6:15 PM until the time of service.**

***WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM***

Sincerely yours,  
The Staff of McCracken Funeral Home  
Jason M. Oszczakiewicz, Manager

#### **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