

# Holy Spirit Church

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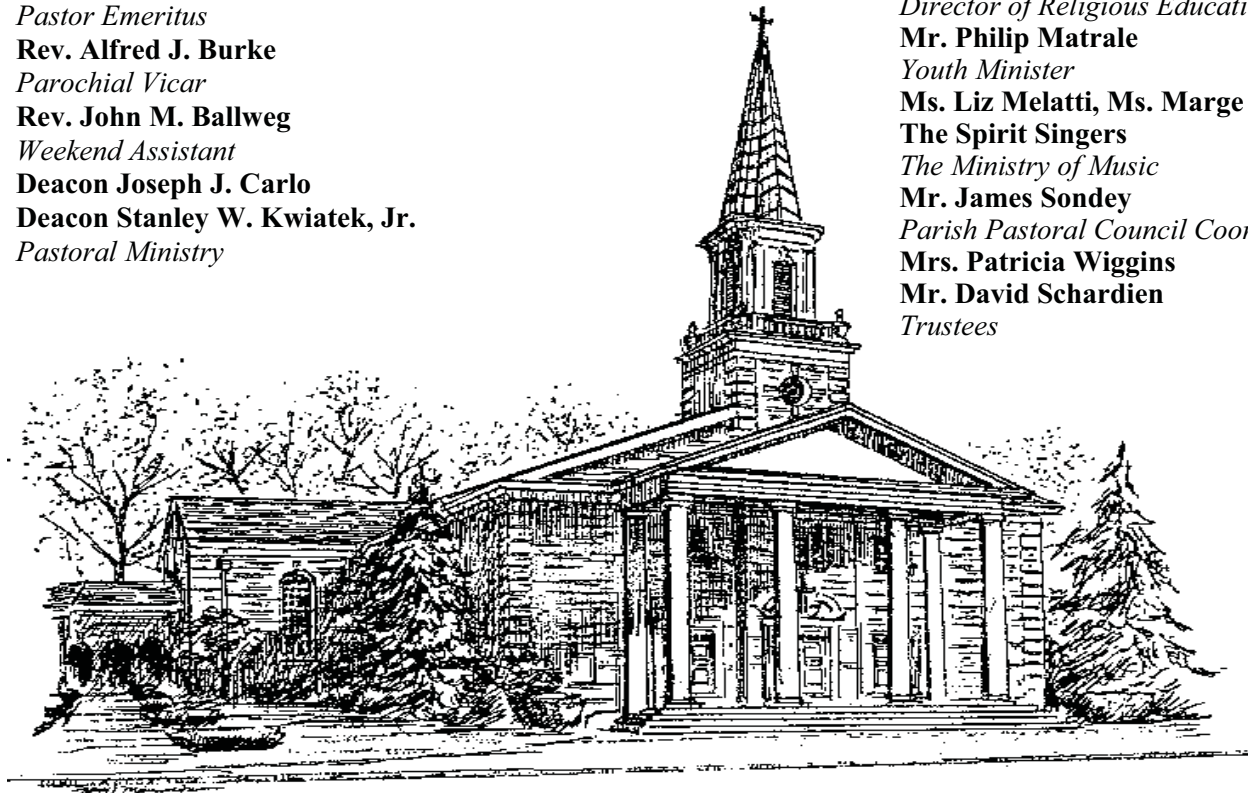
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Union

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](mailto:holyspiritchurch@comcast.net)

Religious Education Office - 964-7533

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

## Holy Spirit Church

Union, NJ

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009



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O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.

—Psalm 80:15-16

## Collections

Sunday Collection: \$12,132.00  
 Religious Retirement Collection: \$4,544.00  
 Holy Day Collection: \$2,418.00

### DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/13/09

POOR: \$22.00  
 HELPING HANDS: \$5.00

## Pray for ...

Nikki Nyzio  
 Marie Armstrong  
 Joseph Santillo  
 Trude Kleissler  
 Gary Russo  
 Grace Cuomo  
 Andrew Lewinter  
 Sal Guarino  
 Ann Marques  
 Michael Denicola  
 William Tyson

Rev. John Olszewski  
 Shirley Gargano  
 Joey Genova  
 Ann Russo  
 Bea Guadagno  
 Jo Landwirth  
 Susan Dowling  
 Kevin Anon  
 John Marques  
 Jodi Wendt  
 Rudy LaGala

**ALTAR BREAD;** In memory of Carmen DeSarno req. by Wife, Children and Grandchildren  
**SACRIFICIAL WINE; SANCTUARY LAMP;** In memory of Stanley Cetnarski req. by Family

### *A message from our Pastor:*

*Dear Parishioners,*

On behalf of the entire staff here at Holy Spirit, please accept my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas. It is our sincere prayer that the coming this week of the Christ child fills your hearts and homes with abundant blessings of love and peace.

In the chaos of the upcoming few days, please try to take a few moments to step back from it all and let Jesus touch your soul with the full meaning of this wonderful mystery about to unfold before us; God becoming one like us so that we could become more like Him!

Is there anything more heart melting than the fact of a very young child upon seeing his first Christmas tree? It is that same sense of awe, wonder, and joy that should fill the presence of our Lord in the world. Approach these days with that same child-like spirit. Allow yourself to be enveloped by His love and truly Christmas will be a day to celebrate, not just endure.

On a practical note, the schedule for Masses on Christmas Eve and Day is printed in this bulletin and is still available on the small folders located by the church doors. Please take two keep one for yourselves and give one to someone who would benefit from it.

*Fr. Armand*

***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.***

### ***Important Bulletin Deadlines***

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

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



## School News

Our Christmas break begins after a 12:30 PM dismissal on Tuesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We wish everyone at Holy Spirit School a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy & Happy New Year!



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:**  
[cyouunionnj.com](http://cyouunionnj.com)



*In the last 2 weeks we had a Christmas Party for the Handicapped Children of the ARC as well as a Charity Basketball Game for the needy. (our Juniors defeated our Seniors 76-74.) We also served a Christmas Dinner at the Nursing Home and cooked and served Dinner for the residents of the Cheshire Home Quadriplegic Center.*

*We would like to thank all our members who made these events filled with the Christmas Spirit especially Heather Baumann, Joey Giambusso, Peter McTernan, Evan Moulton, Lauren Stapleton and Nick Telle who ran these events for us.*

### **“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 19th</b>                                                 |
| 8:30             | Mary Nelson req. by George and Eleanor Kovach                        |
| 5:30 pm          | Rose Gargione req. by Daughter and Granddaughters                    |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 20th</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | George Kost req. by Wife                                             |
| 9:00             | Carmen DeSarno req. by Wife, Rose and Family                         |
| 10:30            | Gertrude C. Grandlouis req. by Louise Robles                         |
| 12:00            | Gertrude C. Grandlouis req. by Nancy Spiniello                       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 21st</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | William and Blanche Lindenmuth req. by Deborah Scott                 |
| 8:30             | Bill Kluxen req. by Betty Kluxen and Family                          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 22nd</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | Rosina DiPaola req. by Husband and Children                          |
| 8:30             | Michael and Elizabeth Ziobro req. by Children                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 23rd</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | Carl Stampfl req. by Fran Donnelly and Family                        |
| 8:30             | Joseph Mate, Katherine and Michael Gunther req. by Wife and Children |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 24th</b>                                                 |
| 8:30             | Monteverdi, Berner, Patz Families, req. by Family                    |
| 5:30pm           | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| 10:00pm          | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 25th</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| 9:00             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| 10:30            | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| 12:00            | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 26th</b>                                                 |
| 8:30             | Donald Faughnan req. by Family                                       |
| 5:30 pm          | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 27th</b>                                                 |
| 7:30             | Ann and Joseph Leary req. by Kurt and Joanne Landeck                 |
| 9:00             | Theresa Garthwaite req. by The Garthwaite Family                     |
| 10:30            | George Vollweiler req. by The Vollweiler Family                      |
| 12:00            | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                 |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Children's Liturgy—9:00am—Church<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Cub Scout Parent Leader Meeting<br>7:30pm—Parish Hall                               |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   |                                                                                     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church                                                |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Catholic Divorce Ministry—7:30-9:00<br>Drexler Hall                                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    |                                                                                     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |                                                                                     |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm                                     |

**Family Liturgy:** We invite all our families, especially those with younger children to join us at the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. Children will do the petitions, a family will bring up the gifts and homily will be directed to the children who will be invited to sit at the altar for it. It will be a wonderful way to begin Christmas, enjoying the true meaning of the day.

## Christmas Schedule—2009

### CONFESSIONS

**Monday, December 21, 2009**

7:30-8:30 pm

**There will be no confession on Christmas Eve**

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve—Thursday, December 24**

5:30 pm

10:00 pm

**A Carol Service begins 1/2 hour before each liturgy**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Friday, December 25**

7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

### THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/ NEW YEAR'S

**Thursday, December 31**

5:30 pm

**Friday, January 1, 2010**

8:30 am and 12:00 noon only

**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 Academy**

Young women in 6th through 8th grades are invited to Benedictine Academy for **"Discover BA Day"**, **Saturday, January 9, 2010**. Benedictine Academy is a Middle States-Accredited all-female Catholic college preparatory high school located in the Westminster section of Elizabeth. Ninety-eight percent of graduates have been accepted to college for the past fourteen years. Our student/teacher ratio of 10:1 offers students individualized attention and encouragement. Students of diverse faiths and cultures attend our school. They will be on hand to greet and guide you in exploring the Academy at **"Discover BA Day"**. Drop in and experience brief class sessions with teachers, observe science demonstrations and interactive lessons using SMARTBoard technology, and hear information about our athletics programs, clubs and activities. There will also be advice on how to afford an excellent Benedictine high school education. The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 2:00pm.

It's a great opportunity to see the extraordinary place where young women have been preparing for the future for over 95 years...see why BA is "The Smart Place to Be"! To register, or for more information, please call Ms. Branco at 908-352-0670, ext. 104.

**St. Michaels' Church and School  
Elizabeth, NJ**

A reunion of St. Michael's School, Elizabeth, NJ will be held on Sunday, 10/10/10. Pass the word! We are looking for class lists and all Alumni. Contact us if you have information to share, want to join the committee, or are interested in attending.

Yolanda Diaz-Reyes—443 Maple Ave. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 908-354-1274. Website: <http://capemayteddybear.com/St.Michaels/Index.htm> email: [stmikealumlists@aol.com](mailto:stmikealumlists@aol.com)

**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

**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!***

**Benedictine Center Retreat**

The Benedictine Center invites you to **Thomas Merton: A Voice Crying Out** on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Open to all. (Weekend retreat January 29-31 for women only.) at St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ. \$30 for Saturday with lunch included. \$125 for the weekend. Call 908-353-3028 to register.

**Union Catholic Scholarship Exam**

The Union Catholic High School Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2014 will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 9:00 AM. There is no makeup for this exam. Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded. The fee for this exam is \$25.00. To register for the Scholarship Exam, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 328



***St. Joseph Social Service Center***  
***118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201***

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of food, money and time for Thanksgiving. Your generosity enabled us to provide turkeys and trimmings to over 800 households! We were so grateful for the many donations that came from churches, businesses and individuals, in spite of the poor economy! And so many of you gave of your time and energy to sort, bag and distribute the food. Without your help, we could not have done it! Thank you so much for helping to do God's work!

As I give thanks for the many blessings in my life, I especially remember you, our donors and volunteers, who made it possible for us to minister to the poor and needy all year long. I can never thank you enough for all you do for us!

May God bless you all for your loving compassion and your concern for your sisters and brothers in need!

With love and gratitude,

***Sister Jacinta Fernandes***

***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

**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