

Holy Spirit Church

Rev. Armand Mantia

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Mr. James Sondey

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Mrs. Patricia Wiggins

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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

Religious Education Office - 964-7533

Web Site - www.holyspiritunion.org

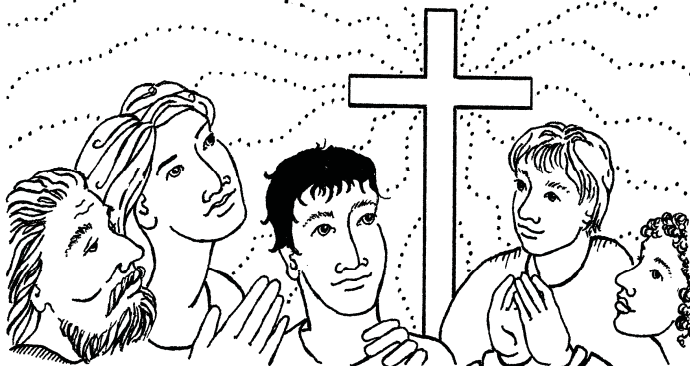
Holy Spirit Church

Union, NJ

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2009

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Beloved, we are God's children now;
What we shall be has not yet been revealed.

—1 John 3:2a

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$6,176.00
Maintenance Collection: \$2,652.00

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/20/09

POOR: \$26.00
HELPING HANDS: \$6.00

Pray for ...

Nikki Nyzio
Marie Armstrong
Joey Genova
Ann Russo
Gary Russo
Grace Cuomo
Andrew Lewinter
Sal Guarino
Ann Marques
Michael Denicola
William Tyson

Rev. John Olszewski
Shirley Gargano
Trude Kleissler
Rudy LaGala
Bea Guadagno
Jo Landwirth
Susan Dowling
Kevin Anon
John Marques
Jodi Wendt

**ALTAR BREAD; SACRIFICIAL WINE;
SANCTUARY LAMP;** In memory of Donald
Faughnan req. by Family

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Christmas and the Christmas season! Even though the modern commercial world would have you believe it's all over and done with for another year, even though you'd be hard pressed to hear any holiday music on the radio, even though the stores have already begun decorating for Valentine's Day, the fact is Christmas has only just begun. The season runs from December 25 until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is January 10, so don't stop!

Today we gather together to celebrate the Holy Family. There is no more perfect time of year to reflect on this extraordinarily special group of people; Jesus, Mary and Joseph and to deepen our imitation of them. Remember, the closer we model their lives in our own, the holier our families will be too.

Fr. Armand

A Sincere Thank You

Is extended to all who took the time to send cards and gifts to the priests and to the parish staff. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and we are all most grateful.

I am also profoundly grateful to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Collection. Once the final offerings have been received I will publish the grand total for all to see. May God bless all who made truly sacrificial offerings, especially in these difficult times.



School News

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL WISHES
EVERYONE
A HAPPY & BLESSED 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: cyounionnj.com



We would like to congratulate all our members who participated in the Christmas Festival of Lights! Their performance was inspirational!

Festival of Lights Characters

*Mary.....Lauren Lodato Joseph.....Scott Bashford
Angel.....Heather Baumann Elizabeth..... Kaitlyn LaZaro
Inn-Keeper.... EJ Scarillo Servant....Giovanna Dionisio
King HerodNick Helmstetter*

Wise Men: Jimmy Lee Daniel Lino Louis Tripodi
Shepherds: Chris Saintelus Tim Watson
Devin Zimmerman Michael Zuena

READERS

*Austin LaPilusa Danielle Mahon Jess Torr
Michael Figueiredo Raquel Pinto Peris Kooro
Jullian Goncalves Demi Buscar Melanie Filippone
Steve Delos Rios Carly Ferretti Brendan Faria
Dana Bartone*

Lights/Stage.....Louis August

“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 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                  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 28th</b>                                  |
| 7:30             | Angelo Pecoraro req. by Ann Margaret Shannon          |
| 8:30             | Mark Jared Wagner req. by Mom and Dad                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 29th</b>                                  |
| 7:30             | Douglas Krueger req. by Family                        |
| 8:30             | Richard J. Saunderson req. by Family                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 30th</b>                                  |
| 7:30             | Stan Commander req. by Marie Helena and Joe Canarelli |
| 8:30             | Michael McCarthy req. by John and Heather Carr        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 31st</b>                                  |
| 8:30             | Frederick Scott req. by Family                        |
| 5:30 pm          | Anthony Adams req. by Adams Family                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>JANUARY 1st</b>                                    |
| 8:30             | Inocencio Bautista req. by Bernadeth Padoline         |
| 12:00 noon       | Rev. Edward Swierzbinski req. by Tom and Ann Hornig   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>JANUARY 2nd</b>                                    |
| 8:30             | Annette Renga req. by Uschak Family                   |
| 5:30 pm          | John Short req. by Mary and David Schardien           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>JANUARY 3rd</b>                                    |
| 7:30             | Sam Sosnicky req. by Daughter, Susan                  |
| 9:00             | Mafalda Vassallo req. by A. Peter Genova              |
| 10:30            | Vincent Yeo req. by Sister, Francis Price             |
| 12:00            | Diane Barlics req. by Maureen Moleen and Family       |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm     |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    |                                                     |
| <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:** Our next Family Liturgy will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the 9 o'clock Mass. We encourage all families to bring their children as the Mass and homily is directed to them.

## 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

Because it falls on a Friday this year, January 1 is a Holyday of Obligation. However, there is no more perfect way to usher in 2010 than to come together with your parish family in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Together we will give thanks and praise to Almighty God for all that was accomplished in the old year and those graces and blessings to be experienced in the new year.

Please note the very special Mass schedule for this day and do your best to be with us. I promise, you won't regret the sacrifice you make to be here.

**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



### How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

### 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 3. 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