

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

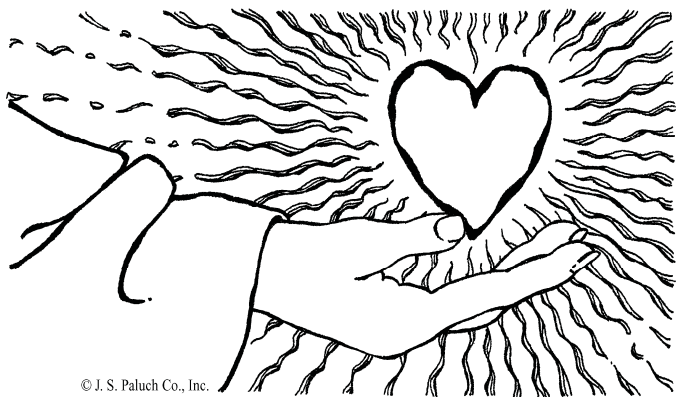
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Holy Spirit Church

Union, NJ

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010



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Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
-Psalm 103:8

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$10,723.00

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/28/10

POOR: \$18.00
HELPING HANDS: \$19.00

Pray for ...

Connie O'Shea
Marie Armstrong
Mary Corigliano
Trude Kleissler
Gary Russo
Jo Landwirth
Joan Scholz
Kevin Anon
Ann Marques
Michael Denicola
Laura Skibin

Rev. John Olszewski
Shirley Gargano
Joey Genova
Ann Russo
Bea Guadagno
Rudy LaGala
Susan Dowling
William Tyson
John Marques
Jodi Wendt

A message from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

The Season of Lent is now well underway, and hopefully we are all observing some type of penance, self denial or extra acts of piety and holiness. However, since the earliest days of the church, Lent has also been the time specially set aside for the final preparation of those who are seeking entrance into the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Each of these Sacraments of Initiation most fittingly take place during the upcoming Easter Season, but now is the time when we make ready for them.

In our own parish, this weekend sees all of our candidates for Confirmation experiencing a day of retreat in preparation for their celebration in April. During this very special time they will have the opportunity to hear about and reflect upon their relationship to the Lord and His church. They will share with their peers and with our parish community their desire to enter more deeply into the mystery of God sharing His life and love with all of us.

I ask you to please keep our candidates in your prayers, not just for today, but throughout the remaining days of this sacred season. Please also remember all those thousands of men and women throughout our Archdiocese and nation, both adult and young, who are preparing to enter the church or to continue their journey of faith through the reception of the sacraments.

Fr. Armand

Family Liturgy: Our next family Liturgy will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the nine o'clock Mass. We encourage all families, especially those with younger children, to attend as the homily and readings are geared to their level. We hope to see many of you next week!

ALTAR BREAD; In memory of Mary Vieira req. by Ken and Louise Schreihofner
SACRIFICIAL WINE; In memory of Florence LaRocco req. by Husband
SANCTUARY LAMP; In memory of Jasmin Chua req. By The Chua Family

Holy Spirit will be offering a Women's Retreat on Mach 19-21. The theme is MARTHA, MARY AND US: OUR CALL TO PRAYER AND SERVICE. Registrations forms and details are available at the doors of the church and must be returned this week. Take some time with the Lord away from the distractions of your life this Lenten season. If you have any questions, call Barbara at 687-0048 or Joan at 964-9261.



School News

Spring Clean &
HELP THOSE IN NEED!
** CLOTHING DRIVE **

Home School Fund Raiser
Fri., April 16th 3PM - 5PM
Sat., April 17th 9AM - 1PM

**Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Hats & Gloves,
Curtains, Blankets, Pocketbooks, &
Stuffed Animals.**

**Ask your families, friends and
co-workers, too!**

**Volunteer for contract hours.
Hours for full bags of clothes.**

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN HEAVY TRASH BAGS-
(NO BOXES or LOOSE ITEMS)**

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our school's Sports Program's annual **Pasta Dinner** a great success last weekend! We especially appreciate our chef **Glen Volturo & his assistants** for all the time spent in preparation, despite the bad weather the days before. Needless to say, *everything* was **DELICIOUS!** Also, **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ariana Carr**, the winner of the **iPod Touch Raffle!** We are grateful to all who contributed to the dinner in every capacity, because together, the evening was successful and fun!

Congratulations to our 8th graders who received **scholarships** to many of the **Catholic High Schools** around the area! Kudos to **Obafemi Animashaun, Angelica Cedeno, Matthew Cristales, Joseph Daguio, Kathleen Falcon, Nicole Ferrer, Ann Gilligan, Nelson Kelly, Ashley Laura, Kevin Macalos, Kaitlyn Njoroge, Allison Ramos, Michael Recki, and Brandon Stephen!** *We hope your worthy accomplishments inspire you to even greater success in your future!*

St. Thomas More Scholarship applications are now available for qualified families here at our school. If you are interested in applying or need more information, please call the school at **(908) 687-8415.**

CYO/Youth Ministry News

Website: cyounionnj.com

"Faith isn't true Faith till it is Shared with another!"

This Tuesday is **Bring A Friend Night** at CYO! This is the night where you bring someone who has never been to CYO before. The night will consist of games, prizes, refreshments and most importantly **Faith Sharing!** Our presenters for the night will be **Josh Burgos and Raquel Pinto.** Doors will open at 7pm. Start time is 7:30.

So.....Who should you invite to Bring a Friend Night?

*The friend you know needs Jesus in their life
The friend that CYO is so hard to explain to
A young person who is going through a difficult time*

Any high school aged friend, brother, sister or cousin

Your Parent's friend's kids

Someone you really care about!!!!!! We look forward to seeing you and your friend at this special event.

Congratulations to our March Members of the Month **Jessica Torr** and **Jimmy Lee!** These are Juniors who have done it all for the last 3 years straight. This year alone they have both participated in the Festival of Lights, are Mentors, volunteered at Vacation Bible School and are regulars at meetings and service projects. God Bless them!

There is a lot going on this month so be sure to check the website often for information on these events.

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>MARCH 6th</b>                                                    |
| 8:30             | Nicholas C. Siccone req. by William DeLeonardo                      |
| 5:30 pm          | Marie Orlando req. by Sister                                        |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 7th</b>                                                    |
| 7:30             | Sam Sosnicky (6th Anniversary) req. by Wife Ann and Family          |
| 9:00             | Rosina DiPaola req. by Husband and Children                         |
| 10:30            | Florence LaRocco req. by Husband                                    |
| 12:00            | June Auer req. by Family                                            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 8th</b>                                                    |
| 7:30             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                |
| 8:30             | In Thanksgiving for Erlinda Manego req. by Manego & Tamayo Families |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>MARCH 9th</b>                                                    |
| 7:30             | John Krahel req. by The Konicki Family                              |
| 8:30             | Sister Mary Russo req. by Alicia McCormick                          |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>MARCH 10th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Nelia Purisima req. by Leo Krahel                                   |
| 8:30             | Dennis Maher req. by Wife                                           |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>MARCH 11th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Nelia Purisima req. by Al and Carol Leick                           |
| 8:30             | Catherine Barc req. by Bill and Beverly Matheus                     |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 12th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Nelia Purisima req. by Mary Faughnan                                |
| 8:30             | Michael Gunther req. by Children                                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>MARCH 13th</b>                                                   |
| 8:30             | Angela and John DePinto req. by Children                            |
| 5:30 pm          | Anthony Cavo req. by Daughter Rose and Family                       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 14th</b>                                                   |
| 7:30             | Frederick J. Neri, Sr. req. by Wife and Children                    |
| 9:00             | Eleanor Saemann & Lillian Arnold req. by The Arnolds                |
| 10:30            | Frank Colandro req. by Wife and Family                              |
| 12:00            | Helen and Gerald Gantter req. by Son and Daughter                   |

## 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>   | CCD—3:45—5:00pm—Church<br>RCIA—7:30—9:00pm—Drexler Hall<br>Rosary Altar Society<br>7:30-8:00pm—Church<br>8:00-9:30pm—Parish Hall |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | St. Philomena's 12:00-1:30 pm Church<br>CCD—3:45—5:00pm—Church<br>Bereavement—7:30-9:00pm—<br>Drexler Hall                       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | CCD—3:45—5:00pm—Church<br>Boy Scouts—7:00-9:00pm Parish<br>Hall<br>Catholic Divorce Ministry—7:30-9:00<br>Drexler Hall           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Stations of the Cross-7:00 pm<br>Church                                                                                          |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Family Liturgy 9:00am—Church<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm                                                  |

### ***“New Members Welcome”***

If planning to attend St. Patrick's celebration on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at “Doolans” in Spring Lake, full payment of \$64.00 is due.

This year Liz and Frank, with the help of Holy Spirit 60+ are collecting **MEN'S jeans size 36 to 44** to distribute to Bridges Outreach Inc. program in Summit, NJ. Each week in Newark, they feed and clothe nearly 4,000 people, including 600 children through several street and shelter programs. In New York City the number of people they feed and clothe increased by 20% this past year. If we can make a difference in their lives by providing something as simple as a pair of Jeans, we will through our 60+ group. So please go through your closets and bring to our meeting **MEN'S JEANS size 36 to 44** and also **Magda's** outreach lap robes for our troops in Iraq. Any questions, call Liz 908-687-0781.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2010 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.  
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.  
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2010.**

\*Canon 920, 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

#### **ATTENTION ROSARIANS**

Due to the inclement weather on February 9, 2010, the Rosary meeting was cancelled. Therefore, anyone wanting to attend the day out on April 17th, please send your \$70.00 check made out to Holy Spirit Rosary Society to:

Fran Donnelly  
280 New Jersey Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083  
Send your check A.S.A.P. Thank you

#### **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.”

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

**Saturday, March 13, 2010 Seton Hall University**

This conference will focus on bringing men together to form a brotherhood that goes beyond the conference and helps you strengthen faith, your family and identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Prepare to be inspired! Prepare to be Challenged!  
Prepare to be blessed!**

Dynamic Catholic speakers share the truth of the Gospel and call all men to live out their faith with courage and holy boldness. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, Joe Kleck, ex-Jets Pro Football Player, Curtis Martin, Director of Focus, Rich Donnelly, MLB Coach and more speakers who will inspire.

Registration on line for the quickest and easiest way or pick up a registration form available in church. Visa and mastercard with online registration at [www.rcan.org/menscommission](http://www.rcan.org/menscommission). Checks or cash would also be accepted.

Cost \$20 individual, Seniors 65+ \$15—Students 14 and under \$15. Priest and Religious Free. Cost includes breakfast and lunch. Deacon Joe will organize car pools. If you have questions call him at 964-9372.

***Iron Sharpens Iron, One Man Sharpens Another***

#### **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.

#### **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

***5, 25, and 50 years of Marriage Celebrations***

The Archdiocese once again will be honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2010. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The schedule is as follows:

**5th and 25th Anniversary**  
**April 11, 2010**  
**3:00 PM – All four counties**  
(Deadline for reservations is April 2, 2010)

**50th Anniversary**  
**May 16, 2010**  
**3:00 PM—Essex and Union Counties**  
(Deadline for reservations is May 7, 2010)

**50th Anniversary**  
**June 6, 2010**  
**3:00 PM—Bergen and Hudson Counties**  
(Deadline for reservations is May 28, 2010)

**“Do You Remember”**

If you are fond of Sand Dunes and salty air, quaint little Villages here and there, you’re sure to fall in love with Old Cape Cod. **Come along with Holy Spirit 60+ on Monday May 17, 2010 through May 21, 2010** to experience the above. Four (4) nights lodging; eight, (8) meals-4 breakfasts and 4 dinners). Visit lovely Martha’s Vineyard, and exploration of Historic Hyanis and Sandwich, tour “Outer Capes” Provincetown and Chatham, visit JFK Museum, the Eastham Wind Mill and much more. Price is \$440 per person double and \$570 single. This price includes all tips and luggage handling (Motor Coach Transportation). Full payment is due March 19, 2010.



***For more information please call Liz at 9108-687-0781.***