

Holy Spirit Church

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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 ~

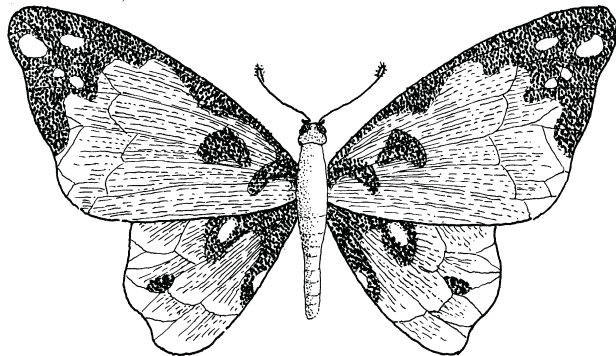
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Web Site - www.holyspiritunion.org

Holy Spirit Church
 Union, NJ
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010

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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation;
 The old things have passed away;
 Behold, new things have come.
 -2 Corinthians 5:17

Collections

Sunday Collection: \$11,921.00

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/7/10

POOR: \$27.00
 HELPING HANDS: \$12.00

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. Jack Ballweg

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

A message from our Pastor: *Dear Parishioners,*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is another of those days which has a very special name. According to an ancient tradition of the church, today is referred to as "Laetare Sunday." Along with the Third Sunday of Advent, today it is permissible for the priest to use rose colored vestments, and for the liturgy itself to be a bit more festive than the other Lenten Sundays.

The celebration of Laetare Sunday serves a twofold purpose. First it gives a small glimpse of the joy to come as the celebration of Easter draws near. It is a small relaxation of the stringent discipline of Lent to remind us of what all our prayer, fasting and almsgiving is leading us to.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, it also serves as the "two minute warning" that Lent is quickly running out. If we have not yet done anything to observe the sacred season, or if we are still conscious of sin that has been unconfessed or unrepented, what are we waiting for? Time is running out and Easter will be here before you know it. The time for action is now, because there are very few tomorrows left in Lent.

You may have noticed that Fr. Ballweg has not been around recently. He wanted to let everyone know that he is fine, but will be undergoing another hip replacement operation within the next few weeks. He anticipates being away until the end of April, at the earliest. Please join me in wishing Fr. Jack well and please keep him in your prayers. In the meantime, I am trying to find someone who can help us for Sunday Mass during this period. If you wish to send a card to Fr. Jack, please address it to the rectory, and we will forward all of them to him.

Fr. Armand

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES

Palm Sunday—March 28, 2010: If you want anything to be publicized in the Palm Sunday—March 28th issue of our bulletin you must have your information to Lisa by **Thursday, March 18, 2010 by 12:00 noon.**

Easter Sunday—April 4, 2010: If you want anything to be publicized in our Easter Sunday—April 4th issue of our bulletin you must have your information to Lisa by **Wednesday, March 25, 2010 by 12:00 noon.**

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation in this matter. The bulletin has notified us as to these deadlines so that we are assured our delivery.



School News

Spring Clean &
HELP THOSE IN NEED!
**** CLOTHING DRIVE ****
 Home School Fund Raiser

Fri, April 16th: 3PM - 5PM

Sat, April 17th: 9AM - 1PM and after 5:30 PM mass

Sun, April 18th: Before & after all masses until 2 PM

**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)



Congratulations to our 8th graders who received scholarships to many of the Catholic High Schools around the area! Kudos to Obafemi Animashaun, Angelica Cedenno, 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**.



Holy Spirit School would like to wish everyone a

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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



This week Lisa Athan from Grief Speaks will be our guest speaker at CYO. Her topic will be dealing with Depression Issues for Teens. We strongly encourage all our members to be at CYO for this informative and important presentation.

We would like to thank **Dana Bartone, Nick Helmstetter, James Lee, Danielle Mahon & Brendan Silva** who gave self-written Confirmation Presentations this past week! Their openness about their Faith inspired all of us.

Don't forget to get your Combo Skyler: The Comedy Hypnotist and UHS Play: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat tickets this week at CYO! You can get tickets for both for only **\$10.00!!!** (You save \$14.00!!) This offer will only last another week so do not delay. See Amanda Ruhl and Andrea Garcia.

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 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                         |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 15th</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Josephine Benestad req. by Niece, Lauretta Miuccio                        |
| 8:30             | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish                                      |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>MARCH 16th</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Patrick Brady req. by George and Eleanor Kovach                           |
| 8:30             | Frank Cadigan req. by The Maher Family                                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>MARCH 17th</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Gordon Moses req. by Agnes Moses                                          |
| 8:30             | Deceased Members of the O'Donnell Family req. by The Maher Family         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>MARCH 18th</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Yolanda Marra req. by Faculty and Staff                                   |
| 8:30             | Patrick Brady req. by Dorothy Reynolds                                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 19th</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Deceased Members of the LaRocco Family req. by Carmelo (Carmine) La Rocco |
| 8:30             | Joseph Mate req. by Wife & Children                                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>MARCH 20th</b>                                                         |
| 8:30             | John Staba req. by Wife & Children                                        |
| 5:30 pm          | William and Sarah Lawrence req. by Louise                                 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 21st</b>                                                         |
| 7:30             | Mary Kovach req. by George and Eleanor Kovach                             |
| 9:00             | Alice R. Towers req. by Arline and Stanley Bunnell                        |
| 10:30            | Peter Szuyk req. by Daughter                                              |
| 12:00            | Edward Garthwaite req. by Joan and Edward Garthwaite                      |

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Family Liturgy 9:00am—Church<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm                                        |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Grade 8 Mentoring 7:00-8:30pm<br>Parish Hall                                                                           |
| <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>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>    | Women's Retreat 3:00-10:30pm<br>Parish Hall and Church<br>Stations of the Cross-7:00 pm<br>Church                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | Women's Retreat 9:00am-5:30pm<br>Parish Hall and Church<br>Rosary Altar Society Palm Cross Sale<br>After 5:30 Mass     |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Rosary Altar Society Palm Cross Sale<br>After All Masses<br>AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall<br>7:15 pm            |

### *Holy Spirit Rosary Society*

Palm crosses will be available for purchase after all Masses on March 20th, 21st and March 28th, 29th. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please support this sale, it is one of our major fund raisers.



**“Holy Hour for Life”**

Come join us for a Holy Hour for Life  
Praying before the Blessed Sacrament On

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
7:30 PM**

At Holy Spirit Church Suburban Road, Union, NJ  
Sponsored by: Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry

**Holy Spirit will be offering a Women’s Retreat on March 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.

**All Men of Holy Spirit** are invited to the Holy Spirit Men’s Prayer Group after 8:30 Saturday Mass 3/27 in the music room. We pray and discuss the readings for Sunday. We are men who love our God and want to learn more about Him. Coffee and will be served. Peace!

**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

**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 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.”

**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 908-687-0781.***