

Church of the Holy Spirit



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Holy Trinity Church



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OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
Rich Nigro & Mike Nichols, Trustees

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday - 11:30 A.M.
Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

HOLY TRINITY

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds
John Sefcovic, Cemetery Caretaker-St. Anthony's Cemetery
Concetta Sager & Greg Heroth, Trustees

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 A.M.
Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 A.M.

LINKED PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

“Inspired by the words of Holy Scripture and committed to serving others with love, our communities are called to be a light to the world.”



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

BAPTISM: First time parents are required to receive instructions. Call parish offices.

RECONCILIATION: 2:15 P.M. Saturday at Holy Spirit *AND* First Thursday of the Month following devotions, alternating monthly between parishes.

MATRIMONY: Pre-Cana is expected. Call parish offices at least six months in advance.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you are planning a surgery, call the parish office or Fr. Matt to make an appointment to receive Sacrament of the Sick. Seriously ill or home bound should call the office. If you or a loved one are sick and not able to attend Mass, please make sure to call the parish office (the number is listed on the front of the bulletin) to let the office and Father Matt know so we can reach out as soon as possible.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: At The Church of the Holy Spirit.

CEMETERIES: Call parish offices.

MOTHER TERESA'S CLOSET: Monthly distribution of personal care items available at Holy Trinity Parish.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Items are available, free of charge, at Holy Trinity Parish for those in need.

THURSDAY DEVOTIONS: 3:00 P.M. –3:30 P.M.

In April the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church, Johnstown with the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Prayer to Our Lady Undoer of Knots, Prayer for Vocations, Benediction, Divine Praise and closing prayer.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday & Wednesday at Holy Trinity, Johnstown Thursday & Friday at Holy Spirit, Gloversville.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:30 A.M. Sites will alternate to coincide with the Thursday Devotions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Call the office to leave your name and phone number. Meeting times and location to be determined by the group.

PROJECT RACHEL: Call the 24/7 confidential help line at 518-312-3825 if you are hurting from an abortion. Men and women can find healing. Email rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

As Catholics, our mission is clear—we are called upon to share our faith as disciples ourselves and disciple-makers as Jesus preached: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded of you.” (Matthew 28:19-20) Since each parish and the Diocese are partners in this work, robust support of parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal ensures the Church has the resources it needs to carry out its mission.

4th Sunday of Easter

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11. My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, “I just want you to know, I’m willing to die for these files.” She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security. There is something absurd in Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel: “I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life. And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: “He is out of his mind.” C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John’s Gospel won’t let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death. The Good Shepherd’s madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me. Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir

Mother Teresa’s Closet

Like everyone, Mother Teresa’s Closet is feeling the effect of increased prices for many of the items that we keep stocked in the ‘closet’ – basic necessities for personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. We are very fortunate and grateful for our volunteers, the donors in our linked parishes and the Helper’s Community store support in making our ministry to the needy a success. We have over 200 people registered for help with an average of 80 recipients attending each distribution on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Monetary donations can be made in honor of loved ones to continue to support this ministry. You may place a donation in the offertory or mail to the Parish office. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity Parish, with MTC in the memo line. At this time we have a need for infant/toddler diapers size 1— size 7.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

The Church of the Holy Spirit
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are \$372,971.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$7,172.52.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection	4/12/26
Envelopes	\$2,606.00
Loose	\$619.00
Online	\$388.00
Total Weekly	\$3,613.00
Other	\$1,021.00
Rent	\$1,751.00
Total Income	\$6,385.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 124 11:30 A.M. 143

Collection	4/12/26
Envelopes	\$2,485.00
Loose	\$290.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,775.00
Other	\$340.00
Total Income	\$3,115.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 154

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 3, 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M.	Rita Bravo	Rich Nigro (H) Ron Zimmerman (H) Ginni Mazur (C) Brian Farley (C)
11:30 A.M.	Matt Trainor	Pam Bray (H) Sandy Brower (C) Cindy Kollar (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.	Anne Solar	Karen Nellis (H) Jennifer Connolly (C) Rebecca Weideman (C)
Wells House/Pineview Commons May 3 Donna Calhoun and Jane Sitterly		

Sisters of the Holy Spirit will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 4th at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

The Basket Raffle fundraiser sponsored by the Youth Ministry Team will begin this weekend. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend through April 26th. Winners will be drawn on Thursday, April 30th. Tickets can also be purchased Monday-Thursday at the Parish's office. Ticket prices are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 10. Baskets will be available to see in the office or through photos on the boards at the churches. All proceeds will benefit the youth going to Break-away Camp at the end of June.

WE NEED YOU!

Please search in your heart to become a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. Take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. We are all worthy in His presence. Please contact the Parish Office if you feel called to serve.



Any high school senior who is an active, participating member of the Holy Trinity Parish and who plans to further his/her education next year, may apply for a Burda

Scholar Award by emailing aniles207@gmail.com to receive an application. Completed applications must be emailed to aniles207@gmail.com on or before Monday, May 11th. If your application is received after May 11th, it will not be accepted.



Welcome to Adoration of Our Lord

Everyone is invited to come and visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel at anytime.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Holy Spirit.

JESUS WAITS FOR US. If you are interested in becoming an Adorer or a substitute, please call Ann: 518-725-5989 or Cindy: 518-725-3532. Thank you for your continued support.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator
email: holyspirit12078@gmail.com

First Communion will be Sunday, May 17th 9:00 am at Holy Trinity and 11:30 am at Holy Spirit.

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Auriesville Shrine.

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$22,047.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$14,169.00
Balance \$10,171.00



Music Ministry Help Request: Our faithful Mass musical ensembles are always looking for gifted vocalists and instrumentalists to consider joining us at our weekend liturgies to help lift our communities in joyful song to the Lord.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at any of our three weekend liturgies, please contact the office at 518 725 3143 to connect with Paul Whitney (4 pm Mass coordinator) and/or Sue Shrader (11:30 am Mass coordinator). You may reach Mary Puznowski (9 am Mass coordinator) directly at 315-867-9020 or mayorpuznowski@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please follow the dates listed below when submitting **announcements** to be in the bulletin. Announcements need to be in the office no later than noon on the dates listed below.

BULLETIN:

MAY 3RD

DEADLINE:

**APRIL 27TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

If you are unable to get to Mass and would like to receive Communion or if you know of anyone who would like to receive, please call the Parish office with your contact information so we can arrange for one of our Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to you.

Today we celebrate **Trina and Ron Zimmerman** and thank them for their dedication and service to our parish family. Thank you for giving your time, talents, and heart to serve God and us all. We wish you a Very Happy **50th Wedding Anniversary**.

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
Help me to know your voice and to respond.
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.
Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.
Refresh my soul. Amen.

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Calendar Raffle Fundraiser- our next fundraiser for Breakaway Camp will begin on May 1st. We will be selling calendars again that have a specific prize for each day. If your name is picked, you win the prize for that day. Your name then goes back into the drawing so there is opportunity to win multiple times. Tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses starting May 2nd - 31st, at the parish office or by contacting a Youth Ministry team member. Drawings for the calendar raffle will be every day in the month of June. Tickets are \$10 for one chance and \$20 for 3 chances each day.



HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE:

We are always in need of volunteers to help sort donations, take a shift at the store, or become a substitute. Our new location at 53 S. Main St. is air conditioned! Call Richard at 518-736-1558

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ
would suffer and rise from the dead on the
third day." — Lk 24:45-46

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2026

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	CHARLES PAPA REQUESTED BY CHILDREN HARRY VISCOSI REQUESTED BY A FRIEND VINCE LAPORTA REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO CAROLYN TIERNEY REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	MR. AND MRS. FRANK SCAFARIELLO REQUESTED BY SON AND GRANDDAUGHTER
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
WED. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
THURS. 8:30	FRANK KUCERA REQUESTED BY ESTATE FAY FARHART REQUESTED BY FAMILY
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS
SAT. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	WILLIAM L. KELLER JR. REQUESTED BY FAMILY NICHOLAS SYRON REQUESTED BY AUNT, BARBARA RIETH JOSEPH AND GLORIA LAPORTA REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY BEATRICE PAPA REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2026

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	FRED POLACEK (B'DAY) REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY BRADSHAW DAVID MALE REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY EVELYN KNOWLTON REQUESTED BY MOTHER TERESAS CLOSET COMM. PRISCILLA CURTHOYS REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY PRADELSKI
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
WED. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
SAT. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	KATE FAGAN REQUESTED BY FAMILY PRISCILLA CURTHOYS REQUESTED BY AMY AND JOHN DAVID PRAUGHT CAROL PIEHUTA REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY PRADELSKI AND FAMILY CHRISTOPHER P. VILLONI REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE

Sanctuary Candle for April 18 to May 1 is in Memory of Rita Ann Bacon by Family.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: In religious art, it is common to use a circle of light above Jesus or another holy person's head to set them apart. What is this "circle of light" called?

Answer: Halo



Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family who are sick or suffering. All those in hospitals & nursing homes and all of our homebound. We pray for all those who have died recently. Remember the men and women serving in the armed forces and their families along with all first responders, & health care workers.