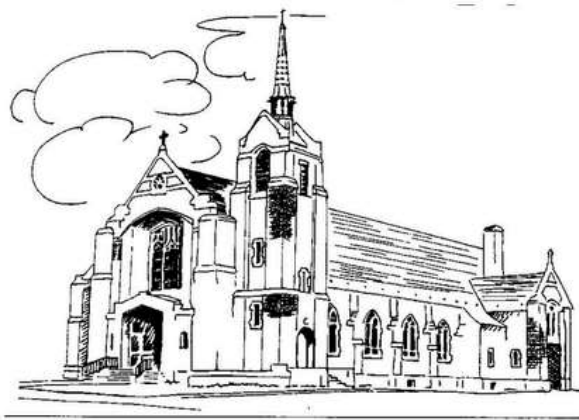


Church of the Holy Spirit



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Tricia Tauss, Office Assistant

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
Rich Nigro & Mike Nichols, Trustees
Music Coordinator 4 P.M. Paul Whitney
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Music Coordinators 11:30 A.M. Kathy Sponenberg
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

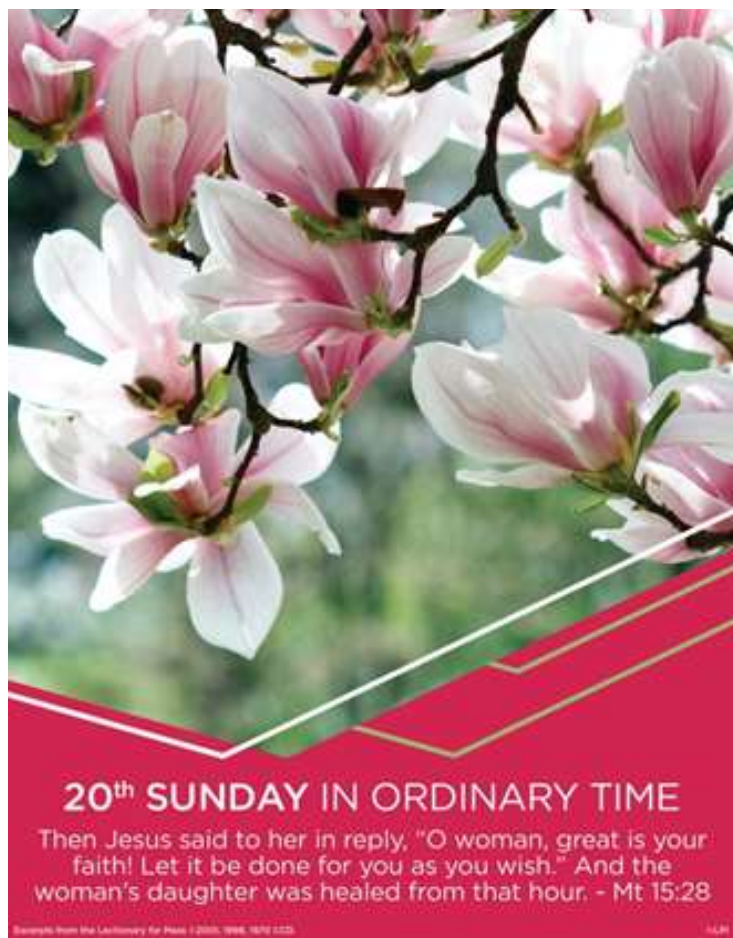
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds John
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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.*

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 Offices.

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 August 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 helpline 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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith. She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance. This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— 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 AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



COLLECTION INFORMATION

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Spirit 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	8/2/26
Envelopes	\$2,005.00
Loose	\$691.00
Online	\$458.00
Total Weekly	\$3,154.00
Rents	\$3,103.00
Other	\$728.00
Total Income	\$6,985.00
Peters Pence	\$580.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 122 11:30 A.M. 145

Collection	8/2/26
Envelopes	\$2,315.00
Loose	\$861.00
Online	\$295.19
Total Weekly	\$3,471.19
Townsend Inc	\$9,850.06
AT & T Rent	\$3,407.68
Other	\$30.00
Total Income	\$16,758.93
Peters Pence	\$1,084.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 161

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23, 2026

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	Rich Nigro	Andy LaPorta (H) Cindy Krueger (H) Kristin Farley (C) Mary Buchanan (C)
11:30 AM	Karen Hoose	Jamin Clemente (H) Roland O'Brien-Bills (H) Cecilia Eagan (C) Benedetta Scarpia (C)

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	Anne Solar	Chris Nunn-Crane (H) Jennifer Connolly (C) Rebecca Weiderman (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons August 23 Anne Solar and Edele Theodule

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITY

The **Family Life Booth** at the **Fonda Fair** is an interdenominational witness to the sanctity of life. It is coordinated by Carol Jordan from Amsterdam and Madeline Derwin from Sammons ville. The purpose of the booth is to share information about the dangers of abortion and euthanasia. The fair runs from September 2 through Labor Day, September 7. If you would like to help us cover the hours, please contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558.

Fr. Matt Farewell Reception

Please sign-up for Fr. Matt's Farewell Reception that will be held at the Concordia Club on Sunday, September 13th beginning at 1pm. Bring stories to tell, a dish to share and good wishes and prayers for Fr. Matt. RSVP sign-up sheets are located in both churches. Sign-up by September 7th so we know how much food to purchase. Thank you.

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.

Faith Sharing Monthly News

Check the display cases on the walls at the Clinton Street entrance of Holy Trinity Church. There will be Faith Sharing related to Feast Days, Saints, The Holy Father's Monthly prayer intentions and more. We hope you enjoy seeing new items to help inspire you.



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.

Planned Giving: Please consider a gift to your parish in your estate planning. In addition, your IRA may allow you to send a gift to your parish for tax benefits. Thank you for your generosity!

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God, Move in our community: Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate. Amen.

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Looking for God

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Our special collection next week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

SEPTEMBER 12: NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Please consider joining us again this year as we honor all those children lost to abortion. We will gather at the Knights of Columbus Memorial to the Unborn at the Auriesville Shrine on **Saturday, September 12**. The Rosary will begin at 10 o'clock and Mass will follow in the colosseum at 11. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket for your comfort. Contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558 with any questions.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may email Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. Deadline is September 20.

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us? The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo. We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid. "Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God." I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God." It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

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EWTN Inspired

What we think matters because it will determine if we reflect the face of Christ.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please follow the dates listed below when submitting announcements to be in the bulletin.

BULLETIN: AUGUST 23RD

DEADLINE: AUGUST 17TH, 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.



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



*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed."*

— LK 1:46-48

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 4:00 PM **DIANNE POSLUSZNY**
REQUESTED BY SISTER, GINGER
HEALING FOR ROSE HAAK
REQUESTED BY SIRTOLI FAMILY

SUN. 11:30AM **MARY VEEDER**
REQUESTED BY KIDS
GEORGE "MAC" MCDONALD
(B'DAY)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE,
URSALA

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

WED. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

THURS. 8:30 AM NO DAILY MASS

FRI. 8:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

SAT. 4:00 PM **LISA POLLAK**
REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY
JOHN MCNAMARA
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL TIMANY
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY DON & COOKIE
FLEISCHUT
MARTHA HYNEY
REQUESTED BY JOHN & PATTY FRANCO

SUN. 11:30AM **FR. DOMINIC OTTAVIANO**
REQUESTED BY OTTAVIANO
ESTATE
LUCILLE AND FRANK CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
MARY SOCHA
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
BARRY O'BRIEN
REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND
GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUN. 9:00AM **BRUCE MRHA**
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH
FAMILY
FINN DARRAGH GALLAGHER
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL TIMANY
PEGGY ACHZET
REQUESTED BY BOB & JEAN SCHULTZ

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30AM **JOAN SAVAGE (B'DAY)**
REQUESTED BY COUSIN
IN THANKSGIVING

WED. 8:30AM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE**
SCHULTZ FAMILY

THURS. 8:30AM NO DAILY MASS

FRI. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00AM **JEAN POLACEK (B'DAY)**
REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY
BRADSHAW
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
PEG ACHZET
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH
FAMILY
BOB SCHULTZ
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH
FAMILY



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.