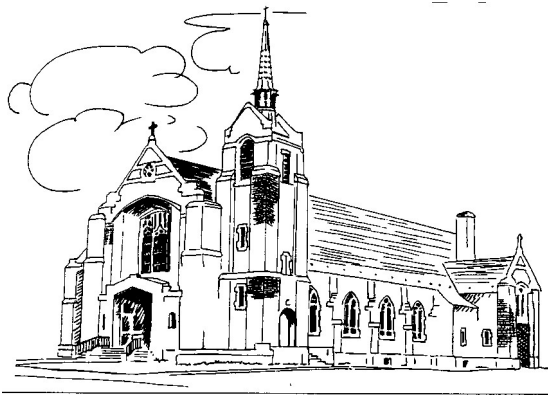


## Church of the Holy Spirit



**151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078**

## Holy Trinity Church



**22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095**

Offices for Church of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Church are located at 153 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078  
Phone: 518-725-3143 ~ Fax: 518-725-7245

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Church of the Holy Spirit website: [www.HolySpirit12078.org](http://www.HolySpirit12078.org)

Holy Trinity website: <https://parishes.rcda.org/HolyTrinityJohnstown/>

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

*Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor*

*[Matthew.Wetsel@rcda.org](mailto:Matthew.Wetsel@rcda.org)*

*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*



### 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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#### LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

Michele Miller, Administrative Assistant

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator

Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

Tricia Tauss, Office Assistant

#### 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"**

**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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Call the Parish Offices.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:**  
If you are planning a surgery, ask one of our priests to celebrate the Sacrament after one of our weekend or daily Masses. 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, Gloversville 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](mailto: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

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field. Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal. How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

## Mother Teresa’s Closet

With our monthly distributions to Fulton County families in need, our closet needs re-stocking. While we gladly accept un-opened bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaners, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, and baby wipes, our greatest needs are diapers and adult incontinent supplies. Monetary donations in memory of loved ones also welcome. Mail your donation to Holy Trinity Parish Office, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note ‘Mother Teresa’s Closet’ on the memo line. Volunteers are needed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9am to 12:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Hours of distribution are 9:30 to noon. We are very grateful for our volunteers and for all of the donors in our linked parishes that support this ministry, including the Helpers Community Store.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53  
**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

AUGUST 17, 2025

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are \$360,892.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,940.23.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection	8/3/25
Envelopes	\$5,459.00
Loose	\$923.00
Online	\$778.00
Total Weekly	\$7,160.00
Berkshire Farms Rent	\$1,751.00
Other	\$566.20
Total Income	\$9,477.00
Peter's Pence	\$631.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 108 11:30 A.M. 144

Collection	8/3/25
Envelopes	\$2,194.00
Loose	\$408.00
Online 7/25	\$302.47
Total Weekly	\$2,904.47
Other	\$175.00
Tower rent	\$3,407.68
Townsend income	\$17,014.50
Total Income	\$23,501.65
Peter's Pence	\$849.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 131

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. Rita Bravo

Rich Nigro (H)  
Ginni Mazur (H)  
Brian Farley (C)  
Mary Buchanan (C)

11:30 A.M. Jamin Clemente

Jamin Clemente (H)  
Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)  
Betsy Hastings (C)  
Michele Downing (C)  
Pam Bray (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

9:00 A.M.

Concetta Sager  
Anne Solar (H)  
Rebecca Weideman (C)  
Karen Nellis (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons August 24 Patty Lorence

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:**

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville.** Couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 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 Scharfenberger 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 e-mail [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). **Deadline is September 7.**

**Power of One Hour Video Series – Teaching about the Catholic Mass:** This is a 5-part video series is **FREE OF CHARGE** and **EASY TO ACCESS** on the diocesan website <https://www.rcda.org/powerofonehour>. It includes study guides and can be used for school kids, faith formation, and adult faith formation.

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

Please join us in honoring the unborn on Saturday, September 13th. We will gather at 10am for the Rosary in front of the Monument to the Unborn at the Auriesville Shrine. Please contact Chris Nunn – Crane at 518-736-1558 with any questions. All are welcome!



Adoration webpage <https://www.rcda.org/adoration> This page includes a Guide to Eucharistic Adoration, a link to Adoration Hours across our diocese, and information on the many blessings that come from spending time adoring our Lord in the Eucharist.



**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.

## 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](mailto:holyspirit12078@gmail.com)



#### PARISH PICNIC

Our **Linked Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, September 7th from 1-4 pm at the Concordia Club. Burgers, hotdogs, and sausage and peppers will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. We ask that you sign-up by August 31st so we will know how much food to order. The sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of both churches

We have an **email prayer line**: all prayer intentions are confidential and prayed for by many prayer warriors. All are welcome to join and or send petitions to: [lily.fiorenza@gmail.com](mailto:lily.fiorenza@gmail.com) or by phone 518-829-4079.

**Jubilee Year 2025** : You are encouraged to check out the diocesan pages dedicated to the Jubilee <https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025>  
There is a wealth of resources to be discovered from our diocese as well as from the USCCB

#### 2024/2025 ASSESSMENT & INSURANCE

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
School Assessment \$17,288.00  
Insurance \$57,669.00

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
School Assessment \$12,385.00  
Insurance \$32,915.75

#### Everyday Stewardship

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation. Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### Fonda Fair Family Life Booth

The 2025 Fonda Fair will run from August 27 – September 1. We have been invited to help cover the Family Life Booth. This is an interdenominational public witness to proclaim the sanctity of life from birth to death and we have been participating and supporting it for many years. Please contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558 for more information.

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.

#### 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. deadlines.

##### BULLETIN:

AUGUST 24TH

##### DEADLINE:

AUGUST 18TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM



#### 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



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” — Jn 6:51

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### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MARY AND SANTO RUSSO</b> REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY <b>HEALING FOR FRANK MALAGISI</b> REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO <b>MICHAEL ZAMBRI</b> REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FR. DOMINIC OTTAVIANO</b> REQUESTED BY OTTAVIANO ESTATE <b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>THURS. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>HEALING FOR MARGARET LAWSON</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
<b>FRI. 8:30 P.M.</b>	<b>FRANK A. VERTUCCI FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY VIRGINIA FYFE ESTATE
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>CATHERINE LANDRIO (10TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>ROBERT GOODEMOTE</b> REQUESTED BY MOM <b>THOMAS W. AMBRIDGE</b> REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY <b>TOM GILBERT</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>TIM KEEGAN</b> REQUESTED BY GEORGE SPRINGER <b>CHRISTINE A. REYNOLDS</b> REQUESTED BY MARY JANE AND BOB TRZASKOS
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTEL LAKATA</b> REQUESTED BY GLORIA BEVINGTON <b>SPECIAL INTENTION</b>
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>IN THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>THURS. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>JEAN POLACEK (B'DAY)</b> REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY BRADSHAW <b>CHRISTINE REYNOLDS</b> REQUESTED BY MTC COMMITTEE <b>DIANNE SPAWN</b> REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN <b>MICHAEL SUCHY SR.</b> REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN



### MONTH OF RAFFLES

Our Youth Ministry Program is once again holding a “**Month of Raffles**” calendar fundraiser to be held the month of September. We will be selling chances for this fundraiser during the month of August so that we are ready for the drawings to begin on September 1st. One chance puts you in for each daily drawing for the entire month. Your donation of **\$10 gives you one chance each day or your donation of \$20 gives you three chances each day**. Tickets are available at the parish office and will be sold through Thursday, August 28th. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986. All funds will benefit the youth going to NCYC (National Youth Conference) in November.

### Lessons from EWTN

Of all the things that I can put on today, it is humility that will make me most attractive.



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.