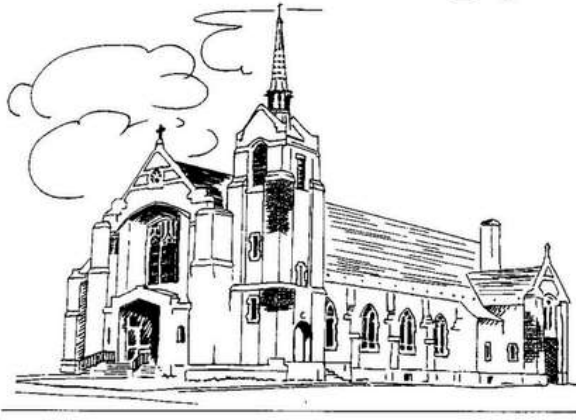


Church of the Holy Spirit



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

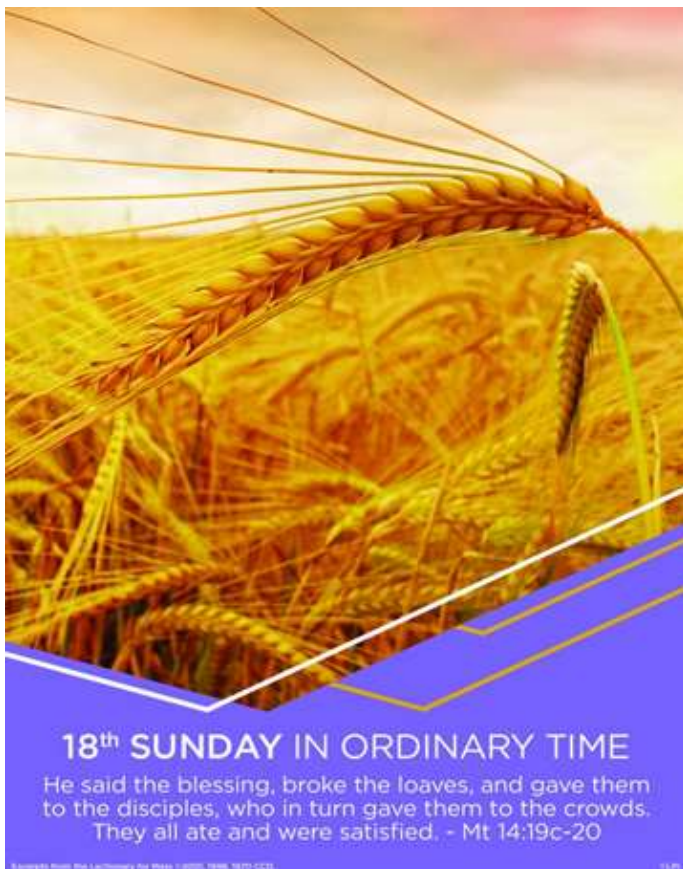
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed." We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth. And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life. This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift. Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— 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 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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	7/19/26
Envelopes	\$2,499.00
Loose	\$417.00
Online	\$473.00
Total Weekly	\$3,389.00
Other	\$245.00
Total Income	\$3,634.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 132 11:30 A.M. 108

Collection	7/19/26
Envelopes	\$1,331.00
Loose	\$360.00
Online	\$.00
Total Weekly	\$1,691.00
Other	\$15.00
Total Income	\$1,706.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 143

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 9, 2026

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	Andy LaPorta	Kristin Farley (H) Rich Nigro (H) Cindy Krueger (C) Cookie Fleischut (C)
11:30 AM	Matt Trainor	Jamin Clemente (H) Roland O'Brien-Bills (H) Cecilia Eagan (C) John Czelusniak (C)

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 Sammonsville. 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.

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	Karen Nellis	Mary Ann Armstrong (H) Rebecca Weideman (C) Anne Solar (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons August 9 Patty Lorence

Farewell Coffee Hours for Seminarian Justin Hollingshead

Please join us after the 9 am Mass at Holy Trinity In Johnstown as well as after the 11:30 am Mass at Holy Spirit Church in Gloversville on August 9th for farewell coffee hours for our seminarian Justin Hollingshead. This will allow us the opportunity to express our gratitude to Justin for spending his summer with us before he heads to St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York, at the end of August. Anyone wishing to donate to Justin and his future studies can contact Jamin Clemente at 518-844-0477 call, text or Venmo.



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 EIGHTEENTH 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

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual combined Parish Fun Fest a success. Thank you to all the volunteers, and everyone that came out to enjoy the evening.

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$23,771.00
Balance 0

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$14,219.00
Balance \$10,121.00

WINE AND HOSTS FOR AUGUST

Wine and Hosts for the month of August are in Memory of Sal and Catherine Landrio by thier children.

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.

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years! It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

BULLETIN: AUGUST 9TH

DEADLINE: AUGUST 3RD, 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

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mk 6:34

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- SAT. 4:00 PM** **DR. JOHN AND JOAN ESPER**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
MARY VEEDER
REQUESTED BY LOVING FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30AM** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30AM** **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- WED. 8:30AM** **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- THURS. 8:30 AM** **GERALD RIETH**
REQUESTED BY SISTER, BARBARA
MICHAEL BORIS
REQUESTED BY DON & COOKIE FLEISCHUT
- FRI. 8:30AM** **MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS**
- SAT. 4:00 PM** **LISA CAPORIZZO**
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
MARY AND SANTO RUSSO
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30AM** **GEORGETTE FARHART DERANEY**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

- SUN. 9:00AM** **MICHELE TRAVIS (4TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY COLE FAMILY
PETE & ELEANOR MCKENZIE
REQUESTED BY MAJOR FAMILY
CAROLYN HAYES
REQUESTED BY MARLENE BARTLETT
BETTY SWIERZOWSKI
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30AM** **A SPECIAL INTENTION**
REQUESTED BY BOB & JEAN SCHULTZ
- WED. 8:30AM** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- THURS. 8:30AM** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30AM** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00AM** **MICHELE TRAVIS (4TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND
PRISCILLA CURTHOYS
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
ED VRANA
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ



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.