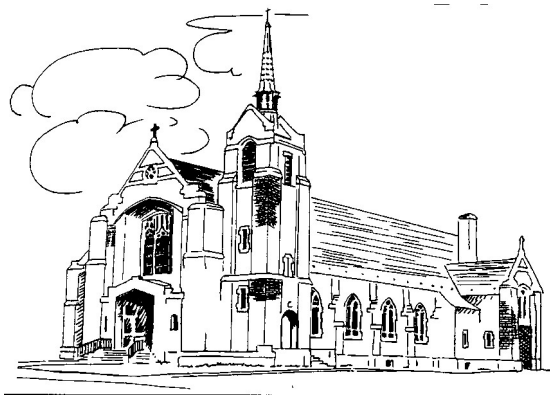


Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

Holy Trinity Church



22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

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Church of the Holy Spirit website: 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

Priest Residence Phone 518-762-2011 ext. 2

Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus

LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

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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 December 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey. I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts. But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it. This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts. But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it! John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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	11/23/25
Envelopes	\$2,360.00
Loose	\$634.00
Online	\$425.00
Total Weekly	\$3,419.00
Other	\$249.00
Total Income	\$3,668.00
Human Development	\$328.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 131 11:30 A.M. 126

Collection	11/23/25
Envelopes	\$1,931.00
Loose	\$421.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,352.00
Donation	\$1,000.00
Other	\$35.00
Total Income	\$3,387.00
Human Development	\$836.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 160

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. John Mazur Ron Zimmerman (H)
Rich Nigro (H)
Ginni Mazur (C)
Cookie Fleischut (C)

11:30 A.M. Karen Hoose Pam Bray (H)
Betsy Hastings (C)
Marion Clemente (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Lynn Knowlton Liz Carey (H)
Eva Van Alstyne (C)
Mary Ann Armstrong (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons December 14th—Donna Calhoun and Jane Sitterly

Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world. Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the Prince of Peace, bring that light into every space. Amen.

Midnight at Nine New Years Eve Dinner

Anyone interested in a New Years Eve Dinner this year please call the Parish Office. Also, if you would be willing to help organize, plan, and work the evening of the dinner please call the Parish Office.

Annual Christmas Concert

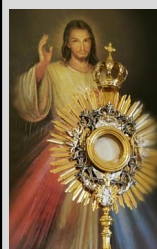
The musicians of Holy Spirit are planning the annual Christmas Concert to be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit on December 13th at 6:05pm. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

The **Rosary Society** is planning their **Annual Christmas Cookie Sale**. Please consider baking 4 dozen of your favorite cookies for the cookie platters. Cookies can be dropped off Saturday, December 13th from 9 to 11am at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Please contact Veronica at 518-762-3700 to let her know what kind of cookies you plan to make. Thank you.

Eucharistic Reflection

How important is it for you to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, before, during, after Mass and throughout the course of each week?

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

Our Vendor/Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 12:30 to 4:00 in our gym at Holy Spirit.

December 13th Christmas Pageant and Concert 6:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

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 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

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$7,885.00
Balance \$8,713.00

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$5,553.00
Balance \$18,787.00



The giving Trees will be available soon at Holy Spirit Church. There will be two trees located at the front of the Church.

We are very excited to announce that we will be offering our very first **Adult Emmaus Retreat** to be held Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd 2026 at Camp of the Woods in Speculator. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in Holy Spirit Café, located in the school building at Holy Spirit. All are welcome to attend.

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.

BULLETIN:

DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 21ST

DECEMBER 10TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM

DECEMBER 28TH

DECEMBER 17TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM

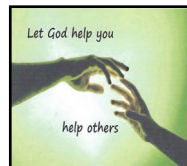
JANUARY 4TH

DECEMBER 22ND
NO LATER THAN
10AM

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday, December 8th.

Mass Schedule:

8:30 A.M. Holy Trinity
12:10 P.M. Holy Spirit
5:30 P.M. Holy Trinity



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



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	DON AMBROSINO REQUESTED BY RICH AND BARB TUCCI TIMOTHY ARMSTRONG REQUESTED BY MARGARET HOUTZ AND SCOTT RETERSFORD
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	MAC MCDONALD (4TH ANN) REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, URSALA GERTHA ESTELLE KAMPER O'BRIEN REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS
MON. 12:30 P.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
WED. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	JOHN MCKAY REQUESTED BY COOKIE AND DON FLEISCHUT
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	GEORGE CHARNEY (12TH ANN) REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	SALVATORE LANDRIO (15TH ANN) REQUESTED BY CHILDREN TIM ARMSTRONG REQUESTED BY JIM AND SHARON HILLIER CAROLYN TIERNEY REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH JOHN GULICK REQUESTED BY DAVE AND SANDY & TIM AND SHARON
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	OWEN FARHART REQUESTED BY FAMILY DON AMBROSINO REQUESTED BY CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	HENRY J. MICHAELSON REQUESTED BY FAMILY MARY SILIGATO REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, FRAN & DAVE & FAM. DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR (11TH ANN) REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER, DEBORAH BERNIE LANDRIO REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE
MON. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON. 5:30 P.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
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
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	BERNIE LANDRIO REQUESTED BY DIANE BRADSHAW HELEN CASTELLANO REQUESTED BY MARY AND BERNIE ANNA LANDRIO REQUESTED BY MARY AND BERNIE KRISSY SCHWARTZ (14TH ANN) REQUESTED BY DAD



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at Holy Trinity Church. They are located at both entrances of the Church and also available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$1.00 per package.



EWTN INSPIRED PRAYER MOMENT

Holy Mother please grant me the grace of holy remembrance that I may always recall the price Christ paid for my salvation.



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.