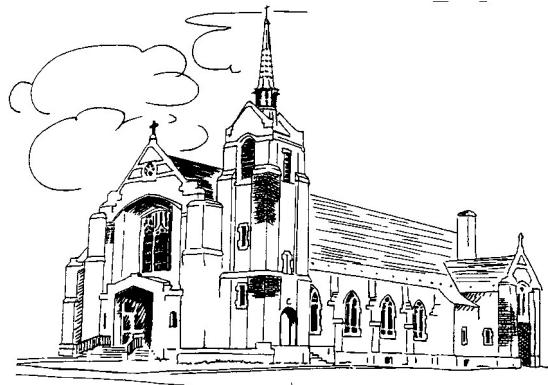


## *Church of the Holy Spirit*



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

## *Holy Trinity Church*



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

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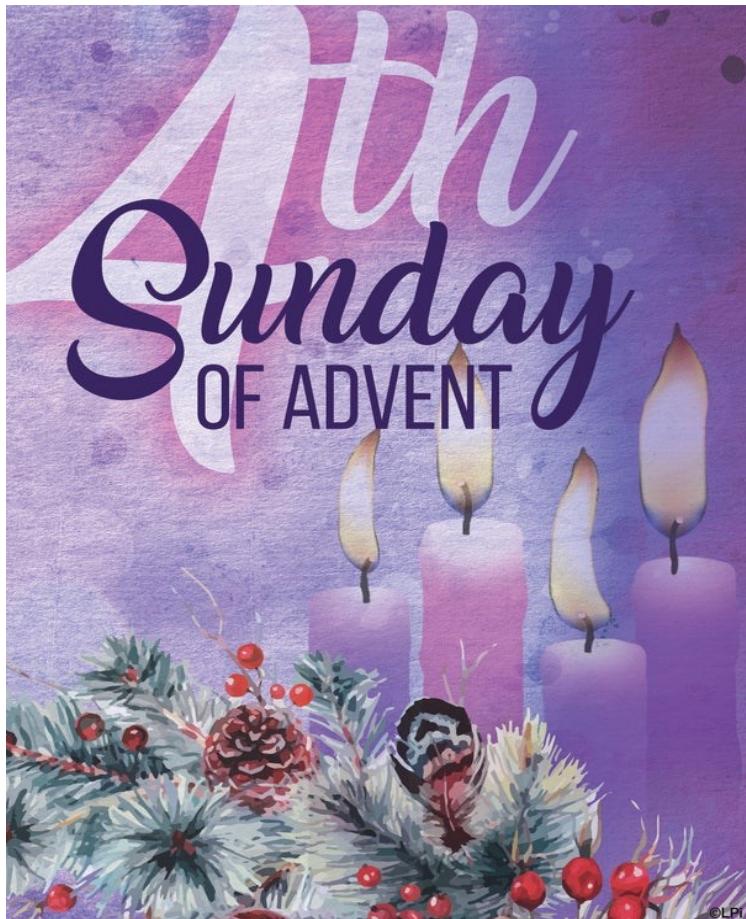
**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
(Closed 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)**

*Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor*

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*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*



### **LINKED PARISH STAFF**

Liz Anderson, Office Manager  
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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

### **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](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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family. In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: “Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home” (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts. God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard. When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 21, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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 **12/7/25**

Envelopes	\$2,494.00
Loose	\$537.00
Online	\$820.00
Total Weekly	\$3,851.00
Other	\$1,252.70
Berkshire Farms Rent	\$1,751.00
Total Income	\$6,854.70

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 110 11:30 A.M. 123

Collection **12/7/25**

Envelopes	\$2,440.00
Loose	\$252.00
Online	\$266.45
Total Weekly	\$2,958.45
Other	\$135.00
AT&T Rent	\$3,407.68
Total Income	\$6,501.13

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 148

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

##### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Rita Bravo	Rich Nigro (H) Ron Zimmerman (H) Brian Farley (C) Ginni Mazur (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Sandy Brower	Pam Bray (H) Cecilia Eagan (C) Betsy Hastings (C)

##### HOLY TRINITY PARISH

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Amanda Nellis	Renee Smith (H) Jennifer Connolly (C) Liz Carey (C)

**Wells House/Pineview Commons December 28—Diane Savage and Yvonne Major**

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 24th:** 2:00 pm Holy Spirit

**Wednesday, December 24th:** 4:00 pm at Holy Trinity

**Wednesday, December 24th:** 8:00 pm at Holy Spirit

**Thursday, December 25th:** 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Wednesday, December 31st:** 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

**Thursday, January 1st:** 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

**Help Needed:** We will begin decorating for Christmas at Church of the Holy Spirit following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 21st. Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome to join us!

**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

#### Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed **December 24th** through the **28th** for Christmas and also **December 31st** through **January 4th** for New Year.

#### BUILDING FUND DONATION

In Memory of Carolyn Tierney by Stephanie Bollam  
In Memory of Vincent LaPorta by Frank, Marion and Jamin Clemente  
In Memory of Maurice Farhart by D. David Maxfield  
In Memory of Vincent LaPorta by Rich and Barb Tucci

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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)

December 28th: No Classes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 18th: Youth Mass for grades K-10 at Holy Trinity in Johnstown at 9:00 am. Confirmation Candidates will be blessed at this Mass. Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to come!

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$9,039.00  
Balance \$7,559.00

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$7,043.00  
Balance \$17,297.00

#### St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse. Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her. Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been. Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal. Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home." Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

### Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,  
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as "deserts" and your grace to the prayers I fear may be "deserted." You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart. Amen.

### December 31st "Midnight at Nine"

Come and enjoy dinner and ring in the New Year with us at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and Social Hour begin at 5pm followed by dinner. Donation \$20.00 for adults \$10.00 for kids 10 and under. Tickets available at the Parish Office. Only 75 tickets will be sold. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

### 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:

**JANUARY 4TH**

#### DEADLINE:

**DECEMBER 22ND  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

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.



### 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



### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	<b>HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF</b> REQUESTED BY A FRIEND <b>JOHN F. FOLEY</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING TWIN SISTER AND POLLAK FAM. <b>ALEXANDER COLLAR JR.</b> REQUESTED BY CAROL AND KIM COLLAR <b>TIM ARMSTRONG</b> REQUESTED BY COOKIE AND DON FLEISCHUT
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>DON AMBROSINO</b> REQUESTED BY CEMETERY COMMITTEE <b>GERTHA ESTELLE KAMPER O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS <b>PATRICIA SCAFARIELLO</b> REQUESTED BY HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER
MON.	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
WED. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
WED. 2:00 P.M.	<b>DENNIS CONNOLLY</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>CHARLENE SERAFIN</b> REQUESTED BY DAVID AND JEN <b>CONNIE &amp; CHARLES PERRONE</b> REQUESTED BY JANE & JOEL HUNTZINGER AND JOAN AND JOSEPH DIXON
WED. 8:00 P.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
THURS. 9:00 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	<b>SUSAN STOKES</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>VINCENT LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>

*Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb"*

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	<b>TIMOTHY WALSH</b> REQUESTED BY JIM AND SHARON HILLIER <b>SUSAN STOKES</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>SISTER MARIE AGATHE</b> REQUESTED BY ISABELLE WARNER <b>PAT O'LUCCI</b> REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI <b>MICHELE TRAVIS</b> REQUESTED BY COLE FAMILY
MON.	<b>NO MASS</b>
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WED. 4:00 P.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
THURS. 9:00 A.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	<b>RITA BACON</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>MATTHEW CINQUANTI</b> REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE <b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HENRY AND SARAH MACEYKA FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE



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.

### 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.