

## *Church of the Holy Spirit*



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

## *Holy Trinity Church*



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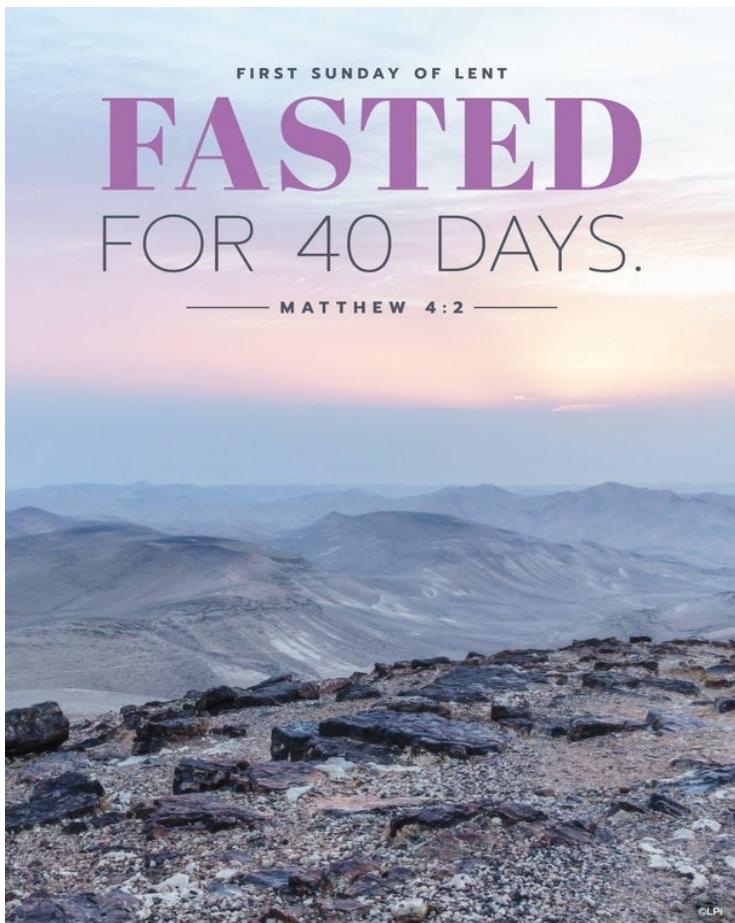
**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)**

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### **LINKED PARISH STAFF**

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### **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

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### **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 Office.

**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 February 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.

### 1st Sunday of Lent

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith. Today's Gospel begins: “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1). The word “led” denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation. Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one “desert” into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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   | 2/8/26     |
|--------------|------------|
| Envelopes    | \$2,335.00 |
| Loose        | \$544.00   |
| Online       | \$633.00   |
| Total Weekly | \$3,512.00 |
| Other        | \$448.00   |
| Fuel         | \$381.00   |
| Total Income | \$4,341.00 |

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 118 11:30 A.M. 140

| Collection        | 2/8/26      |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes         | \$1,982.00  |
| Loose             | \$295.00    |
| Online            | \$0.00      |
| Total Weekly      | \$2,277.00  |
| Other             | \$25.00     |
| Fuel              | \$1,911.00  |
| Townsend Interest | \$59,758.33 |
| Total Income      | \$63,971.33 |

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 89

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 1, 2026

##### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

|            | <u>LECTOR</u>   | <u>MINISTER</u>  |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| 4:00 P.M.  | Trina Zimmerman | Rich Nigro (H)<br>Ron Zimmerman (H)<br>Kristin Farley (C)<br>Cindy Krueger (C) |
| 11:30 A.M. | Matt Trainor    | Pam Bray (H)<br>Cecilia Eagan (C)<br>Betsy Hastings (C)                        |

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit** will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

##### Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life. One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead. Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

##### HOLY TRINITY PARISH

|           | <u>LECTOR</u> | <u>MINISTER</u>   |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| 9:00 A.M. | Amanda Nellis | Karen Nellis (H)<br>Chris Nunn-Crane (C)<br>Eva Van Alstyne (C) |

Wells House/Pineview Commons February 22 Donna Calhoun and Jane Sitterly

##### Pizza Sales

We have our dates for this year's Pizza Sales! We will have both stuffed and fried on Friday, February 27th and Friday, March 6th. Please come and support our Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry program and the Sisters of the Holy Spirit. Ticket prices are as follows: Fried Dough \$6 and Stuffed Pizza \$8. Both come with a dessert. These events are eat in or take out. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or at the door. Pre-sale tickets are advised since we usually sell out fast.

This weekend our **Special Collection** is for **Black, Native American & Latin American Missions**. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs.



##### 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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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)

Confirmation Prep Class for students receiving their Confirmation this year will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 12:30-5:00pm in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. We will close with Mass together at 4:00pm at Holy Spirit Church. Parents and Sponsors are asked to join us for Mass.

Youth Mass March 8th at 11:30 am at Holy Spirit Church for grades K-10. Please note that grades 7-9 still have class in the evening as well.

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$17,715.00  
Balance \$0

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$10,789.00  
Balance \$13,551.00

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.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday during Lent at 12:10 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit and at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit and 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity.

### 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:

**FEBRUARY 29TH**

#### DEADLINE:

**FEBRUARY 23RD  
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.

### 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.

### Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season. With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse. But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2026

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| SAT. 4:00 P.M.  | <b>ALPHONSE LAPORTA</b><br>REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY<br><b>VINCE LAPORTA</b><br>REQUESTED BY RICHARD & BARBARA TUCCI<br><b>JANE MARTORELLI</b><br>REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY<br><b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b><br>REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN YEH |
| SUN. 11:30 A.M. | <b>ANTHONY REPPENHAGEN (2ND ANN)</b><br>REQUESTED BY CHARLENE AND FAMILY<br><b>IN HONOR OF BARRY &amp; CHERYL O'BRIEN</b><br>REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS  |
| 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>  |
| THURS. 8:30     | <b>DOMINIC BELTRANO</b><br>REQUESTED BY JAMES BELTRANO ESTATE<br><b>GARY MEYERS</b><br>REQUESTED BY SISTER-IN-LAW, BARBARA RIETH   |
| FRI. 8:30 A.M.  | <b>SUSAN SIMEONE</b><br>REQUESTED BY TIERNEY FAMILY  |
| SAT. 4:00 P.M.  | <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b><br>REQUESTED BY HANK AND MARIE BORN<br><b>IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE DE LEON FAMILY</b><br>REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY<br><b>ROBERT YACOBUCCI (18TH ANN)</b><br>REQUESTED BY SANDY AND ANTHONY                        |
| SUN. 11:30 A.M. | <b>CHARLES ATKINSON</b><br>REQUESTED BY MELANY ATKINSON<br><b>GAIL PELLEGRINO</b><br>REQUESTED BY MELANY ATKINSON  |



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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| SUN. 9:00 A.M.   | <b>ELIZABETH STRAUSS</b><br>REQUESTED BY CHILDREN<br><b>THADDEUS AND ANGELA PRADELSKI</b><br>REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY AND FAMILY<br><b>ERNEST YANDELL</b><br>REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN<br><b>BERNIE LANDRIO (6 MONTH ANN)</b><br>REQUESTED BY MARY |
| MON.             | <b>NO MASS</b>  |
| TUES. 8:30 A.M.  | <b>MICHAEL E. VACEK JR.</b><br>REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE  |
| WED. 8:30 A.M.   | <b>LEIGH ADEBAHR</b><br>REQUESTED BY TOM, HOLLY, AND GEORGIA  |
| THURS. 8:30 A.M. | <b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>  |
| FRI. 8:30 A.M.   | <b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>  |
| SUN. 9:00 A.M.   | <b>THOMAS HAUSER</b><br>REQUESTED BY JIM AND SHARON HILLIER<br><b>JOAN ROWBACK</b><br>REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, ROBERTA<br><b>PAT O'LUCCI (1ST ANN)</b><br>REQUESTED BY MARY LANDRIO   |

#### Adult Faith Formation

God's Gift of Forgiveness, a 5 week program will begin on Wednesday Feb 25 from 4:00-5:30 in the meeting room at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

This program emphasizes God's forgiveness and grace through the Sacraments



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.