

## 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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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

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

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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."**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the  
Son of God." - Jn 1:34

**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 January the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Spirit 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.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: “Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves. The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it. Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— 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 JANUARY 18, 2026

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**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	1/4/26
Envelopes	\$2,945.00
Loose	\$584.00
Online	\$1,815.00
Total Weekly	\$5,344.00
Christmas	\$4,531.00
Other	\$1,962.00
Total Income	\$11,837.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 123 11:30 A.M. 146

Collection	1/4/26
Envelopes	\$3,418.00
Loose	\$404.00
Online 12/25	\$291.45
Total Weekly	\$4,113.45
Christmas	\$4,343.00
Other	\$25.00
Total Income	\$8,481.45

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 125

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 25, 2026**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

**4:00 P.M.** John Mazur Ron Zimmerman (H)  
Andy LaPorta (H)  
Rita Bravo (C)  
Ginni Mazur (C)

**11:30 A.M.** Karen Hoose Sandy Brower (H)  
Benedetta Scarpa (C)  
John Czelusniak (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

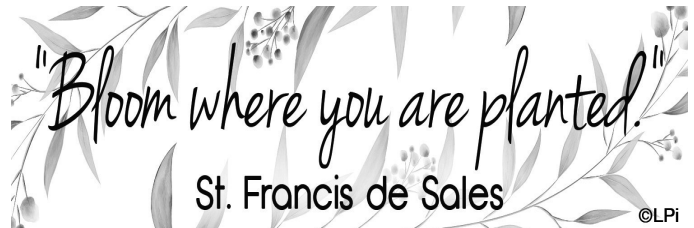
**9:00 A.M.** Chris Nunn-Crane Liz Carey (H)  
Jennifer Connolly (C)  
Renee Smith (C)

**Wells House/Pineview Commons January 25 Anne Solar and Edele Theodule**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

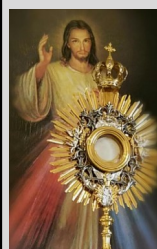
Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately. When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause. As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

While the donated items placed in the Food Pantry boxes located at the entrances to both churches is very much needed and appreciated, please check the expiration dates of the items donated. We have to discard any items with expired dates. Thank you for your continued support.



**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.

## THE SECOND 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)

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.

**Café Chocolate:** The Youth Ministry Program will be having it's **Cafe Chocolate Fundraiser** on Sunday, February 8th from 12:30 - 4 pm in the Holy Spirit gym. We are looking for donations of chocolate goodies. In addition to chocolate goodies we will also have several basket raffles. Please contact Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986 if you are able to bake, donate a basket, or help at the event. Come stock up on sweets for your Super Bowl party.

#### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$11,484.00  
Balance \$5,114.00

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$8,768.00  
Balance \$15,572.00

#### 2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

If you would like a copy of your **2025 Contribution Report**, please fill out this coupon and drop it in the collection basket, mail to the parish office or give us a call. Statements will be available after January 31st.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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THANK 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:

**FEBRUARY 1ST**

##### DEADLINE:

**JANUARY 26TH  
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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th.**

Our **second collection** to support our **Emmaus Retreat** will be the weekend of **January 25th**. This is an incredible experience for our youth. It is through your generous donations that more of our youth are able to attend the retreat. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.  
Remind us of our identity in You:  
loved, called, and equipped for mission.  
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.

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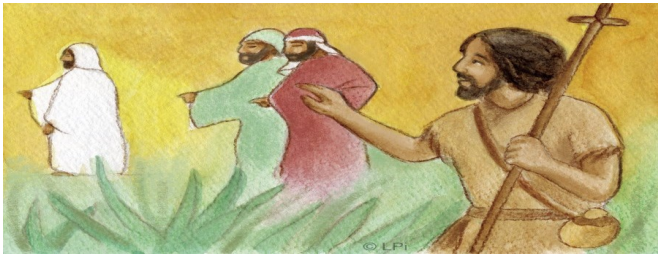
We have an **email prayer line**: all prayer intentions are confidential and prayed for by many prayer warriors. All are welcome to join and or send petitions to:  
[lily.fiorenza@gmail.com](mailto:lily.fiorenza@gmail.com) or by phone 518-829-4079.



#### 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



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." — Jn 1:38-39a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO <b>MARYANN FALANGA</b> REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. THOMAS GAROFALO <b>MAMIE STEPHENS</b> REQUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT <b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M</b>	<b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY LYNNE AND DON RUBSCHA
<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>ANNA BELTRANO</b> REQUESTED BY JAMES BELTRANO ESTATE
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>PATRICIA SWEENEY</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>JOSH MENDETTA</b> REQUESTED BY BARRY FAMILY <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY MIKE, TIM & SUSAN LAPORTA AND FAMILIES <b>PATRICIA WALKER QUINN (2ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN QUINN
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY STEVE AND MARKIE KING

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M</b>	<b>THOMAS OUGHTON</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>EDITKA FEDORKOVA</b> REQUESTED BY BEVINGTON FAMILY
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>LAWRENCE AND MARGARET MIANO</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>SARA DEMAGISTRIS (26TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CLAIRE AND WILLIAM SCHULTZ</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
<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>BENNY SILIGATO</b> REQUESTED BY FRAN & DAVID MALE AND FAMILY



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.