

Church of the Holy Spirit



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

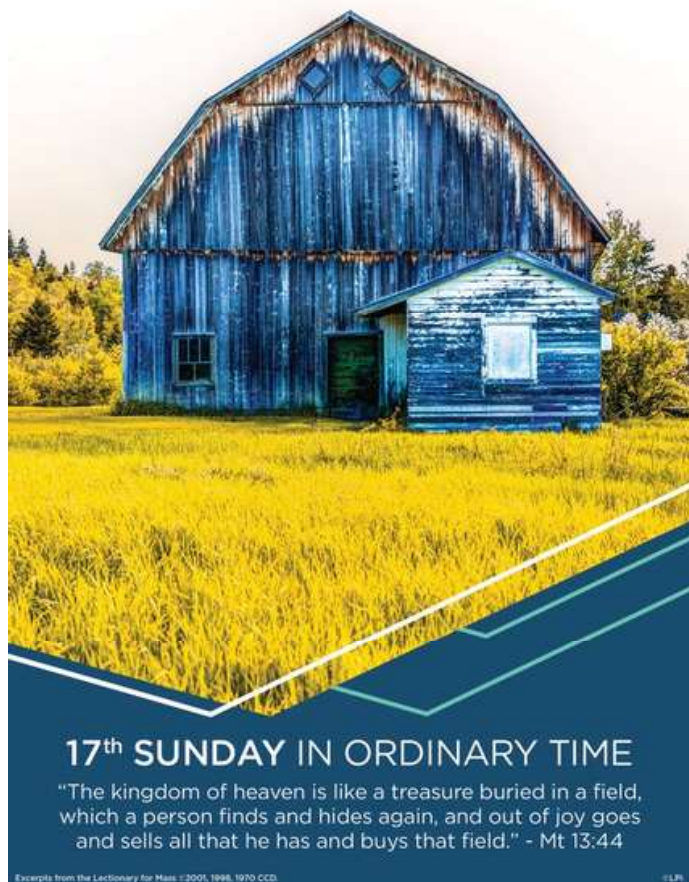
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes
and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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 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 July 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 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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity. In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church. This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged. Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— 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 JULY 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

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



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	7/12/26
Envelopes	\$2,480.00
Loose	\$611.00
Online	\$318.00
Total Weekly	\$3,409.00
Other	\$313.50
Total Income	\$3,722.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 112 11:30 A.M. 98

Collection	7/12/26
Envelopes	\$2,160.00
Loose	\$348.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,508.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Income	\$2,508.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 148

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 2, 2026

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	Rita Bravo	Ron Zimmerman (H) Brian Farley (H) Mary Buchanan (C) Judy Vickery (C)
11:30 AM	Jamin Clemente	Benedetta Scarpa (H) Pam Bray (H) Betsy Hastings (C) Marion Clemente (C)

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	John Sagan	Liz Carey (H) Eva Van Alstyne (C) Jennifer Connolly (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons July 26 Diane Savage and Yvonne Major

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

Save the Date for Our Farewell Reception for Fr. Matt that will be held at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th at the Concordia Club.

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.

Please join parish seminarian Justin Hollingshead for coffee, snacks, and presentations after the 9 am Mass in the Holy Trinity outdoor gathering space in front of Glebe Street this weekend:

Sunday, July 26th (Topic: "Praying Everyday")



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 SEVENTEENTH 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

Our combined Parish **Fun Fest** will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church. Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and music. The festival committee sent twenty five raffle tickets to parishioners. Each household has the option of either selling the tickets to friends and family or outright purchasing the tickets themselves. Thank you for your support.

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

Yeti Cooler and Bowman's market gift card raffle

The raffle will take place at the end of our Summer Fun Fest on August 1st. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and are available at the Parish Office.



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.

Knights-of-Columbus Coats-for-Kids

Here it is Summer, July, and we are thinking about winter and keeping kids warm. Our order needs to be in by the end of July. Last fall the Johnstown and Gloversville Knights of Columbus donated 4 dozen new kids coats to Mother Theresa's Closet and Johnstown Elementary Schools and 4 dozen new coats and snow pants to Gloversville Elementary Schools. If you would like to donate to this ministry, just drop a donation, in an envelope, into the collection basket or at the Office, labeled; Knights – Coats for Kids. If you know a kid who needs a coat let us know, or men, would you like to join us (the Knights) in our mission to get coats to kids; call Bill Aiken at 315-529-8371.

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Our special collection this week will be for Peter's Pence which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous in next weeks Collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Bakers needed: We are in need of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and small loaves of quick breads for our Bake Sale Table at our Fun Fest. If you like to bake, please consider helping in this way.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

BULLETIN: AUGUST 2ND

DEADLINE: JULY 27TH, 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



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 JULY 26, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 4:00 PM	MADELINE AND LOUIS FRANCO REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY RALPH JOSEPH OTTUSO REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUN. 11:30AM	ROSE SCHEPIS REQUESTED BY ESTATE LYNDEL CONLEY REQUESTED BY DAVID AND JEN CONNOLLY CAROLE CRANE REQUESTED BY FAMILY MARY SOCHA REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30AM	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
WED. 8:30AM	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
THURS. 8:30 AM	LOUIS & CONCETTA FERRARA FAMILY REQUESTED BY FERRARA FAMILY
FRI. 8:30AM	MARY ANN FALANGA REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. THOMAS GAROFALO
SAT 8:30 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
SAT. 4:00 PM	DR. JOHN AND JOAN ESPEER REQUESTED BY FAMILY MARY VEEDER REQUESTED BY LOVING FAMILY
SUN. 11:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUN. 9:00AM	KEVIN KLINE REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE JILL CALLERY (15TH ANN) REQUESTED BY FAMILY BETTY AND JIM MALE REQUESTED BY FRAN AND FAMILY
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30AM	MARGUERITE DEMAGISTRIS (8TH ANN) REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
WED. 8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
THURS. 8:30AM	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
FRI. 8:30AM	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
SAT 8:30 AM	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
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



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.