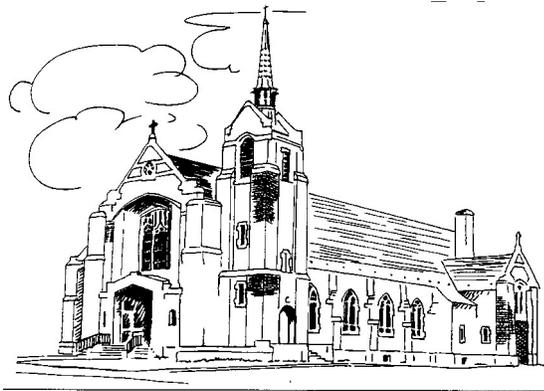


## Church of the Holy Spirit



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](http://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*

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*Priest Residence Phone 518-762-2011 ext. 2*

*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*

### LINKED PARISH STAFF

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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

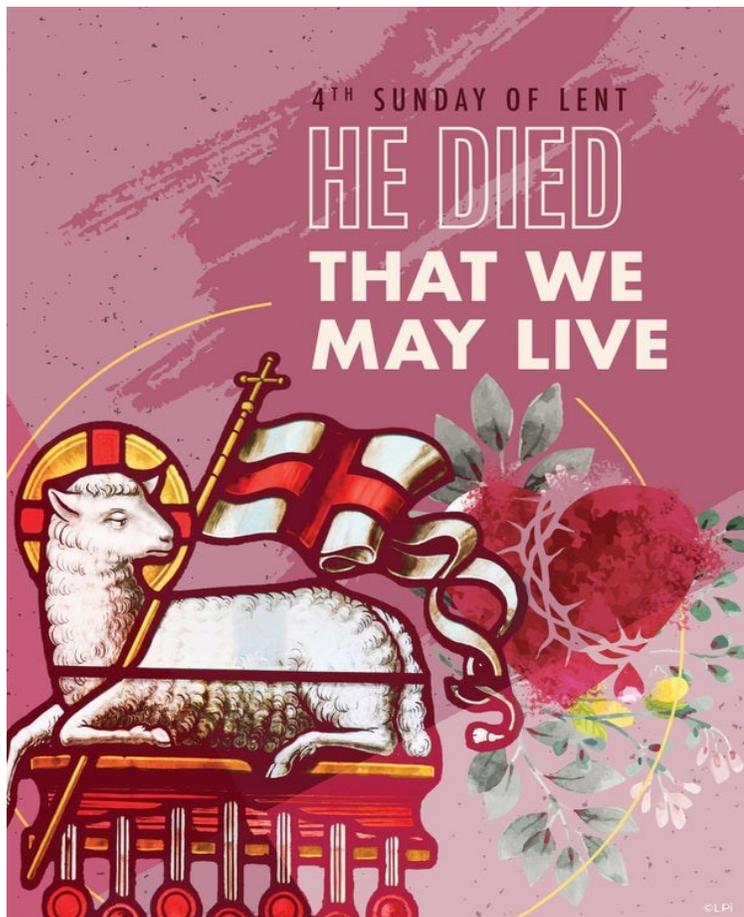
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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.”**



**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 March 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.

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?” (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: “I am the light of the world” (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light. Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another. Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy. — 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 MARCH 15, 2026

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MARCH 15, 2026

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	3/1/26
Envelopes	\$1,978.00
Loose	\$663.00
Online	\$761.00
Total Weekly	\$3,402.00
Other	\$727.00
Total Income	\$4,129.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 150 11:30 A.M. 132

Collection	3/1/26
Envelopes	\$3,603.00
Loose	\$384.00
Online	\$.00
Total Weekly	\$3,987.00
Other	\$235.00
Total Income	\$4,222.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 135

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 22, 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. John Mazur Andy LaPorta (H)  
Cookie Fleischut (H)  
Ginni Mazur (C)  
Mary Buchanan (C)

11:30 A.M. Sandy Brower Mary Jablonski (H)  
Cecilia Eagan (C)  
Betsy Hastings (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Jennifer Miller Chris Nunn-Crane (H)  
Gerard McAuliffe (C)  
Karen Nellis (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons March 22 Patty Lorence

Extended Confessions

Fr. Matt will offer a period of extended confessions on Wednesday, March 18th from 2pm to 7pm at Holy Trinity in the church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for prayer.

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.

Adult Faith is meeting on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30am in the meeting room at Holy Trinity. Our Lenten program emphasizes God's forgiveness through the Sacraments.

This weekend our Special Collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

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

Sisters of the Holy Spirit Scholarship

Any high school senior who is an active, participating member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Parish and who plans to further his/her education next year may apply for this scholarship. Information flyers and applications are available beginning the weekend of March 1st at the Church entrances. Applications will also be available at the Church of the Holy Spirit business office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 A. M. - 2:00 P.M .

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.  
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show. That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness. That Your Light can break like the dawn.  
Amen.  
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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 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)

**Teen Mass and Emmaus Closing** will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 4:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit. This Mass is for ALL parishioners, families as well as for teens who did not attend the retreat. Please come to welcome the Emmaus Candidates and team back from their retreat weekend and hear a little about their experience.

No classes the weekend of March 15th due to the Emmaus Retreat.

No classed the weekend of April 5th.

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$21,015.00  
Balance \$0

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$11,569.00  
Balance \$12,771.00

### 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:

**MARCH 22ND**

**MARCH 29TH**

#### DEADLINE:

**MARCH 16TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

**MARCH 18TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

### Everyday Stewardship

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human. Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal. The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well. This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

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.



### 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



“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” — Jn 3:20-21

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### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>ASUNTA LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY <b>VINCENT LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY JIM AND SHARON HILLIER <b>FRAN GARGUILO</b> REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BETTY ANADIO</b> REQUESTED BY FRANK, TAMMY, AND SALLY MALAGISI
<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</b>	<b>JANE MEYERS</b> REQUESTED BY SISTER, BARBARA RIETH <b>FRAN GARGUILO</b> REQUESTED BY BARBARA AND RAY DALMATA
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASCATORE FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCATORE <b>PAT O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>PHYLLIS BERGER</b> REQUESTED BY MARIA DOLDER <b>VINCENT LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY AURELIA & NOONAN FAMILIES <b>FRANCES GARGUILO</b> REQUESTED BY GUY AND JOAN CIACCIO AND URSULA MACDONALD <b>MARY JANE KNAPP</b> REQUESTED BY JOE AND KELLY GALEA
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CAROL CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>ROSALIND SINICROPI</b> REQUESTED BY MICHAEL & MICHELE DOWNING

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>LOIS MALATINO</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>MILDRED MYLOTT MEYER</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>DORA STEENBURGH</b> REQUESTED BY GENTILE, STEENBURGH AND KOVAROVIC FAMILIES <b>JOE BARTLETT (4TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY MARLENE
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>GENE REYNOLDS</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>SHARON ONDRISKA</b> REQUESTED BY GEORGIA GAY
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<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>HENRY STRAUSS</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>BENNY SILIGATO (23RD ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY FRAN AND FAMILY <b>DOMINIC MALATINO</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>JANET MILO</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY

### St. Patrick's Dinner

March 22nd at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Social Hour 1pm with Dinner at 2pm. Donation \$15.00. Eat in only. Only 110 tickets will be sold. Tickets available at the Parish Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**



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.