

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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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you that I am
going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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

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.

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 May 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.

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.

5th Sunday of Easter

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it. It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful? But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life. Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive. The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— 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 MAY 3, 2026

- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

MAY 3, 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	4/19/26
Envelopes	\$2,032.00
Loose	\$595.00
Online	\$448.00
Total Weekly	\$3,075.00
Other	\$558.00
Total Income	\$3,633.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 134 11:30 A.M. 165

Collection	4/19/26
Envelopes	\$1,730.00
Loose	\$355.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,085.00
Other	\$257.44
Total Income	\$2,342.44

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 154

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 10, 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M.	John Mazur	Judy Vickery (H) Cookie Fleischut (H) Ginni Mazur (C) Mary Buchanan (C)
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11:30 A.M.	Michele Downing	Mary Jablonski (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)
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HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.	Lynn Knowlton	Anne Solar (H) Eva Van Alstyne (C) Mary Ann Armstrong (C)
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Wells House/Pineview Commons May 17 Diane Savage and Yvonne Major

Sisters of the Holy Spirit will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 4th at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

Calendar Raffle Fundraiser- our next fundraiser for Breakaway Camp will begin on May 1st. We will be selling calendars again that have a specific prize for each day. If your name is picked, you win the prize for that day. Your name then goes back into the drawing so there is opportunity to win multiple times. Tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses starting May 2nd - 31st, at the parish office or by contacting a Youth Ministry team member. Drawings for the calendar raffle will be every day in the month of June. Tickets are \$10 for one chance and \$20 for 3 chances each day.

The combined parish total collected for Rice Bowls is \$606.00

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.



Any high school senior who is an active, participating member of the Holy Trinity Parish and who plans to further his/her education next year, may apply for a Burda

Scholar Award by emailing aniles207@gmail.com to receive an application. Completed applications must be emailed to aniles207@gmail.com on or before Monday, May 11th. If your application is received after May 11th, it will not be accepted.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator
email: holyspirit12078@gmail.com

First Communion will be Sunday, May 17th 9:00 am at Holy Trinity and 11:30 am at Holy Spirit.

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Auriesville Shrine.

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$22,267.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$14,169.00
Balance \$10,171.00



Music Ministry Help Request: Our faithful Mass musical ensembles are always looking for gifted vocalists and instrumentalists to consider joining us at our weekend liturgies to help lift our communities in joyful song to the Lord.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at any of our three weekend liturgies, please contact the office at 518 725 3143 to connect with Paul Whitney (4 pm Mass coordinator) and/or Sue Shrader (11:30 am Mass coordinator). You may reach Mary Puznowski (9 am Mass coordinator) directly at 315-867-9020 or mayorpuznowski@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

BULLETIN:

MAY 10TH

DEADLINE:

**MAY 4TH
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.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store. This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways. I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way. And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way. There it is: the part that matters. The way. Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?" See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though. You'll know him when you see him.

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Our combined Parish **Summer Fun Fest** will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 4-8pm at Holy Spirit. . Come and enjoy some games, food, and music. The festival committee will be sending 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.



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



“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” — Jn 15:4-5

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HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	WILLIAM L. KELLER JR. REQUESTED BY FAMILY NICHOLAS SYRON REQUESTED BY AUNT, BARBARA RIETH JOSEPH AND GLORIA LAPORTA REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY BEATRICE PAPA REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
WED. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
THURS. 8:30	BERNARDO & CARMELLA DIPERNA REQUESTED BY ESTATE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASCATORE FAMILY REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCATORE
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	LOUIS DIGIACOMO (B'DAY) REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE ROBERT AND CAROL IANACONE REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO JOYCE TRIPPODO REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO & FAMILY JUDITH PLAISTER REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO DAVID ESPER REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	ROSALIND SINICROPI REQUESTED BY MICHAEL & MICHELE DOWNING EUGENIE FARHART REQUESTED BY FAMILY MARY ANN SOCHA REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	KATE FAGAN REQUESTED BY FAMILY PRISCILLA CURTHOYS REQUESTED BY AMY AND JOHN DAVID PRAUGHT CAROL PIEHUTA REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY PRADELSKI AND FAMILY CHRISTOPHER P. VILLONI REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE RANDY BARTLETT (60TH B'DAY) REQUESTED BY MARLENE CAROLE KROPAY REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	DAVID MALE REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN LAURENCE MIANO REQUESTED BY BOB JEAN SCHULTZ
WED. 8:30 A.M.	LEIGH ADEBAHR REQUESTED BY FAMILY
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	CATHERINE LANDRIO REQUESTED BY CHILDREN PRISCILLA CURTHOYS REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE DAVID MALE REQUESTED BY BARB AND LARRY PODOLEC EVELYN KNOWLTON REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN

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.

Mother Teresa's Closet is celebrating our 15th year in service here at Holy Trinity in 2026. What started out as a service of our Outreach Committee, has become a relied upon monthly ministry to those in need in Fulton County. We have over 200 individuals and families registered and typically serve around 80 recipients each month. Our ability to provide basic necessities is based on donations from our linked parishes and we are very grateful to all of our donors for their support. A Mother Teresa's Closet donation box will be installed at the Glebe Street entrance of Holy Trinity Church, similar to the Friday's Table donation box at Holy Spirit Church. We thank you for your consideration and support of this special ministry.



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.