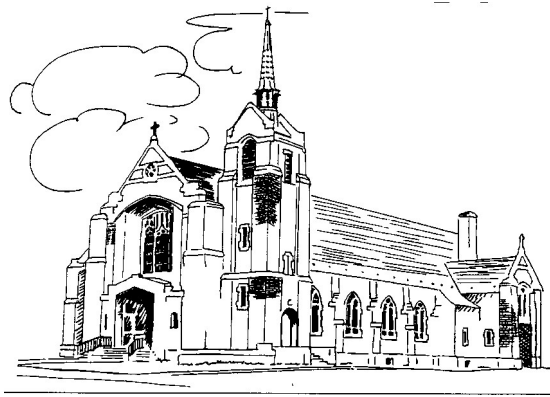


## Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

## Holy Trinity Church



22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

Offices for Church of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Church are located at 153 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078  
Phone: 518-725-3143 ~ Fax: 518-725-7245

Rectory: 205 Glebe Street, Johnstown, NY 12095 Rectory Phone: 518-762-2011

Church of the Holy Spirit Email: HSGlover@rcda.org Holy Trinity Email: HTJohnst@rcda.org

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*

*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

### 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.

**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 December 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.

## First Sunday of Advent

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive. That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don't just stay vaguely “awake.” Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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	11/16/25
Envelopes	\$5,912.00
Loose	\$794.00
Online	\$625.00
Total Weekly	\$7,331.00
Other	\$239.50
Donation	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$9,570.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 127 11:30 A.M. 141

Collection	11/16/25
Envelopes	\$2,175.00
Loose	\$297.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,472.00
Other	\$670.00
Total Income	\$3,142.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 156

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Andy LaPorta	Kristin Farley (H) Cindy Krueger (H) Mary Buchanan (C) Diana Javerone (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Matt Trainor	Sandy Brower (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Gerard McAuliffe	Jennifer Connolly (H) Rebecca Weideman (C) Renee Smith (C)
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**Wells House/Pineview Commons November 30 John Sagan and Rebecca Weideman**

**Our Annual Sister's Christmas Party** is being held on December 1st at the Holiday Inn in Gloversville. Gathering begins at 5:30, meal served at 6:00 pm. RSVP was necessary to attend. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you in March!



The giving Trees will be available soon at Holy Spirit Church. There will be two trees located at the front of the Church.

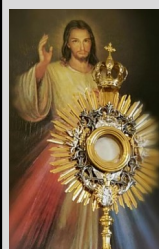
**Annual Christmas Concert**

The musicians of Holy Spirit are planning the annual Christmas Concert to be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:05pm. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend. Anyone from our linked parishes who would like to be in our choir are welcome. Rehearsals are to be announced.

The **Rosary Society** is planning their **Annual Christmas Cookie Sale**. Please consider baking 4 dozen of your favorite cookies for the cookie platters. Cookies can be dropped off Saturday, December 13th from 9 to 11am at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Please contact Veronica at 518-762-3700 to let her know what kind of cookies you plan to make. Thank you.

We are very excited to announce that we will be offering our very first **Adult Emmaus Retreat** to be held Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd 2026 at Camp of the Woods in Speculator. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in Holy Spirit Café, located in the school building at Holy Spirit. All are welcome to attend.

**Adoration webpage** <https://www.rcda.org/adoration> This page includes a Guide to Eucharistic Adoration, a link to Adoration Hours across our diocese, and information on the many blessings that come from spending time adoring our Lord in the Eucharist.



**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 ADVENT

### 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)

Our Vendor/Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 12:30 to 4:00 in our gym at Holy Spirit. Anyone interested in being a vendor or crafter, please contact Ann Simonson.

Our next Teen Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, November 30th at 6:00 pm. Please consider joining us to begin the Advent Season.

December 13th Christmas Pageant and Concert 6:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

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.

**Jubilee Year 2025** : You are encouraged to check out the diocesan pages dedicated to the Jubilee <https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025>  
There is a wealth of resources to be discovered from our diocese as well as from the USCCB

#### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$7,885.00  
Balance \$8,713.00

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$5,553.00  
Balance \$18,787.00

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Monday, December 8th.**

##### Mass Schedule:

**8:30 A.M. Holy Trinity**  
**12:10 P.M. Holy Spirit**  
**5:30 P.M. Holy Trinity**

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.

#### 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:

##### DEADLINE:

**DECEMBER 14TH**

**DECEMBER 3RD  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

**DECEMBER 21ST**

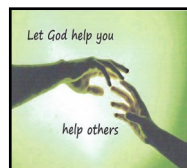
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**DECEMBER 28TH**

**DECEMBER 17TH  
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10AM**

**JANUARY 4TH**

**DECEMBER 22ND  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**



#### 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



*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves."*

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>FRANK DEROSA (2ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>CHARLES PAPA</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>LOTHAR AND JOHANN HERRLETT (62ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M</b>	<b>LUCILLE AND FRANK CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>TIM ARMSTRONG</b> REQUESTED BY DICK AND MARILYN HOFFMANN
<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>VINCENZO &amp; GELSOMINE DEPASQUALE</b> REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EDITH DEPASQUALE
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS</b>
<b>SAT. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>DON AMBROSINO</b> REQUESTED BY RICH AND BARB TUCCI <b>TIMOTHY ARMSTRONG</b> REQUESTED BY MARGARET HOUTZ AND SCOTT RETERSFORF
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MAC MCDONALD (4TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, URSALA <b>GERTHA ESTELLE KAMPER O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M</b>	<b>MARY FAGAN POLETO</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>BERNIE LANDRIO</b> REQUESTED BY VINCENT & MARION DIGIACOMO <b>MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<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>SAT. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M</b>	<b>HENRY J. MICHAELSON</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>MARY SILIGATO</b> REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, FRAN & DAVE & FAM. <b>DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR (11TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER, DEBORAH <b>BERNIE LANDRIO</b> REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE

### Midnight at Nine New Years Eve Dinner

Anyone interested in a New Years Eve Dinner this year please call the Parish Office. Also, if you would be willing to help organize, plan, and work the evening of the dinner please call the Parish Office.

### 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.



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.