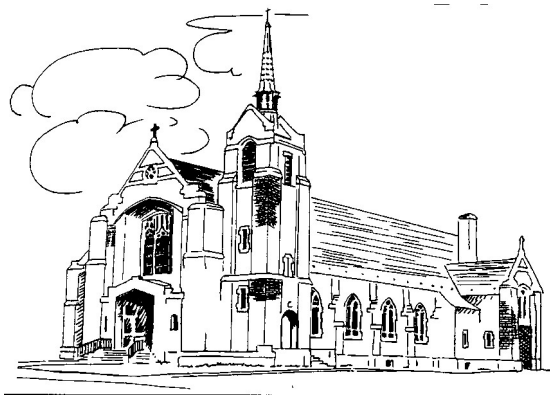


## Church of the Holy Spirit



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*

*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"**



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."  
- Lk 14:28, 33

**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 September 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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, “If you can’t manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?” Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car. The Lord Jesus chides us in this week’s Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts? The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir

## Mother Teresa’s Closet

With our monthly distributions to Fulton County families in need, our closet needs re-stocking. While we gladly accept un-opened bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaners, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, and baby wipes, our greatest needs are diapers and adult incontinent supplies. Monetary donations in memory of loved ones also welcome. Mail your donation to Holy Trinity Parish Office, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note ‘Mother Teresa’s Closet’ on the memo line. Volunteers are needed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9am to 12:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Hours of distribution are 9:30 to noon. We are very grateful for our volunteers and for all of the donors in our linked parishes that support this ministry, including the Helpers Community Store.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are \$360,892.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,940.23.) Thank you for your continued support.

FINANCES WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. John Mazur

Rita Bravo (H)  
Rich Nigro (H)  
Ginni Mazur (C)  
Brian Farley (C)

11:30 A.M. Matt Trainor

Pam Bray (H)  
Karen Hoose (H)  
Betsy Hastings (C)  
Jamin Clemente (C)  
Marion Clemente (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

9:00 A.M.

Gary McCoy

Liz Carey (H)  
Karen Nellis (C)  
Eva Van Alstyne (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons September 7 Anne Solar

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:**

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 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 Scharfenberger 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 e-mail [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). **Deadline is September 7.**

**Power of One Hour Video Series – Teaching about the Catholic Mass:** This is a 5-part video series is **FREE OF CHARGE** and **EASY TO ACCESS** on the diocesan web-site <https://www.rcda.org/powerofonehour>. It includes study guides and can be used for school kids, faith formation, and adult faith formation.

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

Please join us in honoring the unborn on Saturday, September 13th. We will gather at 10am for the Rosary in front of the Monument to the Unborn at the Auriesville Shrine. Please contact Chris Nunn – Crane at 518-736-1558 with any questions. All are welcome!



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.

## ***TWENTY-THIRD 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)

**Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:** There will be an **Ice Cream Social Registration Day** on Sunday, September 14th at Holy Spirit Church in the gym from 12:30-2:00pm. Come and meet the teachers, register your children, and enjoy an ice cream cone. Calendars will be available at registration.

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

### **2024/2025 ASSESSMENT & INSURANCE**

#### **Holy Spirit**

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
School Assessment \$17,288.00  
Insurance \$57,669.00

#### **Holy Trinity**

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
School Assessment \$12,385.00  
Insurance \$32,915.75

### **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. deadlines.

#### **BULLETIN:**

**SEPTEMBER 14TH**

#### **DEADLINE:**

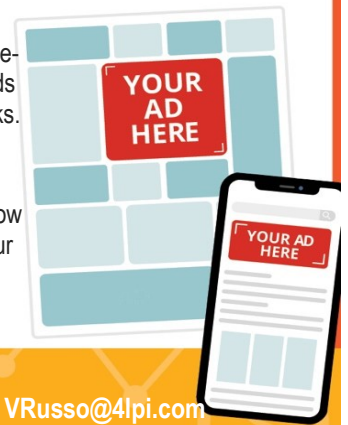
**SEPTEMBER 8TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

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.

## **AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

### **Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

**Victoria Russo** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com).



**Victoria Russo**  
(216) 325-6825 x6283 [VRusso@4lpi.com](mailto:VRusso@4lpi.com)

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Masses will be cancelled Tuesday, September 16th through Friday, September 19th due to the Priest Retreat.



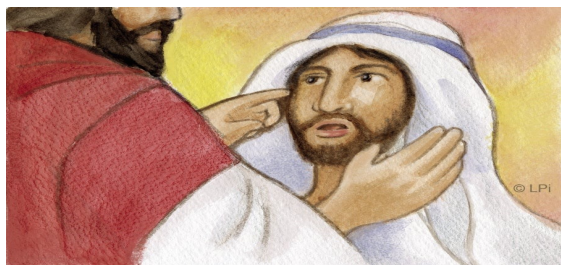
### **HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE:**

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



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. — Mk 7:34-35

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

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**     **ROSE DIGIACOMO (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE  
**ZACHARY & ELIZABETH ZAMBRI**  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, ROSE  
**BEATRICE JASEWICZ**  
REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO  
**DEDE KWIATKOWSKI**  
REQUESTED BY GRACE NASELLI

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.**     **CATHY AND WALTER TRAINOR**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**MON.**                     **NO MASS**

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.**     **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**

**WED. 8:30 A.M.**     **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**

**THURS. 8:30 A.M.**     **FRANK A. VERTUCCI FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY VERTUCCI ESTATE  
**DEDE KWIATKOWSKI**  
REQUESTED BY PATTY & JOHN FRANCO AND  
NANCY AND MARK CLEMENTE

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.**         **FRANCIS SIMEK**  
REQUESTED BY KUCERA ESTATE  
**J. PAUL MECCA**  
REQUESTED BY BBCHS CLASS OF 69

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**         **ASSUNTA RIZZO**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE  
**FRANK LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY  
**BEATRICE PAPA**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**JESSE WHEELER**  
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO  
**ANGIE SAVAGE (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.**         **JEANETTE ST. PETER**  
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE  
**CAROLE CRANE**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**SUN. 9:00 A.M.**         **ADOLPH MONTINI (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE AND FAMILY  
**JIM SAMEK AND FRED GUZLIEK**  
REQUESTED BY GUZ BALL  
**JOE BARTLETT (91ST B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY MARLENE  
**CHRISTINE REYNOLDS**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND SHARON POLING

**MON.**                     **NO MASS**

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.**         **SPECIAL INTENTION**

**WED. 8:30 A.M.**         **IN THANKSGIVING**

**THURS. 8:30 A.M.**     **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.**         **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**

**SUN. 9:00 A.M.**         **TERRY MAHON VACEK**  
REQUESTED BY LOVINGLY, REBECCA, JASON, AND  
BONNIE VANWIE  
**MARGARET C MICHAELSON**  
REQUESTED BY MARGARET FAGAN AND FAMILY  
**SCOTT POPP**  
REQUESTED BY CATHERINE SMULLEN



### Lessons from EWTN

Of all the things that I can put on today, it is humility that will make me most attractive.

**Wine and Hosts** for September are in Memory of Liz and Jim Lauria by 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.