

Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

Holy Trinity Church



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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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LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager
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Tricia Taus, Office Assistant

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
Rich Nigro & Ron Zimmerman, Trustees

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday - 11:30 A.M.
Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

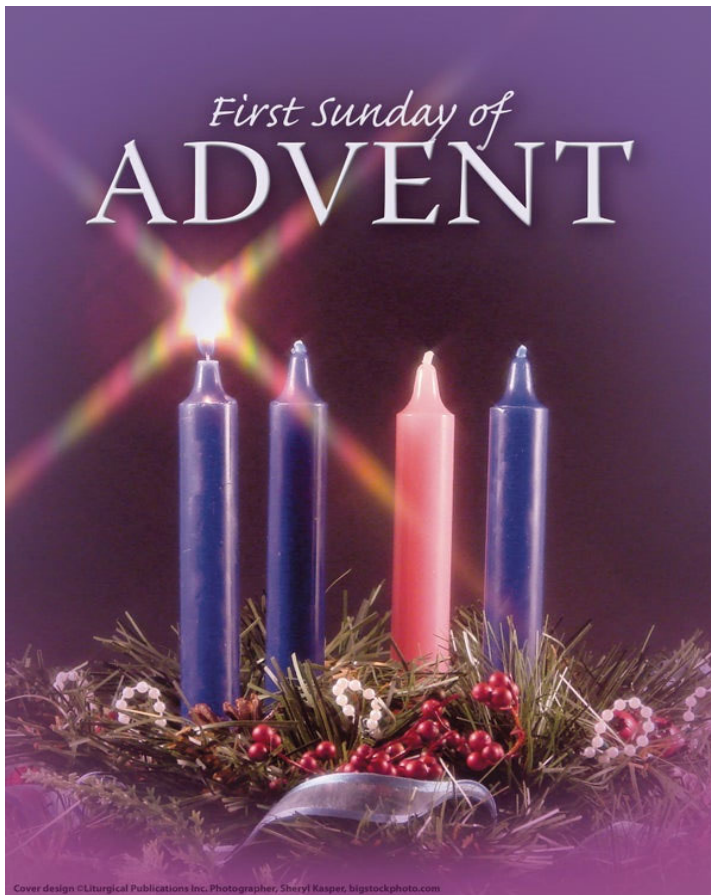
HOLY TRINITY

George Buseck, Buildings & Grounds
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Concetta Sager & Lynn Knowlton, 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 Wednesday 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 your respective parish office (the numbers are 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: Emergency household and 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.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS:
3:00 P.M. –3:30 P.M.
In December the Wednesday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church 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 Wednesday 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.

1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? “Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.” Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing? Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters. May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— 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, 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 2nd Thursday of the month from 9am to 12:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. We are very grateful for our volunteers and for all of the donors in our linked parishes that support this ministry, including the Helper's Community Store.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

The Church of the Holy Spirit
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are \$350,447.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,739.37.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection 11/19/23

Envelopes	\$3,641.00
Loose	\$611.00
Online	\$643.00
Total Weekly	\$4,895.00
Other	\$431.00
Total Income	\$5,326.00
Human Development	\$324.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 138 11:30 A.M. N/A

Collection 11/19/23

Envelopes	\$1,976.00
Loose	\$366.00
Total Weekly	\$2,342.00
Other	\$50.00
Total Income	\$2,392.00
Human Development	\$689.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 154

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Trina Zimmerman

Rita Bravo
Rich Nigro

11:30 A.M. Karen Hoose

Mary Buchanan
Pam Bray

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.

Tara Sweeney

Rebecca Weideman

Our Combined Men's Group will hold their next meeting on Monday, December 18th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

Liberty Partnerships Program's

Back Pack Program

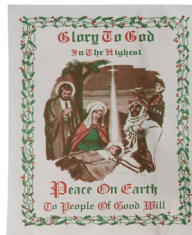
After all masses on the weekend of December 9th and 10th there will be a free will offering to benefit the Back Pack Program of Liberty Partnerships Program in the Greater Amsterdam School District. Our Back Pack program provides 50 bags of food weekly to children who are food insecure to ensure they have meals on weekends, and is run entirely on donations. Baskets will be located at the entrances of both churches. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSTION AVAILABLE

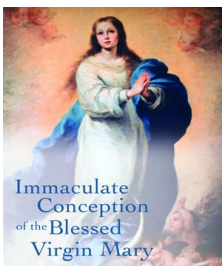
Holy Trinity Parish is looking for a part time maintenance person for 18 hours a week. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

SNOW REMOVAL

Part time position available at Holy Trinity Parish for snow removal. Please call the Parish Office if interested.



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at Holy Trinity Church. They are located at both entrances of the Church and also available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$1.00 per package.



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

Mass Schedule:

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



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

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry classes: Grades K-5 meet from 10:20 - 11:20am on Sunday mornings at Holy Spirit in the school building. Please note the slight time change! Youth Ministry classes are held on Sunday evenings with grades 6-8 meeting from 6:00-7:00pm and grades 9&10 meeting from 7:15-8:15pm also in the school building at Holy Spirit.

Vendor/Craft Fair: Our annual Vendor/Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 10:00am-2:00pm in the gym at Holy Spirit.

Art Show and Bake Sale at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on December 6th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Cookies and Carols: December 17th. No regular classes for grades K-5. Grades K-5 will attend Mass together at 9:00am at Holy Trinity Church and then go to the Church Hall for Cookies and Carols from 10:00-11:00am.

There will be a Christmas concert “**Sounds of the Season**” on December 10th at 3:00pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit. The concert is free to all who wish to attend. Free will donations will go to the Gloversville Code Blue Shelter. Anyone wishing to participate from the Holy Spirit or Holy Trinity parishes please call Sue Shrader at 518-365-0532. Practices will be Sunday, November 26th and Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm and on Thursday, December 7th at 6pm. Featured musicians will be Father Matt on Trumpet, Paul Whitney and Bob Cline on Guitar, and Kathy Sponenberg on Keyboard. Featured soloists to date are Olivia Esposito, Angela Veeder, Paul Whitney, Kathy Sponenberg and Sue Shrader. The group will consist of people who love music and love Christmas. We hope many of our parish members will join us either in our group or in the audience. It will be a very enjoyable afternoon and snacks will be provided at intermission.

2024 CALENDARS

Church of the Holy Spirit Calendars are here. Thank you to Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart Family Funeral Homes for the generous gift of the calendars.

The Saint Joseph’s Sunday Missal’s have arrived and they are available for purchase at the Parish Office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

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 STORE:

Hours are 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.
Monday-Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering or substituting at the store, please call Richard or Christine at (518) 736-1558. All donations should be dropped off at the store, 103 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY.

Holy Trinity Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society will hold their Christmas Gathering at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 10th at Sam’s Steak House. Please RSVP by calling Ronnie at 58-762-3700.

The Rosary Society **Christmas Cookie Sale** will be held on Sunday, December 17th. Cookie trays will be available after Mass at Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit.

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. **Mass requests do not follow the same guidelines.** Masses must be requested at least two and a half weeks ahead of the requested date due to bulletin deadlines.

BULLETIN:

DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 10TH

DECEMBER 4TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON

DECEMBER 17TH

DECEMBER 7TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON

DECEMBER 24TH

DECEMBER 13TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON

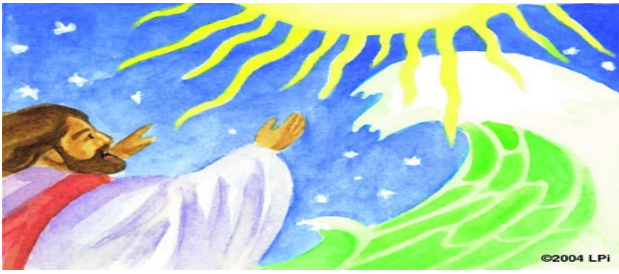
DECEMBER 31ST

DECEMBER 19TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON

JANUARY 7TH

DECEMBER 29TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON

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 DECEMBER 3, 2023

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

SAT. 4:00 P.M. **DAVID MANCINI**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
KRISTEN BRADT
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

SUN. 11:30 A.M. **WALTER AND CATHERINE TRAINOR**
REQUESTED BY VINCE AND JEAN LAPORTA
ANTONE "TONY" RALBOVSKY
REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN & ROLAND O'BRIEN-BILLS
CLARA A. SWARTS
REQUESTED BY LINDA HILL
JOSEPH LEIBL
REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI, MARGUERITE
GOODEMOTE AND EMILIA COONS

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. **VINCENZO & GELSOMINE
DEPASQUALE**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EDITH DEPASQUALE

FRI. 12:10 P.M. **FOR THE PEOPLE**

SAT. 4:00 P.M. **ERICH PIEPER**
REQUESTED BY RICH NIGRO
RICHARD MCGUIRE
REQUESTED BY MAJOR FAMILY
SANDY LUNKENHEIMER
REQUESTED BY PAUL & BONNIE STEENBURGH
AND FAMILY
FELICIA VISCOSI
REQUESTED BY PR AND FLORENCE VISCOSI

SUN. 11:30 A.M. **GERTRUDE BERNADETTE AND
BERNARD TIMOTHY MULHALL**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF IRENE MULHALL
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
CLARA A. SWARTS
REQUESTED BY DON AND MARCIA WEISS
LEO VISCONTI AND ELAINE VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
MAC MCDONALD (2ND ANN)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, URSULA

SUN. 9:00 A.M. **FR. JIM FITZMAURICE (B'DAY)**
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
BOB SALLUZZO
REQUESTED BY DEDE KWIATKOWSKI
GARY STEFO
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
BRIAN PODOLEC
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY

MON. **NO MASS**

TUES. 8:30 A.M. **CLARA A. SWARTS**
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
MARK VISCOSI
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD

WED. 8:30 A.M. **DR. MARGE VACEK**
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
SPECIAL INTENTION

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

FRI. 8:30 A.M. **FOR THE PEOPLE**

FRI. 5:30 P.M. **FOR THE PEOPLE**

SUN. 9:00 A.M. **DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR
(9TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER, DEBORAH
ROBERT SALLUZZO
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
HENRY J. MICHAELSON
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
KRISSY SCHWARTZ (12TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY DAD

2024 CALENDARS

Holy Trinity Calendars are here. Thank you to A. G. Cole and Barter and Donnan Funeral Homes for the generous gift of the calendars.

Sanctuary Candle for December 2 to December 15 is in memory of Clara A. Swarts by Fran Garguilo



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.

BUILDING FUND DONATION

In memory of Felicia Viscosi by Patty and John Franco