

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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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

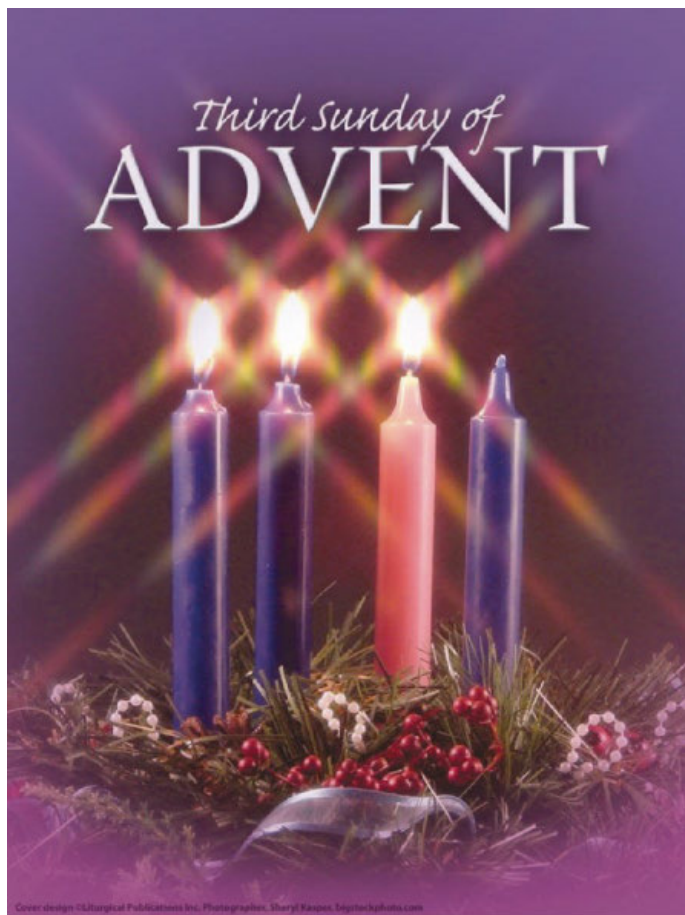
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We’ve never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we’ve never seen him? The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John’s Gospel we hear: “There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.” The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives. John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God’s promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist’s spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let’s commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— 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 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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	12/03/23
Envelopes	\$3,244.00
Loose	\$688.00
Online	\$578.00
Total Weekly	\$4,510.00
Other	\$2,129.00
Total Income	\$6,639.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 109 11:30 A.M. 165

Collection	12/03/23
Envelopes	\$3,006.00
Loose	\$316.00
Total Weekly	\$3,322.00
Other	\$10.00
Total Income	\$3,332.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 156

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24, 2023

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Mark Amico Ginni Mazur
Ron Zimmerman

11:30 A.M. Volunteer Volunteer
Volunteer

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Gerard McAuliffe Eva Van Alstyne

PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION 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.

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.

Help Needed: We will begin decorating for Christmas at Church of the Holy Spirit following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome to join us!

FRIDAY'S TABLE

Friday's Table is a community outreach program initiated and managed by The Church of the Holy Spirit. Every Friday, dating back to 1998, volunteers come together to give of their time to feed those in need. Volunteers come from many faith communities and service organizations. This program is run strictly by donation and feeds around 100 people per week. Monetary donations can be made in memory of loved ones. Mail your donation to Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note "Friday's Table" on the memo line.

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.



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.



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.

THIRD 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.

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.

No Classes on December 24th — Merry Christmas!

No Classes on December 31st — Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve "Midnight at 9" Celebration

4:00pm—Mass at Church of the Holy Spirit

5:00pm—Hors D'oeuvres and Social Hour followed by Dinner at Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Music and Dessert

The Ball Drops at **9:00pm**

Donation \$15.00 adults, kids 10 and under \$10.00
Tickets must be purchased in advance. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets available at the Parish Office

Extended Hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 20th 2pm to 7pm at Holy Trinity Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for quiet prayer in the church. Fr. Matt will be available for confessions in the front pew of the church.

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.

Sunday, December 24th: 4:00 pm Liturgies at both Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit

Sunday, December 24th: 8:00 pm at Holy Spirit

Monday, December 25th: 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

Sunday, December 31st: 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

Monday, January 1st: 9 am at Holy Trinity

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas and also on January 1st and 2nd for New Year.

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 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



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

SAT. 4:00 P.M. **SAL LANDRIO (12TH ANN)**
 REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF
 REQUESTED BY A FRIEND
JEAN MARIE MYZAL
 REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
JOSEPH LEIBL
 REQUESTED BY KATHERINE COZZOLINO & FAMILY

SUN. 11:30 A.M **JO ANN ROSSI**
 REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, JOSEPH ROSSI
OWEN FARHART
 REQUESTED BY FAMILY
HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF
 REQUESTED BY A FRIEND
ELLEN ANN O'BRIEN
 REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN & ROLAND
 O'BRIEN-BILLS
SALVATORE ZARRELLI
 REQUESTED BY WIFE, CATERINA ZARRELLI

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. **AUDREY GARGUILO**
 REQUESTED BY SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
MARY WALRATH
 REQUESTED BY JACK WALRATH

FRI. 8:30 A.M. **AUDI GARGUILO**
 REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO

SAT. 4:00 P.M. **AUDI GARGUILO**
 REQUESTED BY FRAN GARGUILO

SUN. 11:30 A.M. **ANTONE "TONY" RALBOVSKY**
 REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN AND ROLAND
 O'BRIEN-BILLS
JO ANN BARNA
 REQUESTED BY STACY BARNA

SUN. 4:00 P.M. **CONNIE AND CHARLES PERRONE**
 (CHRISTMAS EVE) REQUESTED BY JANE & JOEL HUNTZINGER AND
 JOAN AND JOSEPH DIXON
KRISTEN BRADT AND KERRY
THURSTON
 REQUESTED BY FAMILY

SUN. 8:00 P.M. **FOR THE PEOPLE**
 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

SUN. 9:00 A.M. **MICHAEL DATTORRE (62ND ANN)**
 REQUESTED BY MICHELE, DAN, AND JOE
BRIAN PODOLEC
 REQUESTED BY THE MAJOR FAMILY
DICK MCGUIRE
 REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
MATTHEW CINQUANTI

MON. **NO MASS**

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

WED. 8:30 A.M. **DONNA BROYLES (3RD ANN)**
 REQUESTED BY EDWARD & SHARON ONDRISKA
 AND BONNIE AND PAUL STEENBURGH
SPECIAL INTENTION

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

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

SUN. 9:00 A.M **MICHELE TRAVIS**
 REQUESTED BY WAYNE & MARILYN COLE AND
 FAMILY

SUN. 4:00 P.M. **BOB SALLUZZO**
 (CHRISTMAS EVE) REQUESTED BY DAN AND NITA BAIER



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.

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