

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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Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator

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Tricia Tauss, 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

Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

John Sefcovic, Cemetery Caretaker-St. Anthony's Cemetery

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 rachelvineyardalbany@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.

4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up? I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, “But she was greatly troubled at what was said.” An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances. Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, “Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.”

— 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 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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 **12/10/23**

Envelopes	\$3,355.38
Loose	\$502.00
Online	\$653.00
Total Weekly	\$4,510.38
Immac Conc	\$723.00
Other	\$1,298.00
Total Income	\$6,531.38

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 124 11:30 A.M. 145

Collection **12/10/23**

Envelopes	\$1,456.00
Loose	\$416.00
Total Weekly	\$1,872.00
Immac Conc	\$600.00
Other	\$192.00
Total Income	\$2,664.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 140

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Volunteer

Volunteer
Volunteer

11:30 A.M. Volunteer

Volunteer
Volunteer

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.

Alan Spawn

Mary Ann Armstrong

Our Combined Men's Group will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 15th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE

A holiday symbol of Christ as the light of the World.

In the Slavic nations, a Christmas candle, blessed in church, is displayed on the family table. The Ukrainians place their Christmas candle in a loaf of bread. In parts of South America, the candle is found in a paper lantern with symbols and pictures of the Nativity. In France and England the candle was often made of three candles twisted together in honor of the Holy Trinity. In Germany, the candle was put on top of a wooden pole decorated with evergreens (*Lichstock*), or many small candles were distributed on the shelves of a wooden structure made in the form of a pyramid and adorned with evergreens and draped with tinsel. In Ireland, a large holly-bedecked candle is lighted on Christmas Eve and the entire family prays for all its dear ones, living and dead. The Irish also placed candles in the windows during Christmas.



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.

FOURTH 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.

No Classes on December 24th — Merry Christmas!

No Classes on December 31st — Happy New Year!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Vendor Fair a great success. With the funds raised, we were able help two families in need and also purchase some supplies for Faith Formation.

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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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.

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:

JANUARY 7TH

DEADLINE:

**DECEMBER 28TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON**

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb”

**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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. (CHRISTMAS EVE) CONNIE AND CHARLES PERRONE
REQUESTED BY JANE & JOEL HUNTZINGER AND JOAN AND JOSEPH DIXON
KRISTEN BRADT AND KERRY THURSTON
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

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

MON. 9:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

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

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

THURS. 8:30 A.M. AMY LYNN CONROY
REQUESTED BY CATHERINE CARNRIKE

FRI. 8:30 A.M. AUDREY GARGUILO
REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH

SAT. 4:00 P.M. AUDREY GARGUILO
REQUESTED BY LOUIS & MILLIE GARGUILO

SUN. 11:30 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE

SUN. 4:00 P.M. (SOLEMNITY OF MARY) RITA BACON
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

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

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

MON. 9:00 A.M. (CHRISTMAS DAY) FOR THE PEOPLE

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. MICHELE TRAVIS
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND



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



 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.