

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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Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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 & 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

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 January the Wednesday Devotions will be at Holy Spirit 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, “I'll help you hold him.” It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life. Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed. Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, 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 31, 2023

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
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 12/17/23

Envelopes	\$2,395.00
Loose	\$570.00
Online	\$583.00
Total Weekly	\$3,548.00
Flowers	\$1,607.00
Other	\$247.50
Total Income	\$5,402.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 110 11:30 A.M. 114

Collection 12/17/23

Envelopes	\$2,574.00
Loose	\$423.00
Total Weekly	\$2,997.00
Flowers	\$1,178.00
Other	\$115.00
Total Income	\$4,290.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 217

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7, 2024

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M.	Trina Zimmerman	Rita Bravo Ron Zimmerman
11:30 A.M.	John Stewart	Mary Buchanan Pam Bray

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.	Anne Solar	Renee Smith
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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.

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.



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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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 31st — Happy New Year!

Emmaus Retreat: It's that time of year again to start planning for our Emmaus Retreat. Meetings will start next Sunday, January 7th at 2:00pm in the school building at Holy Spirit. If you are interested in joining our retreat team, please come to the meeting or contact Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986.

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us. Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people." When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1st and 2nd for New Year.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, January 1st: 9 am at 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.



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.

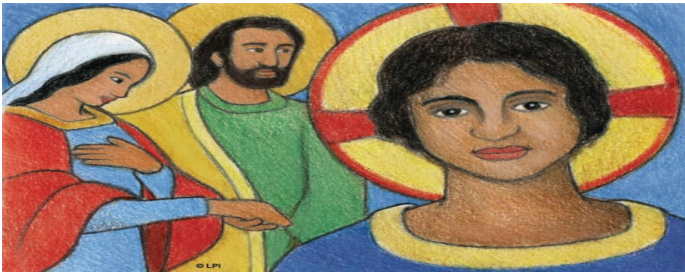
BULLETIN:

JANUARY 14TH

DEADLINE:

**JANUARY 8TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON**

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

— Lk 2:39-40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

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. RITA BACON
(SOLEMNITY OF MARY)
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

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. AUDREY GARGUILO
REQUESTED BY TOM AND TONI RUSSO

FRI. 8:30 A.M. MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS

SAT. 8:30 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE

SAT. 4:00 P.M. LOUIS DIGIACOMO (5TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE
FRANK DEROSA
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO & DAUGHTERS

SUN. 11:30 A.M. WALTER AND CATHERINE TRAINOR
REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. JOSEPH NOONAN
JOSEPH LEIBL
REQUESTED BY KATHERINE COZZOLINO & FAM.
AUDREY MARIE GARGUILO
REQUESTED BY BARB HRNYNAK, SANDY TALLON
AND RALPH VIOLA
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

SUN. 9:00 A.M. MICHELE TRAVIS
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND

MON. 9:00 A.M. WILLIAM POLLAK
(SOLEMNITY OF MARY)
REQUESTED BY CHRIS LASNICK

TUES. 8:30 A.M. RICHARD J. SMULLENS JR. (ANN)

WED. 8:30 A.M. ADOLPH MONTINI (ANN)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE EVA & FAMILY
IN THANKSGIVING

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

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

SAT. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00 A.M. BRIAN PODOLEC
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
RHONDA CALLERY
REQUESTED BY MARY AND RUSS BARTER
DOUG PELOSI
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE QUINN
RUTH CAREY
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ



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.