

Church of the Holy Spirit



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Holy Trinity Church



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OFFICE HOURS at HOLY TRINITY PARISH : Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
OFFICE HOURS at HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: Monday & Wednesday 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

15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

- Mt 13:22-23

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LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager
Michele Miller, Administrative Assistant
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

George Buseck, 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 July 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted” (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist? No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the “info” of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious -speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— 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, 207 Glebe Street, Johnstown. 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 JULY 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-3

JULY 16, 2023

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	6/25/23	7/2/23
Envelopes	\$5,553.00	\$2,199.00
Loose	\$580.00	\$614.00
Online	\$503.00	\$571.00
Total Weekly	\$6,636.00	\$3,384.00
Other	\$5,457.00	\$415.00
Total Income	\$12,093.00	\$3,799.00

Attendance 6/25	4:00 P.M.	140	11:30 A.M.	76
Attendance 7/02	4:00 P.M.	122	11:30 A.M.	155

Collection	6/25/23	7/2/23
Envelopes	\$2,752.00	\$2,094.00
Loose	\$429.00	\$489.00
Total Weekly	\$3,181.00	\$2,583.00
Other	\$353.00	\$182.00
Total Income	\$3,534.00	\$2,765.00

Attendance 6/25	8:00 A.M.	86	10:00 A.M.	85
Attendance 7/2	9:00 A.M.	145		

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 23, 2023

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M.	Sandy Yacobucci	Judy Vickery Rich Nigro
11:30 A.M.	Matt Trainor	Karen Hoose Benedetta Scarpa

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.	Renee Smith	Eva Van Alstyne
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Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal year has begun and a mailing was sent in-home in October. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and that of your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community of 126 parishes in 14 counties, serving you in the day-to-day and milestone moments of your life. If you are eager to get started, you can make a gift or pledge online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name and the name & location of our parish. Thank you!

Our Parish assessments are as follows:

Holy Spirit \$34,580.00
Gifts/Pledges \$37,013.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity \$32,676.00
Total Payment/Pledge \$20,417.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$2,259.00



Congratulations to Donald Long and Ally Salamack for receiving the 2023 Percy & Pauline Burda Scholar Award. God Bless, good luck on your future endeavors, and hope that you will stay active in Holy Trinity Parish.

FAMILY LIFE BOOTH AT THE FONDA FAIR

Once again we have the opportunity to help in the ecumenical family life booth at the Fonda Fair. This is a chance to talk to fair goers about the importance of life from conception to natural death. If you think you might be interested in this form of evangelization, please call Chris at 518-736-1558 for more information. The 2023 Fonda Fair runs from August 30 through September 4.



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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator
email: nosnomis3@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE

Our combined Parish **Fun Fest** will be held on Sunday, August 6th from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and music.



The Combined Men's Group will have a BBQ/Meeting on Monday, July 24th at Church of the Holy Spirit. The BBQ will begin at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Deacon Dick Solar. Donation is \$10.00 with beer and soda available for purchase. All men are invited to attend.

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>



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. At this time, we are in need of small kitchen appliances.



The Joint parish **Community Fun Fest** will be held on Sunday, August 6th at the Church of the Holy Spirit. This year we will have a **Bake Sale table**. We are looking for cookies, brownies, and small loaves of sweet breads. Gluten free items would be great as well. If you love to bake, please consider helping in this way. Please call the church office for more details.

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions. Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow. This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil. It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

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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 your requested date due to bulletin deadlines.

BULLETIN:

JULY 23RD

DEADLINE:

**JULY 17TH
NO LATER THAN
12 NOON**

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **VITO AND MARIA MARTINI**
REQUESTED BY GRANDCHILDREN
ELEANOR KING
REQUESTED BY SISTER, MARGUERITE
JACOB & ANTIONETTE RUGGIERO
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, MARGUERITE
HORTENZIO & SHIRLEY PAPA
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M** **CAROLE CRANE**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
ANGELO DITATA
REQUESTED BY NANCY JACKSON
JIM LAURIA
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.** **MARGARET RIETH**
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, BARBARA
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **GILDA MCCARTHY**
REQUESTED BY RON & GINA TOLLNER AND
FAMILY
EILEEN MARSHALL
REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH
MARJORIE KUCEL
REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **PAT AND GEORGE DECKER**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. — Mk 6:4-5

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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **MARILYN AND LARRY POITRAS**
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY PRADELSKI
CLARENCE SWEET
REQUESTED BY ART AND MARY ANN STOCK
NORMA HERRICK
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
DOROTHY COLE
REQUESTED BY RICHARD & MARJORIE MCGUIRE
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **BUD AND JEANNIE MIANO**
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **KONSTANTIN ONDRISKA (54TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY ONDRISKA FAMILY
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M** **MARY VACEK**
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY PRADELSKI
KEVIN KLINE
REQUESTED BY JOSEPH AND SUSAN VILLONE
MICHAEL BARBARO
REQUESTED BY RON & GINA TOLLNER AND
FAMILY
JENNIFER CARTER
REQUESTED BY NICHOLAS SCHULTZ



FOR SALE

Red 2005 Ford 350 XL Super Duty Dump Truck. Has only 33,646 miles and also has Fisher V Plow. If anyone is interested please talk to Adam or call either 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.