# Church of the Holy Spirit



## 151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

# Holy Trinity Church



## 22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

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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)

Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor Matthew.Wetsel@rcda.org Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus



#### LINKED PARISH STAFF

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#### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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 October 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.

#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile? This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime. What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's allencompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's. — 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 OCTOBER 22, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15 -21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Next Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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
 10/8/23

 Envelopes
 \$1,892.00

 Loose
 \$595.00

 Online
 \$668.00

 Total Weekly
 \$3,155.00

 Other
 \$2,113.00

 Total Income
 \$5,268.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. **120** 11:30 A.M. **124** 

Collection 10/8/23

Envelopes \$2,267.00 Loose \$215.00 Total Weekly \$2,482.00 Other \$335.00 Total Income \$2,817.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 135

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 29, 2023

# **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

<u>LECTOR</u> <u>MINISTER</u>

**4:00 P.M.** Sue Cichy Judy Vickery Rich Nigro

11:30 A.M. Michele Downing Roland O'Brien Bills

Benedetta Scarpa

HOLY TRINITY PARISH
LECTOR MINISTER

**9:00 A.M.** Lynn Knowlton Bonnie Van Wie

Sisters of the Holy Spirit will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Spirit Central located in the school building. All women are invited to attend. New members are always

The new **Lector books** have arrived. They are located in the Sacristy of both Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit Church. Please pick up your copy after Mass.

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS' DAY

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 8:30 A.M. at Holy Trinity 12:10 P.M. at Holy Spirit 5:30 P.M. at Holy Trinity

Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:30 A.M. at Holy Spirit

**Our Combined Men's Group** will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 20th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Our special collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday (Propagation of Faith.) Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call—to respond as missionaries saying "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard."

#### 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 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 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.

Fall Pizza Sale: The Sister's of the Holy Spirit and Faith Formation/Youth Ministry will be having their annual Fall Fried Dough sale on Friday, October 27th from 4:00-6:00pm at Holy Spirit Church. Tickets are \$5 and will include fried dough (no stuffed at this time), a dessert and a drink. Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at the door.

**Trunk or Treat:** Faith Formation/Youth Ministry will be holding their annual Truck or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 4:00-5:30pm in the Holy Spirit Parking Lot. If you would like to participate with a decorated car and pass out candy please let Ann Simonson know. Also, there will be baskets in the churches at the main entrances for anyone that would like to donate candy for this event. Thank you in advance!

**Teen Mass:** Youth Ministry will be having it's first Teen Mass of the year on Sunday, October 29th following Trunk or Treat at 6:00pm at Holy Spirit Church. All are welcome!

**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. If you would like to be a vendor/crafter please contact Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986 to reserve your spot.

**Special Collection:** Next weekend, October 28th and 29th there will be a special collection sponsoring the youth attending NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference.) Thank you in advance for your continued support to help our youth grow in their faith.

#### Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary

O blessed rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death; yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted. May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven.

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 meet in the Church at Holy Trinity to pray the Rosary each Wednesday in October at 3:45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dues for September 2023-September 2024 are due now.

**Save the date** for our "Taste of our Parishes" dinner on Tuesday, November 14th. The community is invited to attend the dinner that will highlight recipes from our cookbook.

**Save the date** for our Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec 3rd at Sam's Steakhouse at 4:00 pm.

#### **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:** 

**OCTOBER 29TH** 

OCTOBER 23RD NO LATER THAN 12 NOON

## Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



#### **HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS** WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

SAT. 4:00 P.M. FR. MIKE CLEMENTE

REOUESTED BY A FRIEND

SCOTT FAMILY

REQUESTED BY BOB AND ROSE PELOSI PATRICIA RUPERT-OTRUBA REQUESTED BY SISTER, MARY KNAPIK

LORRAINE VISCONTI

REQUESTED BY LOUIS AND MILLIE GARGUILO

FREDERICK BRICKNER

REQUESTED BY PAULINE BRICKNER AND

JOSÌE ROSMARINO

SUN. 11:30 A.M DOMINIC VIOLA

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. FAMILIES OF JOHN FITZPATRICK

AND MICHAEL CONNORS

REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EVELYN CONNORS

FRI. 8:30 A.M. DOROTHY DICKIESON

REOUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT

SAT. 4:00 P.M. ALEXANDER COLLAR (B'DAY) REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, KIM

ANGELO LOMANTO

REQUESTED BY BRIAN AND LINDA CONROY

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

#### CEMETERIES CLOSING FOR THE SEASON



Our Cemeteries will close for the season on November 15th, weather permitting. However, cleanup will begin on NOVEMBER 1st. We ask that you please throw away décor in the dumpsters or barrels provided and take home anything that you want to save. Anything that is left will be removed.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." - Mk 10:7-9

#### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS **WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023**

SUN. 9:00 A.M. GARRETT HADCOCK

REQUESTED BY JACKIE AND CARL BOLES

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30 A.M. SPECIAL INTENTION

WED. 8:30 A.M. **CARL JURICA (2ND ANN)** 

REQUESTED BY EDWARD & SHARON ONDRISKA

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 GARRETT HADCOCK

REQUESTED BY NICK AND CINDY KOLLAR

RALPH MILO

REQUESTED BY WIFE AND FAMILY



SAVE THE DATE

December 31st "Midnight at Nine"

Come and enjoy dinner and ring in the New Year with us! Be on the lookout for more information for this fun event.



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

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