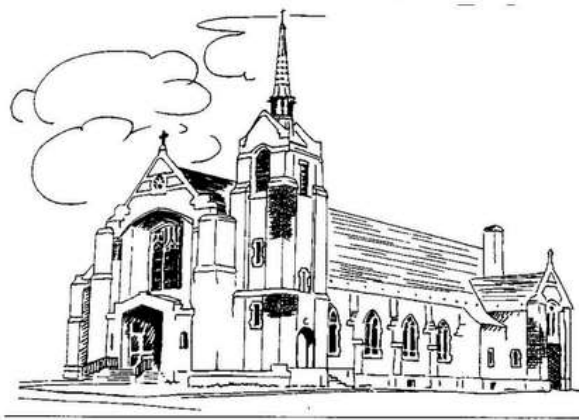


Church of the Holy Spirit



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Rectory Phone: 518-762-2011

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
Rich Nigro & Mike Nichols, Trustees
Music Coordinator 4 P.M. Paul Whitney
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Music Coordinators 11:30 A.M. Kathy Sponenberg
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

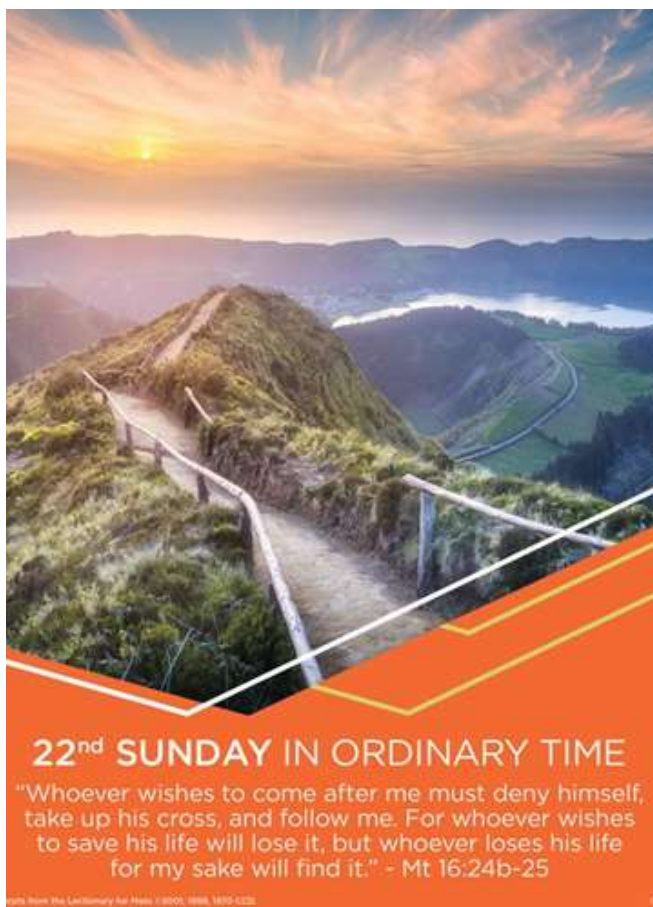
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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 Thursday of the Month following devotions, alternating monthly between parishes.

MATRIMONY: Pre-Cana is expected. Call parish offices at least six months in advance.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Call the Parish Offices.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

If you are planning a surgery, call the parish office or Fr. Matt to make an appointment to receive Sacrament of the Sick. 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 the parish office (the number is 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: Monthly distribution of 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.

THURSDAY DEVOTIONS: 3:00 P.M. –3:30 P.M. In August the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church, Johnstown 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 Thursday 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 helpline 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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan." Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them. Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose. Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

MOTHER TERESA'S CLOSET

Like everyone, Mother Teresa's Closet is feeling the effect of increased prices for many of the items that we keep stocked in the 'closet' — basic necessities for personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. We are very fortunate and grateful for our volunteers, the donors in our linked parishes and the Helper's Community store support in making our ministry to the needy a success. We have over 200 people registered for help with an average of 80 recipients attending each distribution on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Monetary donations can be made in honor of loved ones to continue to support this ministry. You may place a donation in the offertory or mail to the Parish office. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity Parish, with MTC in the memo line. At this time we have a need for infant/toddler diapers size 1— size 7.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



COLLECTION INFORMATION

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Spirit Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are \$372,971.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$7,172.52.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection	8/16/26
Envelopes	\$2,086.00
Loose	\$627.00
Online	\$578.00
Total Weekly	\$3,291.00
Other	\$227.00
Rent	\$1,803.00
Total Income	\$5,321.00

Collection	8/16/26
Envelopes	\$2,111.00
Loose	\$474.00
Online	\$.00
Total Weekly	\$2,585.00
Other	\$200.00
Total Income	\$2,785.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 137 11:30 A.M. 104

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 146

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	Sue Cichy	Kristen Farley (H) Cindy Krueger (H) Mary Buchanan (C) Andy LaPorta (C)
11:30 AM	Sandy Brower	Karen Hoose (H) Benedetta Scarpa (H) Cecilia Eagan (C) Marion Clemente (C)

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	Chris Nunn-Crane	Anne Solar (H) Jennifer Connolly (C) Liz Carey (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons September 6 John Sagan and Rebecca Weideman

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITY

The **Family Life Booth** at the **Fonda Fair** is an interdenominational witness to the sanctity of life. It is coordinated by Carol Jordan from Amsterdam and Madeline Derwin from Sammonsville. The purpose of the booth is to share information about the dangers of abortion and euthanasia. The fair runs from September 2 through Labor Day, September 7. If you would like to help us cover the hours, please contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558.

Fr. Matt Farewell Reception

Please sign-up for Fr. Matt's Farewell Reception that will be held at the Concordia Club on Sunday, September 13th beginning at 1pm. Bring stories to tell, a dish to share and good wishes and prayers for Fr. Matt. RSVP sign-up sheets are located in both churches. Sign-up by September 7th so we know how much food to purchase. Thank you.

WE NEED YOU!

Please search in your heart to become a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. Take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. We are all worthy in His presence. Please contact the Parish Office if you feel called to serve.

While **Fr. Matt** is away, please keep him in your prayers. Masses have been covered. Any sacramental or parochial questions please contact our Linked Parish office at 518-725-3143.



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.

Planned Giving: Please consider a gift to your parish in your estate planning. In addition, your IRA may allow you to send a gift to your parish for tax benefits. Thank you for your generosity!

THE TWENTY-SECOND 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

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God, Move in our community: Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate. Amen.

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Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when
You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft
invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the
bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever
closer to You. Amen.

Wine and Hosts for the month of September is in memory
of Tom Russo by Loving wife and family.

SEPTEMBER 12: NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Please consider joining us again this year as we honor all
those children lost to abortion. We will gather at the Knights
of Columbus Memorial to the Unborn at the Auriesville
Shrine on **Saturday, September 12**. The Rosary will begin at
10 o'clock and Mass will follow in the colosseum at 11. Feel
free to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket for your comfort.
Contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558 with any
questions.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be
held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3 PM, at Christ Our
Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples
marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend
this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love and
strengthens the sense of community among couples within the
Albany Diocese! Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy at 3
p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the
Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass,
with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please
register through your parish office or you may email
Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. Deadline is September 20.

Why We Are Asked to Be Quiet Before Mass

We are asked to be quiet before Mass to create a reverent
atmosphere, help us prepare our hearts for prayer, and
honor the sacredness of the moment.

Reverence and Respect for the Sacred Space

Church buildings are considered sacred spaces where we
gather to be in the presence of God. Silence before Mass
helps maintain a respectful atmosphere, allowing everyone
to focus on the liturgy rather than being distracted by
noise. This is not just a rule, but a way of showing respect
for people around you, the liturgy, and the Eucharist
present in the Church.

Before Mass, silence is also a way to recollect ourselves—
to pause, pray, and prepare spiritually for the Word of
God and the Eucharist. It is a time to turn away from daily
concerns and to enter into a shared act of worship.

EWTN Inspired

What we think matters because it will determine if we reflect
the face of Christ.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please follow the dates listed below when submitting announcements
to be in the bulletin.

BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 6TH

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31ST, NO LATER THAN 10AM

BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 13TH

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2ND, NO LATER THAN 10AM



*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 THRIFT STORE:
We are always in need of volunteers to help sort
donations, take a shift at the store, or become a
substitute. Our new location at 53 S. Main St. is
air conditioned! Call Richard at 518-736-1558

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



He summoned the crowd again and said to them,
"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that
enters one from outside can defile that person; but
the things that come out from within are
what defile." — *Mt 23:19-23*

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 4:00 PM CATHERINE LANDRIO
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
ROBERT GOODEMOTE
REQUESTED BY MOTHER
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
FRASCATORE FAMILY
REQUESTED BY MICKI & LEE
FRASCATORE
FR. JIM FITZMAURICE
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN

SUN. 11:30AM JOHN S. TIERNEY (13TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY TIERNEY FAMILY
WILLIAM DONALD HAYES
REQUESTED BY GALEA FAMILY

TUES. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

WED. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

THURS. 8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE

FRI. 8:30AM MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS

SAT. 8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE

SAT. 4:00 PM DOMINIC AND ANGELINE PAPA
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY
ROSE DIGIACOMO
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE
CAROLYN HAYES
REQUESTED BY KIMBERLY COLLAR
DAVID SANDNER
REQUESTED BY WIFE AND FAMILY
TOM RUSSO
REQUESTED BY WIFE AND FAMILY

SUN. 11:30AM MARY BANNON AND FAMILY
REQUESTED BY RICHARD CRANE
BARRY O'BRIEN
REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND
GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUN. 9:00AM HENRY STRAUSS
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY FRAN MALE
PEG ACHZET
REQUESTED BY JOAN MORTENSEN
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MICHAELSON AND FAGAN FAMILIES
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

TUES. 8:30AM MARY JANE LOMANTO
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND
KEVIN QUINN

WED. 8:30AM RICK JARABEK
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
IN THANKSGIVING

THURS. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

FRI. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 8:30 AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00AM ADOLPH MONTINI (B'DAY)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, EVA &
FAMILY
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY JOHN BILLA
PEG ACHZET
REQUESTED BY FAGAN FAMILY
BOB SCHULTZ
REQUESTED BY CHRIS AND RICHARD
CRANE
JOE BARTLETT
REQUESTED BY MARLENE



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.