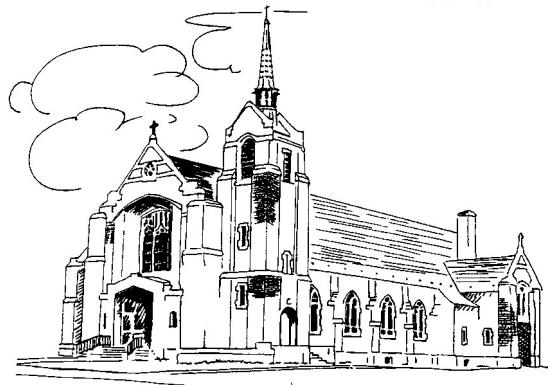


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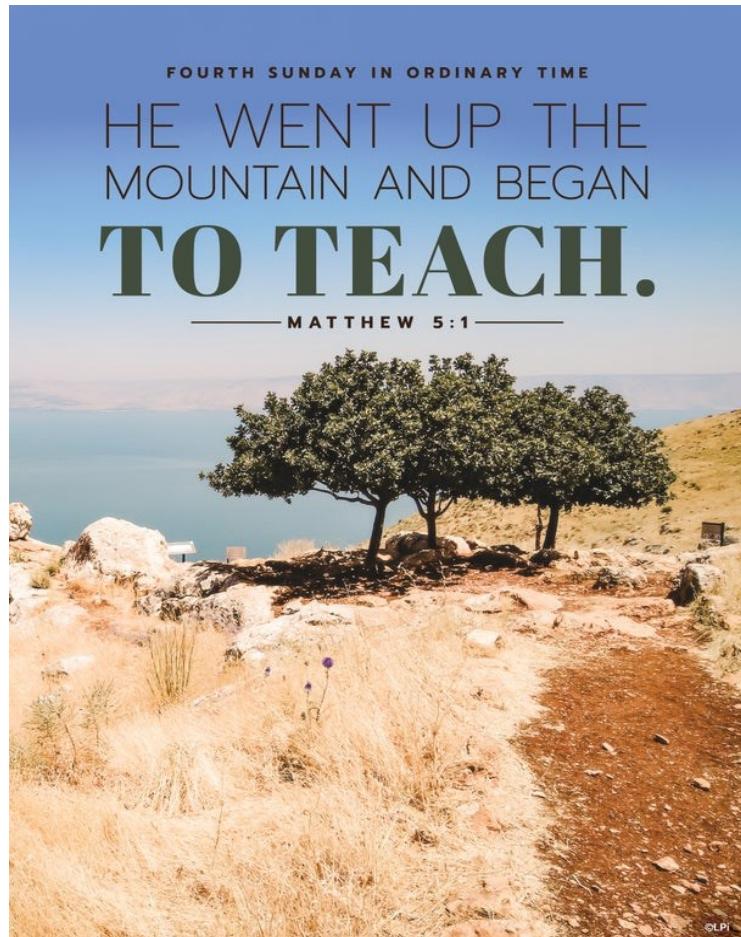
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.  
Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 A.M.

### **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 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 February 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 help line at 518-312-3825 if you are hurting from an abortion. Men and women can find healing. Email [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time. He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad” (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but. And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval. Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



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 **1/18/26**

Envelopes	\$8,383.00
Loose	\$653.00
Online	\$675.00
Total Weekly	\$9,711.00
Other	\$297.50
Total Income	\$10,008.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 77 11:30 A.M. 117

Collection **1/18/26**

Envelopes	\$1,462.00
Loose	\$380.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$1,842.00
Other	\$10.00
Total Income	\$1,852.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 159

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Andy LaPorta	Ron Zimmerman (H) Brian Farley (H) Kristin Farley (C) Cindy Kruger (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Karen Hoose	Roland O'Brien-Bills (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit** will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

### Communion

**Question:** Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

**Answer:** Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin. While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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### HOLY TRINITY PARISH

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Jennifer Miller	Rebecca Weiderman (H) Chris Nunn-Crane (C) Liz Carey (C)

**Wells House/Pineview Commons February 8 John Sagan and Rebecca Weiderman**

### Pizza Sales

We have our dates for this year's Pizza Sales! Will have both stuffed and fried on Friday, February 27th and Friday, March 6th. Please come and support our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program and the Sisters of the Holy Spirit. Ticket prices are as follows: Fried Dough \$6 and Stuffed Pizza \$8. Both come with a dessert. These events are eat in or take out. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or at the door. Pre-sale tickets are advised since we usually sell out fast.

### Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,

You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peace-makers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen.

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### 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 FOURTH 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](mailto:holyspirit12078@gmail.com)

**Café Chocolate:** The Youth Ministry Program will be having it's **Café Chocolate Fundraiser** on Sunday, February 8th from 12:30 - 4 pm in the Holy Spirit gym. We are looking for donations of chocolate goodies. In addition to chocolate goodies we will also have several basket raffles. Please contact Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986 if you are able to bake, donate a basket, or help at the event. Come stock up on sweets for your Super Bowl party.

There are no evening classes on February 8th. There are no morning or evening classes on February 15th due to school break. Classes resume on February 22nd.

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$11,484.00  
Balance \$5,114.00

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$9,768.00  
Balance \$14,572.00

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

If you would like a copy of your **2025 Contribution Report**, please fill out this coupon and drop it in the collection basket, mail to the parish office or give us a call. Statements will be available after January 31st.

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THANK YOU.

### 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.

#### BULLETIN:

#### DEADLINE:

**FEBRUARY 8TH**

**FEBRUARY 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.

### EWTN INSPIRED PRAYER MOMENT

Holy Mother please grant me the grace of holy remembrance that I may always recall the price Christ paid for my salvation.

#### St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**



8:30 A.M. at Holy Trinity

12:10 P.M. at Holy Spirit

5:30 P.M. at Holy Trinity

We have an **email prayer line**: all prayer intentions are confidential and prayed for by many prayer warriors. All are welcome to join and or send petitions to: [lily.fiorenza@gmail.com](mailto:lily.fiorenza@gmail.com) or by phone 518-829-4079.



### 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



### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	JANE MEYERS REQUESTED BY SISTER, BARBARA RIETH <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY SISTER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT <b>CHARLOTTE SEIM</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY <b>GLADYS &amp; EDWARD ZILKA</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>MAURICE FARHART</b> REQUESTED BY MIKE AND SHERI KAYES <b>MARC SOLAR</b> REQUESTED BY SPONENBERG 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.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE <b>FRASCATORE FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCAORE
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS
SAT. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	CAROLYN TIERNEY REQUESTED BY CARPENTER FAMILY <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY CARPENTER FAMILY <b>DR. LOUIS &amp; BARBARA CASTIGLIONE</b> REQUESTED BY ZIMMERMAN FAMILY <b>DON AMBROSINO</b> REQUESTED BY HANK AND MARIE BORN
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>JOHN SALINO</b> REQUESTED BY TOM AND STEPHANIE SCHMIDT <b>EILEEN PETERSON</b> REQUESTED BY GINA GRAVES

Wine and Hosts for February are in memory of Tom Russo by Loving wife, Toni.

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. — Mk 1:27-28

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### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON.	NO MASS
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	<b>ALEX CHAMBERLAIN</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
WED. 8:30 A.M.	<b>ALBERT GEISLER</b> REQUESTED BY GEORGIA
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
SAT. 8:30 A.M.	FOR THE PEOPLE
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	<b>SANDY FISH</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>MICHAEL AND ETHEL PIEHUTA</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN, MARY AND FAMILY



### Groundhog Day



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.

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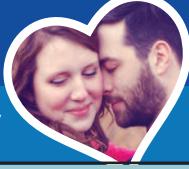
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