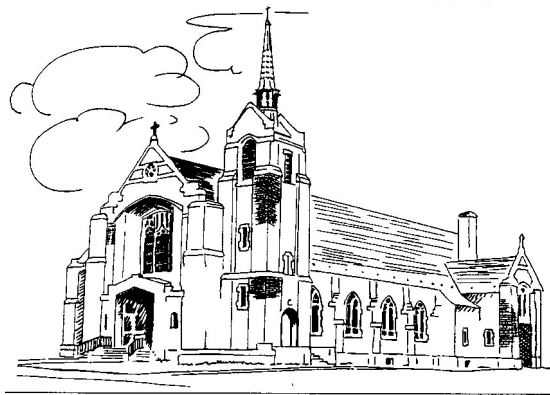


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**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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 Office.

**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.

## **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous. Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That’s why Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are so challenging: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14). A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that’s part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn’t call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let’s ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— 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 8, 2026**

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

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/  
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**The Church of the Holy Spirit**  
Collection information



**Holy Trinity Parish**  
Collection information

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	1/25/26
Envelopes	\$2,200.00
Loose	\$407.00
Online	\$305.00
Total Weekly	\$2,912.00
Other	\$421.00
Initial Offering	\$487.00
Total Income	\$3,820.00

Attendance      4:00 P.M.    160      11:30 A.M.    35

Collection	1/25/26
Envelopes	\$1,233.00
Loose	\$100.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$1,333.00
Other	\$102.00
Donation	\$3,500.00
Total Income	\$4,935.00

Attendance      9:00 A.M.    86

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Mark Amico	Rich Nigro (H) Rita Bravo (H) Cookie Fleischut (C) Mary Buchanan (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Michael Rubscha	Pam Bray (H) Betsy Hastings (C) Jamin Clemente (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	John Sagan	Renee Smith (H) Eva Van Alstyne (C) Karen Nellis (C)
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**Wells House/Pineview Commons February 22 Donna Calhoun and Jane Sitterly**

**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.

**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.

**Blessing of Mission**

Bless us on our way, O Lord.  
Share with us as we share with others.  
Heal us as we help others to heal.  
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.  
Every gift comes from You.  
You are at the heart of all that is good.  
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.

Amen.

**Rosary News**

The Holy Trinity Rosary Society will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb 17 at 4:30. The meeting will be followed by a viewing of the Diocesan presentation of The Power of One Hour. This question and answer video is about an hour long and is open to all and will begin about 5:15. All are invited.

**Adult Faith Formation**

God's Gift of Forgiveness, a 5 week program will begin on Wednesday Feb 25 from 4:00-5:30 in the meeting room at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

This program emphasizes God's forgiveness and grace through the Sacraments



**Welcome to Adoration of Our Lord**

***Everyone is invited to come and visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel at anytime.***

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**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 FIFTH 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 its **Cafe 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 \$17,360.00  
Balance \$0

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$10,014.00  
Balance \$14,326.00



#### FEBRUARY 18, 2026

8:30 A.M. at Holy Trinity

12:10 P.M. at Holy Spirit

5:30 P.M. at Holy Trinity

#### 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 15TH

FEBRUARY 9TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM

FEBRUARY 22ND

FEBRUARY 11TH  
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.

#### EWTV 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.

#### What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place. If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage? You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 8, 2026

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> 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
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>JOHN SALINO</b> REQUESTED BY TOM AND STEPHANIE SCHMIDT <b>EILEEN PETERSON</b> REQUESTED BY GINA GRAVES <b>SPECIAL INTENTION</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>THURS. 8:30</b>	<b>LORRAINE MCMULLEN</b> REQUESTED BY BARBARA AND RAY DALMATA
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>SHARON ONDRISKA (B'DAY)</b> REQUESTED BY ONDRISKA & STEENBURGH FAM.
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>ALEXANDER COLLAR JR. (3RD ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CAROL AND KIM COLLAR <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY <b>DARYL BENS</b> REQUESTED BY HANK AND MARIE BORN <b>JOHN SALINO</b> REQUESTED BY SANDY & ANTHONY YACOBUCCI
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>ROBERT EMMETT O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS

### BUILDING FUND

A donation on the occasion of the 95th Birthday of Norman Clo has been made to honor and remember his parents Adolpho Clo and Maria Gilberti Clo and his beautiful dear wife Doris Evelyn Herting Clo.

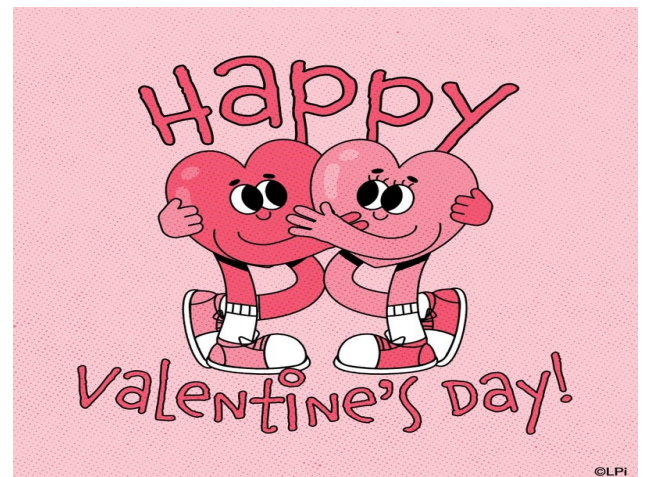
He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

— Mk 1:38-39

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### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SANDY FISH</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>MICHAEL AND ETHEL PIEHUTA</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN, MARY AND FAMILY
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>TONY EPPOLITO</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<b>THURS. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>MARY SILIGATO (18TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY FRAN & DAVID MALE & FAMILY <b>TIMOTHY WALSH</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>FRED FAGAN</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>MARGARET MYLOTT MICHAELSON</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY



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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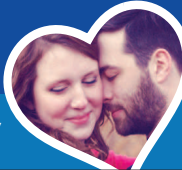
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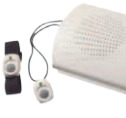
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