

## Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

## Holy Trinity Church



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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*

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### **LINKED PARISH STAFF**

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

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### **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Rich Nigro & Mike Nichols, 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**

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds

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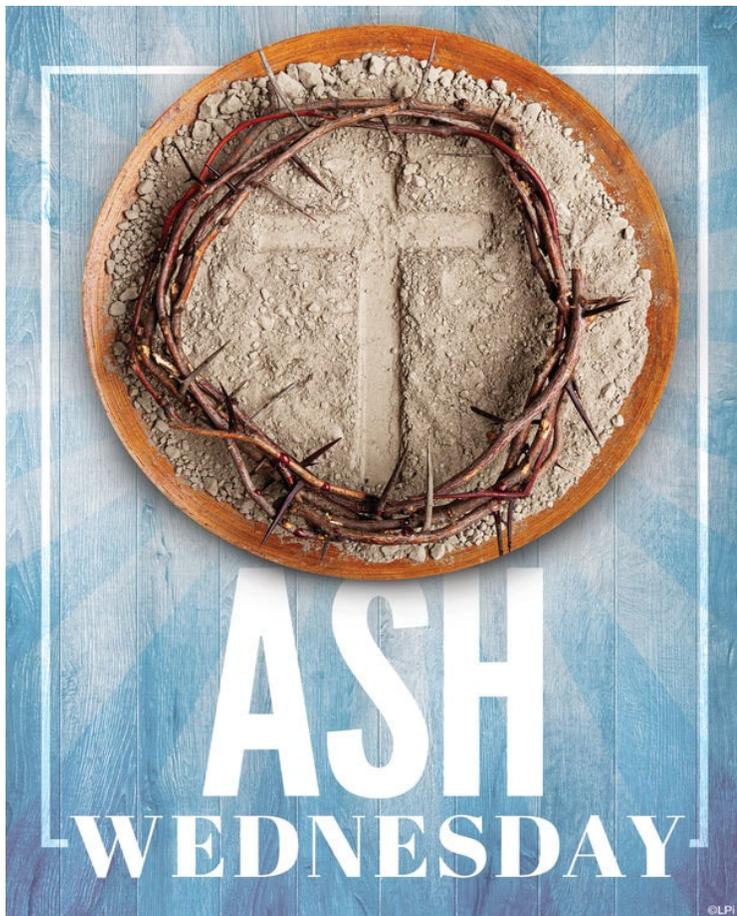
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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 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.

## **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: “NO.” It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One” (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom. The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too. Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere “yes” to something important, or a humble “no” to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— 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 15, 2026**

**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

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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	2/1/26
Envelopes	\$3,126.00
Loose	\$445.00
Online	\$478.00
Total Weekly	\$4,049.00
Other	\$903.95
Rents	\$2,401.00
Total Income	\$7,353.95

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 132 11:30 A.M. 139

Collection	2/1/26
Envelopes	\$2,280.00
Loose	\$262.00
Online 1/26	\$253.57
Total Weekly	\$2,795.57
Other	\$150.00
AT & T Rent	\$3,407.68
Total Income	\$6,353.25

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 104

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Rita Bravo	Andy LaPorta (H) Brian Farley (H) Ginni Mazur (C) Diana Javerone (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Sandy Brower	Cecilia Eagan (H) Cindy Kollar (C) Mary Jablonski (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Concetta Sager	Mary Ann Armstrong (H) Renee Smith (C) Anne Solar (C)
<b>Wells House/Pineview Commons February 22 Donna Calhoun and Jane Sitterly</b>		

**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! We 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.*

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 SIXTH 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)

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

Confirmation Prep Class for students receiving their Confirmation this year will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 12:30-5:00pm in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. We will close with Mass together at 4:00pm at Holy Spirit Church. Parents and Sponsors are asked to join us for Mass.

The Second collection for **Emmaus** from both parishes was \$2,193.00 Thank you for your generosity.

#### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$17,715.00  
Balance \$0

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$10,789.00  
Balance \$13,551.00

#### 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:

**FEBRUARY 29TH**

#### DEADLINE:

**FEBRUARY 23RD  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

#### 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.

**The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th.**

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday during Lent at 12:10 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit and at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit and 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity.

#### Ash Wednesday

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him. The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.

Next weekend our **Special Collection** is for **Black, Native American & Latin American Missions.**

Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs.



#### 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

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.

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



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

— M k 1 : 4 0 - 4 1

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### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

<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
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>WED. 12:10 P.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<b>THURS. 8:30</b>	<b>BETTY AND PHIL YAWMAN</b> REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER <b>BRUCE MRHA (B'DAY)</b> REQUESTED BY JENNIE MRHA
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>HELEN ROLLER</b> REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>ALPHONSE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY <b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY RICHARD & BARBARA TUCCI <b>JANE MARTORELLI</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY <b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN YEH
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>ANTHONY REPPENHAGEN (2ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CHARLENE AND FAMILY <b>IN HONOR OF BARRY &amp; CHERYL O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY ROLAND AND GRETCHEN O'BRIEN-BILLS

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

<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
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>ANGELINA SAVAGE</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND FAMILY
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<b>WED. 5:30 P.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>ELIZABETH STRAUSS</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>THADDEUS AND ANGELA PRADELSKI</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND MARY AND FAMILY <b>ERNEST YANDELL</b> REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN



### Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Spirit of the Living God,  
 You have breathed life into me today, from ashes and dust.  
 You invite me to live, walk, and love in your will. Draw me  
 closer to you today, this Lent, and always.  
 Amen.

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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.