

## Church of the Holy Spirit



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## Holy Trinity Church



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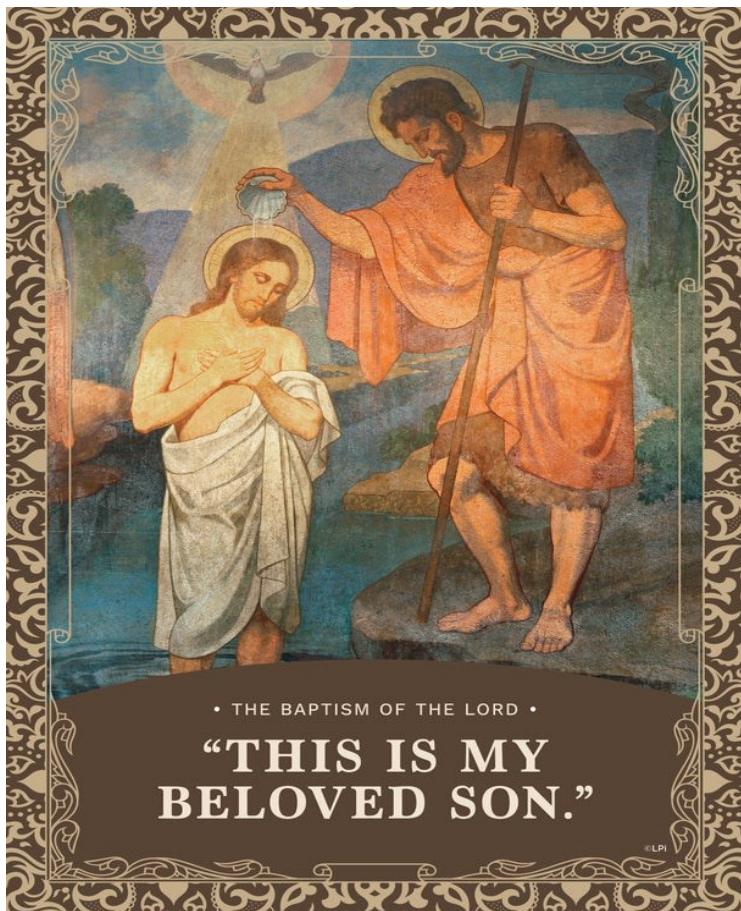
**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)

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• THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD •

**“THIS IS MY  
BELOVED SON.”**

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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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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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### 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.

**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 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 January the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Spirit Church, Gloversville 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.

## The Baptism of the Lord

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then? Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father. And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away. This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— 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 JANUARY 11, 2026

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**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	<b>12/28/25</b>
Envelopes	\$1,951.00
Loose	\$631.00
Online	\$450.00
Total Weekly	\$3,032.00
Other	\$287.00
Total Income	\$3,319.00

Attendance      4:00 P.M.    92      11:30 A.M.    123

Collection	<b>12/28/25</b>
Envelopes	\$1,591.00
Loose	\$393.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$1,984.00
Donation	\$1,000.00
Other	\$20.00
Total Income	\$3,004.00

Attendance      9:00 A.M.    138

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 18, 2026**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Sue Cichy	Brian Farley (H) Rita Bravo (H) Diana Javerone (C) Mary Buchanan (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Matt Trainor	Pam Bray (H) Michael Rubscha (C) Betsy Hastings (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Gary McCoy	Mary Ann Armstrong (H) Karen Nellis (C) Eva Van Alstyne (C)
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**Wells House/Pineview Commons January 11 Patty Lorence**

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)**

Monthly Healing Liturgy

**January 14th., 2026**

Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville

Prayer and Praise 7:00pm, Liturgy 7:30pm

Presider: Fr. Kyle Gorensky

Individual Healing Prayer after Liturgy

All are Welcome, Please Join Us, Bring a friend

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

While the donated items placed in the Food Pantry boxes located at the entrances to both churches is very much needed and appreciated, please check the expiration dates of the items donated. We have to discard any items with expired dates. Thank you for your continued support.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Lessons from Baptizing a Frog**

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.) When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away. Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### 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)

January 18th: Youth Mass for grades K-10 at Holy Trinity in Johnstown at 9:00 am. Confirmation Candidates will be blessed at this Mass. Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to come!

**Café Chocolate:** The Youth Ministry Program will be having it's **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.

#### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$9,639.00  
Balance \$6,959.00

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$7,493.00  
Balance \$16,847.00

#### 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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ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU.

**EMMAUS MEETINGS:** It's that time of year again to start preparing for our Emmaus Retreat. The retreat team meets on Sundays from 2:00-4:00pm in the school building. The retreat weekend is March 13-15 2026. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Ann Simonson or come to the Sunday meeting.

**Fr. Don** would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and prayers. May God continue to Bless you all.

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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th.**

Our **second collection** to support our **Emmaus Retreat** will be the weekend of **January 25th**. This is an incredible experience for our youth. It is through your generous donations that more of our youth are able to attend the retreat. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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:

**JANUARY 18TH**

**JANUARY 12TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

**JANUARY 25TH**

**JANUARY 14TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

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



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

— Mk 1:7-8

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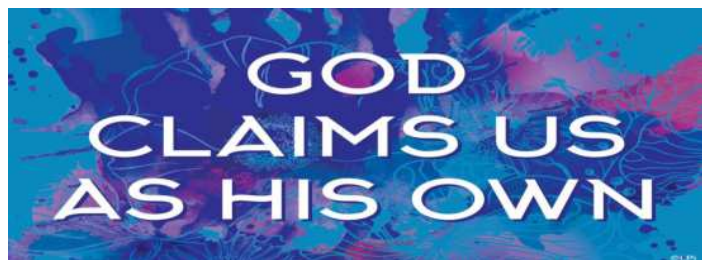
### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SAL LANDRIO</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>MARY SAVAGE</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND ANGIE SAVAGE <b>ELIZABETH MALAGISI</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND ANGIE SAVAGE <b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY CAROLE SCHWED AND FAMILY
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>IRENE VIOLA</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>WILLIAM &amp; PATRICIA WALKER</b> REQUESTED BY DEBBIE SLEEZER & FAMILY
<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 A.M.</b>	<b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY PAUL AND BONNIE STEENBURGH AND FAMILY
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY BEBE & CHRISTOPHER GARGUILLO
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>VINCE LAPORTA</b> REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO <b>MARYANN FALANGA</b> REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. THOMAS GAROFALO <b>MAMIE STEPHENS</b> REQUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT <b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY LYNNE AND DON RUBSCHA

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHULTZ FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY <b>ALICIA CORBETT</b> REQUESTED BY CARPENTER FAMILY
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>MARY AND FLOYD SCHULTZ</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ
<b>WED. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>ARTHUR DETORO</b> REQUESTED BY RONNIE AND KEVIN
<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>THOMAS OUGHTON</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ

Thank you to **A G Cole and Barter and Donnan Funeral Homes** for the generous gift of the calendars.



**A Special thank you** to all the volunteers who helped decorate the Church of the Holy Spirit for Christmas.



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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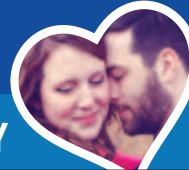
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