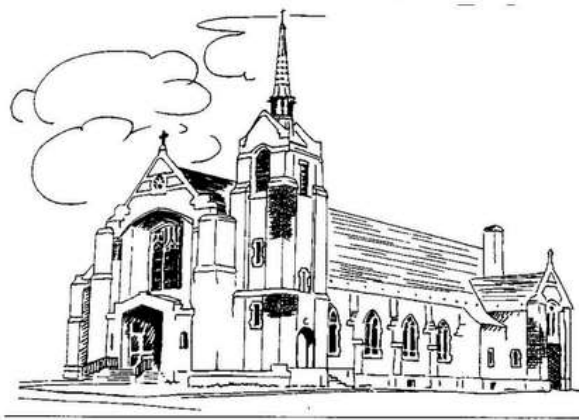


Church of the Holy Spirit



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Rectory Phone: 518-762-2011

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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

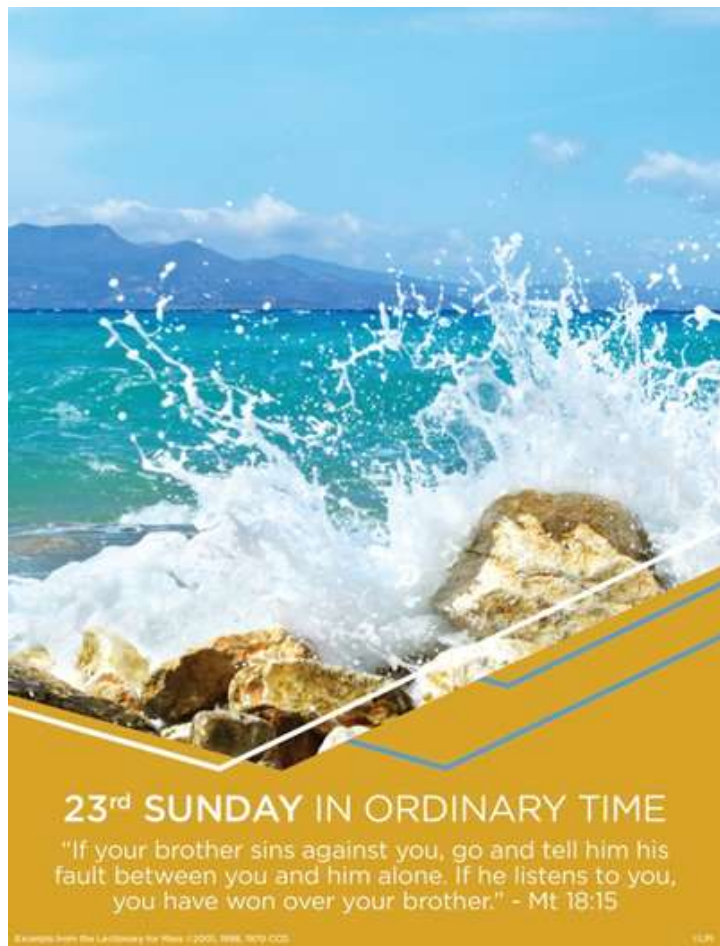
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds John
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



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 September 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 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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other. That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated. So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family. These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together. Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— 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 SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



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	8/23/26
Envelopes	\$8,524.00
Loose	\$452.00
Online	\$243.00
Total Weekly	\$9,219.00
Other	\$148.00
Assumption	\$442.00
Total Income	\$9,809.00

Collection	8/23/26
Envelopes	\$1,630.00
Loose	\$322.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$1,952.00
Other	\$100.00
Total Income	\$2,052.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 114 11:30 A.M. 117

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 141

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	Andy LaPorta	Rich Nigro (H) Cookie Fleischut (H) Rita Bravo (C) Brian Farley (C)
11:30 AM	Matt Trainor	Michele Downing (H) Pam Bray (H) Jack Czelusniak (C) Renee Smith (C)

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	Amanda Nellis	Renee Smith (H) Rebecca Weideman (C) Karen Nellis (C)

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

Holy Spirit Church Cleaning Ministry Team

"For God is working on you, giving you the power to do what is pleasing to Him." – Philippians 2:13

The purpose of this ministry is to maintain a clean, healthy, and safe environment that reflects the spiritual values of our church. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this Ministry, please call the parish office.

Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition, be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. A husband, wife, and God are like a three-ply chord – "... not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12).

The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle Street, Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on November 29. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families and friends are invited to attend! *Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.



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-THIRD 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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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.

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 20TH

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14TH, 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



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. — Mk. 7:34-35

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 4:00 PM DOMINIC AND ANGELINE PAPA
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY
ROSE DIGIACOMO (B'DAY)
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

TUES. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

WED. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

THURS. 8:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
FRASCATORE FAMILY
REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE
FRASCATORE

FRI. 8:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

SAT. 4:00 PM ZACHARY AND ELIZABETH ZAMBRI
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, ROSE
FRANK LAPORTA
REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY
BEATRICE PAPA
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
MR. AND MRS. DELUCA
REQUESTED BY JOSIE ROSMARINO

SUN. 11:30AM CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
BARRY O'BRIEN
REQUESTED BY BILL & PAM AIKEN
CATHY AND WALTER TRAINOR
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

TUES. 8:30AM ROBERT SCHULTZ
REQUESTED BY NIECE, MIMI
FREDERICKSEN
SPECIAL INTENTION

WED. 8:30AM IN THANKSGIVING

THURS. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

FRI. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00AM FRED GUZIELEK
REQUESTED BY GUZ BALL
JIM SAMEK
REQUESTED BY GUZ BALL
PRISCILLA CURTHOYS
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
BRENDA BILLA
REQUESTED BY JOE & KELLY GALEA



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.