Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

Holy Trinity Church

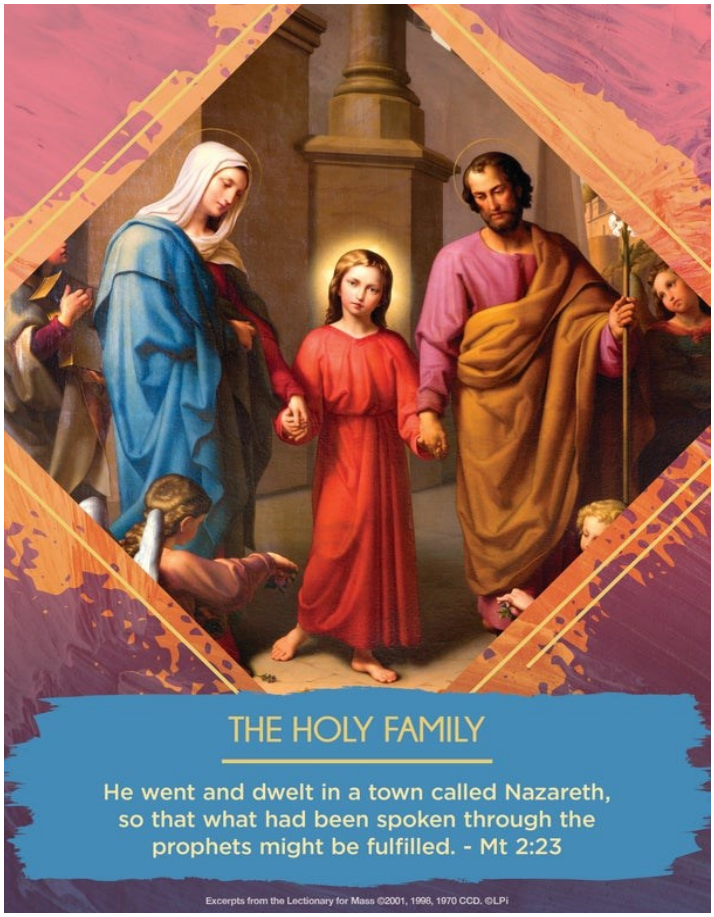


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Holy Trinity website: https:/parishes.rcda.org/HolyTrinityJohnstown/

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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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
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
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.

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.

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect. But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love. In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee…" (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear. May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

The Church of the Holy Spirit
Collection information

THESE OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

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	**12/14/25**
Envelopes	$4,576.00
Loose	$550.00
Online	$450.00
Total Weekly	$5,576.00
Christmas Flowers	$1,471.00
Immac Concep	$751.00
Other	$420.00
Total Income	$8,218.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 131 11:30 A.M. 114

Collection	**12/14/25**
Envelopes	$5,106.00
Loose	$421.00
Online	$.00
Total Weekly	$5,527.00
Christmas Flowers	$1,161.00
Immac Concep	$758.00
Other	$646.00
Total Income	$8,092.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 141

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

	LECTOR	MINISTER
4:00 P.M.	Rich Nigro	Ginni Mazur (H) Brian Farley (H) Andy LaPorta (C) Mary Buchanan (C)
11:30 A.M.	Michael Rubscha	Karen Hoose (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

	LECTOR	MINISTER
9:00 A.M.	Karen Nellis	Anne Solar (H) Rebecca Weiderman (C) Mary Ann Armstrong (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons December 28—Diane Savage and Yvonne Major

BUILDING FUND DONATION

In Memory of Mary Ann Falanga by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garofalo
In Memory of Vincent LaPorta by Tim and Michelle LaPorta

Jubilee Year 2025 : You are encouraged to check out the diocesan pages dedicated to the Jubilee https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025 There is a wealth of resources to be discovered from our diocese as well as from the USCCB

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed **December 31st through January 4th** for New Year.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

While the donated items places 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.

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st: 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

Thursday, January 1st: 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

Adoration webpage https://www.rcda.org/adoration This page includes a Guide to Eucharistic Adoration, a link to Adoration Hours across our diocese, and information on the many blessings that come from spending time adoring our Lord in the Eucharist.



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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH
FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator
email: *holyspirit12078@gmail.com*

December 28th: No Classes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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!

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade! Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either. Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

FRIDAY'S TABLE

Friday's Table is a community outreach program initiated and managed by The Church of the Holy Spirit. Every Friday, dating back to 1998, volunteers come together to give of their time to feed those in need. Volunteers come from many faith communities and service organizations. This program is run strictly by donation and feeds around 100 people per week. Monetary donations can be made in memory of loved ones. Mail your donation to Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note "Friday's Table" on the memo line.

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 11TH	**JANUARY 5TH NO LATER THAN 10AM**

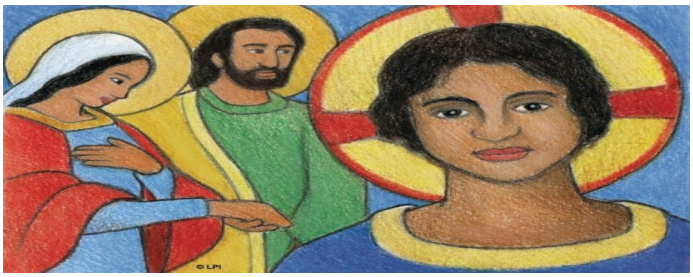
We have an **email prayer line**: all prayer intentions are confidential and prayed for by many prayer warriors. All are welcome to join and or send petitions to: lily.fiorenza@gmail.com or by phone 518-829-4079.



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



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

— Lk 2:39-40

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HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	**SUSAN STOKES** REQUESTED BY FAMILY **VINCENT LAPORTA** REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH
SUN. 11:30 A.M	**FOR THE PEOPLE**
MON.	**NO MASS**
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	**MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
WED. 8:30 A.M.	**MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
WED. 4:00 P.M.	**FOR THE PEOPLE**
THURS. 9:00 A.M.	**MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	**MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS**
SAT. 8:30 A.M.	**FOR THE PEOPLE**
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	**LOUIS DIGIACOMO (7TH ANN)** REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE **MAURICE FARHART** REQUESTED BY PATTY, JOHN AND EDDIE FRANCO
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	**THOMAS LAUGHLIN** REQUESTED BY SISTER, JUDY

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

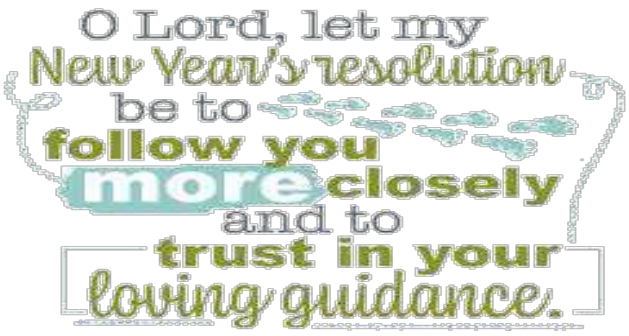
SUN. 9:00 A.M	**RITA BACON** REQUESTED BY FAMILY **MATTHEW CINQUANTI** REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HENRY AND SARAH MACEYKA FAMILY** REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
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SUN. 9:00 A.M	**ADOLPH MONTINI (ANN)** REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, EVA AND FAMILY **MICHELE BENNETT** REQUESTED BY SHARON PINAHA AND FAMILY **RANDY BARTLETT** REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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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.



Prayer Requests

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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