

## 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)

*Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor*

*Matthew.Wetsel@rcda.org*

*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*

### LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

Michele Miller, Administrative Assistant

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator

Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

Tricia Tauss, Office Assistant

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Rich Nigro & Ron Zimmerman, 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

Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

John Sefcovic, Cemetery Caretaker-St. Anthony's Cemetery

Concetta Sager & Lynn Knowlton, Trustees

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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 Wednesday 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 your respective parish office (the numbers are 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:** Emergency household and 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.

**WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS:**  
**3:00 P.M. –3:30 P.M.**  
In December the Wednesday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church 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 Wednesday 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.

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free. It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens. Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word “gospel” was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

### Mother Teresa's Closet

With our monthly distributions to Fulton County families in need, our closet needs re-stocking. While we gladly accept un-opened bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaners, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, and baby wipes, our greatest needs are diapers and adult incontinent supplies. Monetary donations in memory of loved ones also welcome. Mail your donation to Holy Trinity Parish, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note ‘Mother Teresa's Closet’ on the memo line. Volunteers are needed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9am to 12:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. We are very grateful for our volunteers and for all of the donors in our linked parishes that support this ministry, including the Helper's Community Store.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are \$350,447.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,739.37.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection 11/26/23

Envelopes	\$1,997.00
Loose	\$490.00
Online	\$433.00
Total Weekly	\$2,920.00
Other	\$479.00
Total Income	\$3,399.00

Attendance	4:00 P.M.	124	11:30 A.M.	134
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Collection 11/26/23

Envelopes	\$1,719.00
Loose	\$303.00
Total Weekly	\$2,022.00
Other	\$105.00
Total Income	\$2,127.00

Attendance	9:00 A.M.	165
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Barbara Rieth	Rich Nigro Ron Zimmerman
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Matthew Trainor	Karen Hoose Sandy Brower

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Chris Nunn-Crane	Karen Nellis
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**Giving Tree Tags**

**Our Combined Men's Group** will hold their next meeting on Monday, December 18th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

Our Giving Tree Tags at Church of the Holy Spirit are for Gloversville School families. If you take a tag, please return the wrapped gift **NO LATER** than December 13th.

**PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Help Needed:** We will begin decorating for Christmas at Church of the Holy Spirit following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome to join us!

Holy Trinity Parish is looking for a part time maintenance person for 18 hours a week. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

**Liberty Partnerships Program's**

**Back Pack Program**

After all masses this weekend there will be a free will offering to benefit the Back Pack Program of Liberty Partnerships Program in the Greater Amsterdam School District. Our Back Pack program provides 50 bags of food weekly to children who are food insecure to ensure they have meals on weekends, and is run entirely on donations. Baskets will be located at the entrances of both churches. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at Holy Trinity Church. They are located at both entrances of the Church and also available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$1.00 per package.



**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.

**The Saint Joseph's Sunday Missal's** have arrived and they are available for purchase at the Parish Office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

**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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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)

**Faith Formation and Youth Ministry classes:** Grades K-5 meet from 10:20 - 11:20am on Sunday mornings at Holy Spirit in the school building. Please note the slight time change! Youth Ministry classes are held on Sunday evenings with grades 6-8 meeting from 6:00-7:00pm and grades 9&10 meeting from 7:15-8:15pm also in the school building at Holy Spirit.

**Cookies and Carols:** December 17th. No regular classes for grades K-5. Grades K-5 will attend Mass together at 9:00am at Holy Trinity Church and then go to the Church Hall for Cookies and Carols from 10:00-11:00am.

#### New Year's Eve "Midnight at 9" Celebration

**4:00pm**—Mass at Church of the Holy Spirit

**5:00pm**—Hors D'oeuvres and Social Hour followed by Dinner at Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Music and Dessert

The Ball Drops at **9:00pm**

Donation \$15.00 adults, kids 10 and under \$10.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets available at the Parish Office

There will be a **Christmas concert "Sounds of the Season"** on December 10th at 3:00pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit. The concert is free to all who wish to attend. Free will donations will go to the Gloversville Code Blue Shelter.

#### Extended Hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 20th 2pm to 7pm at Holy Trinity Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for quiet prayer in the church. Fr. Matt will be available for confessions in the front pew of the church.

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 STORE:

Hours are 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Monday-Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering or substituting at the store, please call Richard or Christine at (518) 736-

1558. All donations should be dropped off at the store, 103 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY.

The Rosary Society **Christmas Cookie Sale** will be held on Sunday, December 17th. Cookie trays will be available after Mass at Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit.

#### MAILING ADDRESS FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Please note that the mailing address for **Holy Trinity Parish** has changed. The new address is:  
**153 S. Main St. Gloversville, NY 12078**

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 24th:** 4:00 pm Liturgies at both Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit

**Sunday, December 24th:** 8:00 pm at Holy Spirit

**Monday, December 25th:** 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

**Sunday, December 31st:** 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

**Monday, January 1st:** 9 am 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. **Mass requests do not follow the same guidelines.** Masses must be requested at least two and a half weeks ahead of the requested date due to bulletin deadlines.

#### BULLETIN:

#### DEADLINE:

**DECEMBER 24TH**

**DECEMBER 13TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON**

**DECEMBER 31ST**

**DECEMBER 18TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON**

**JANUARY 7TH**

**DECEMBER 29TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON**

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



*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God”*

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>ERICH PIEPER</b> REQUESTED BY RICH NIGRO <b>RICHARD MCGUIRE</b> REQUESTED BY MAJOR FAMILY <b>SANDY LUNKENHEIMER</b> REQUESTED BY PAUL & BONNIE STEENBURGH AND FAMILY <b>FELICIA VISCOSI</b> REQUESTED BY PR AND FLORENCE VISCOSI
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M</b>	<b>GERTRUDE BERNADETTE AND BERNARD TIMOTHY MULHALL</b> REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF IRENE MULHALL <b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>CLARA A. SWARTS</b> REQUESTED BY DON AND MARCIA WEISS <b>LEO VISCONTI AND ELAINE VISCONTI</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>MAC MCDONALD (2ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, URSULA
<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>LOUIS &amp; CONCETTA FERRARA FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY FERRARA FAMILY
<b>FRI. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
<b>SAT. 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SAL LANDRIO (12TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF</b> REQUESTED BY A FRIEND <b>JEAN MARIE MYZAL</b> REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY <b>JOSEPH LEIBL</b> REQUESTED BY KATHERINE COZZOLINO & FAMILY
<b>SUN. 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>JO ANN ROSSI</b> REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, JOSEPH ROSSI <b>OWEN FARHART</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF</b> REQUESTED BY A FRIEND <b>ELLEN ANN O'BRIEN</b> REQUESTED BY GRETCHEN & ROLAND O'BRIEN-BILLS <b>SALVATORE ZARRELLI</b> REQUESTED BY WIFE, CATERINA ZARRELLI

<b>SUN. 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR (9TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER, DEBORAH <b>ROBERT SALLUZZO</b> REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE <b>HENRY J. MICHAELSON</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>KRISSY SCHWARTZ (12TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY DAD
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES. 8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>GEORGE CHARNEY (10TH ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY
<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>MICHAEL DATTORRE (62ND ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, MICHELE & DAN <b>BRIAN PODOLEC</b> REQUESTED BY THE MAJOR FAMILY <b>DICK MCGUIRE</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY <b>MATTHEW CINQUANTI</b>

Hosts for the Month of December are for “Answered Prayers.”

The Holy Trinity Rosary Society would like to thank all of the cooks who contributed to our Taste of the Parishes dinner, the Combined Men's Group for staffing the 'bar' and all who attended to make the dinner a great success. We are also grateful to Fr Dan and Fr Stephen for sharing their thoughts on their pilgrimages. The dinner was a terrific showcase of many of the recipes in our new cookbook. Cookbooks are available for purchase at the Parish Office for \$15.



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.