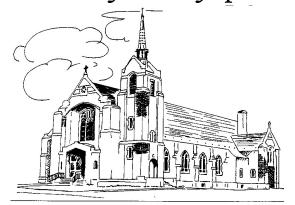
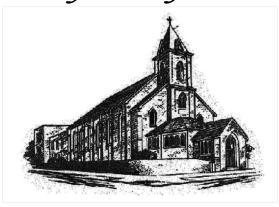
# Church of the Holy Spirit



# 151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

# Holy Trinity Church



22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

Offices for Church of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Church are located at 153 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 Phone: 518-725-3143 ~ Fax: 518-725-7245

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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 Matthew.Wetsel@rcda.org Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus

# **Congratulations to our soon to be confirmed from Church of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Parishes**

| <b>Holy Trinity</b>      | Holy Spirit       |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Danny Brown              | Merella Aldi      |
| <b>Braedan Fennessey</b> | Collin Biche      |
| Rowan Halloran           | Harper Huckans    |
| Trestan Lugo             | Christiane Park   |
| Wesley Singer            | Logan Pedrick     |
| Travis Tallon            | Michael Rubscha   |
| Karamia Vollero          | Krizzia Santander |



**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 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:** 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 May the Wednesday 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 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

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.

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you." I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing. The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- 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 APRIL 28, 2024**

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn

15:1-8

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 **Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a **Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 **Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1

Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

#### 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   | 4/14/24    |
|--------------|------------|
| Envelopes    | \$2,572.00 |
| Loose        | \$561.00   |
| Online       | \$453.00   |
| Total Weekly | \$3,586.00 |
| Other        | \$258.00   |
| Total Income | \$3,844.00 |

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 136 11:30 A.M. 131 Collection 4/14/24

Envelopes \$2,578.00 \$459.00 Loose Total Weekly \$3,037.00 Other \$536.00 Total Income \$3,573.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 222

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 5, 2024

# **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR** MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Rich Nigro Rita Bravo Brian Farley

11:30 A.M. Matt Trainor Pam Bray (H)

> Benedetta Scarpa (H) Jack Czelusniak (C)

Mary Buchanan (C)

#### HOLY TRINITY PARISH **LECTOR MINISTER**

9:00 A.M. John Sagan Mary Ann Armstrong (H)

> Renee Smith (C) Gerard McAuliffe (C)

# A MINI-RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for DISCOVERING THE HEART OF JESUS: as we reflect on the Miracle of the Eucharist on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM after the 8:00 AM Liturgy at St. Stephen's. We will meet in the Church Hall, 51 Pawling Avenue, Hagaman for the Mini-Retreat. There is no cost to attend. However, registration is appreciated. Also please feel free to invite a friend. For more information or to register, call Jeanne Pitkin at (518) 842-0972 or Josie Sperduto at (518) 843-2907 by Wednesday May 1st.



# Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal year has begun and a mailing was sent in-home in October. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and that of your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic com-Diocesan munity of 126 parishes in 14 counties, serving you in the day-to-day and milestone moments of your life. If you are eager to get started,

you can make a gift or pledge online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name and the name & location of our parish. Thank you!

#### Our Parish assessments are as follows:

Holy Spirit \$28,755.00 Gifts/Pledges \$33,701.00 Balance \$0

Holy Trinity \$36,274.00 Total Payment/Pledge \$13,999.00 Townsend Trust \$10,000.00 Balance \$12,275.00



### Welcome to Adoration of Our Lord

Evervone 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator email: 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. 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.

April 28th: Teen Mass/Social at Church of the Holy Spirit in Gloversville 6-8pm. This is for grades 6-10 for all 4 parishes and is our last meeting for the school year.

May 2nd: Confirmation at Auriesville Shrine 6:30 pm.

May 12th: First Communion 9am at Holy Trinity and 11:30am at Holy Spirit.

#### **BUILDING FUND DONATION**

In Memory of Angie Ruggeri by Joseph and Diana Lynn Giardino.

Our Combined Men's Group will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 20th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

Sisters of the Holy Spirit will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome. Annual dues of \$10.00 can be paid at the meeting or placed in an envelope marked "Sisters of the Holy Spirit" and placed in the collection basket at a weekend Mass.

Our Youth Ministry Program is holding a basket raffle to raise funds to assist our youth who will be attending Breakaway Camp. Tickets for the baskets will be available after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish Office until May 9th. Tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars. The drawing will be held at Holy Spirit Church on Sunday, May 12th. Thank you in advance for your support.

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:**

Hours are 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Monday-Saturday. We thank everyone for their continued support and great donations. We are now in need of small appliances.

Unique and vintage items are always in demand. If you wish to volunteer at the store or rectory/warehouse, please call Richard at 518-736-1558. All donations should be dropped off at the store, 103 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY.

Any high school senior who is an active, participating member of the Holy Trinity Parish and who plans to further

his/her education next year, may apply for a Burda Scholar Award by email-Percy & Pauline Burda ing aniles207@gmail.com to receive an application. Completed applications must be emailed to iles207@gmail.com on or before Monday, May 13th. If your application is

received after May 13th, it will not be accepted.

Scholar Award

## **Holy Trinity Rosary Society News**

The Holy Trinity Rosary Society will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 4:00 pm following recitation of the Rosary in the Church at 3:30 pm.

During the month of May, the Rosary Society will meet each Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the Church to pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

Cookbooks are still available. Please contact Veronica on Sundays after 9:00 Mass or talk to Tricia in the Parish Office on Monday or Tuesday. Cookbooks are \$15.00 and support the mission of the Holy Trinity Rosary Society.

### **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:** 

MAY 5TH

APRIL 29TH NO LATER THAN 10 AM

# Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



#### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

SAT. 4:00 P.M. BEATRICE PAPA

REQUESTED BY CHILDREN DR. JOHN ESPER

REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO

SUSAN STOKES

REQUESTED BY BARBARA RIETH

ANGELINA SAVAGE

REQUESTED BY ANDREW AND MARIE PIAZZA

SUN. 11:30 A.M FAY FARHART

REQUESTED BY FAMILY PHYLLIS NICOLELLA

REQUESTED BY MARGARET AND JESSICA PALLONI

PAT WALKER QUINN REQUESTED BY ELAINE HARRIS

FRANK AND HELEN SCAFARIELLO

REQUESTED BY FAMILY

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

WED. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

THURS. 8:30 A.M. NICK SYRON

REQUESTED BY AUNT, BARBARA RIETH

FRI. 8:30 A.M. MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS

SAT. 8:30 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE

SAT. 4:00 P.M. LOUIS DIGIACOMO (B'DAY)

REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE

JOSEPH LAPORTA

REQUESTED BY THE LAPORTA FAMILY

DR. JOHN ESPER

REQUESTED BY MARIE AND HANK BORN

ANGELINA SAVAGE

REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI

SUN. 11:30 A.M. CAROLE CRANE

REQUESTED BY FAMILY

THOMAS MELLIS (1ST ANN)

REQUESTED BY FAMILY

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Mass Schedule on Thursday, May 9th, The Ascension of The Lord is as follows:

8:30 am at Holy Trinity Church 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit Church 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,

because without me you can do nothing." = In 15:4-5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL28, 2024

SUN. 9:00 A.M. LENA DEROSA (4TH ANN)

REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
CHARLES KORTZ
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

FRED POLACEK (B'DAY)

REQUESTED BY DIANE & MANDY BRADSHAW

WAYNE CLEVELAND REQUESTED BY CARBOY FAMILY

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30 A.M. SPECIAL INTENTION

CAROL KROPAY (7TH ANN) REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE

WED. 8:30 A.M. MRS. RICHARD SMULLENS JR.

THURS. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

FRI. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00 A.M KATE FAGAN

REQUESTED BY FAMILY
PHYLLIS NICOLELLA
REQUESTED BY YVONNE MAJOR
DAVID VAN ALSTYNE (1ST ANN)
REQUESTED BY YOUR LOVING FAMILY

A J SMULLEN

REQUESTED BY JOHN DAVID AND AMY PRAUGHT

#### Why EWTN Should Matter to You

The silence is neither void nor empty, rather it is full and beautiful, a place of solace, where God can be found. What does Jesus wish to tell in that silence?

Programing schedules and information about EWTN can be found at our church entrances.



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.