

Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

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)

Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor

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LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

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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

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds

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Concetta Sager & Lynn Knowlton, Trustees

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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"



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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: 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.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS: 3:00 P.M. –3:30 P.M.

In August the Wednesday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church, Johnstown 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.

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.” This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other. This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.
— 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 Office, 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 2nd 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 AUGUST 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

AUGUST 18, 2024

The Church of the Holy Spirit
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 | 8/4/24 |
|----------------------|------------|
| Envelopes | \$2,724.00 |
| Loose | \$705.00 |
| Online | \$573.00 |
| Total Weekly | \$4,002.00 |
| Other | \$489.50 |
| Berkshire Farms Rent | \$1,700.00 |
| Total Income | \$6,191.50 |

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 114 11:30 A.M. 145

| Collection | 8/4/24 |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Envelopes | \$2,100.00 |
| Loose | \$350.00 |
| Total Weekly | \$2,450.00 |
| Other | \$363.50 |
| Townsend Income | \$14,673.40 |
| AT&T Tower Rent | \$3,407.68 |
| Total Income | \$20,894.58 |

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 148

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 25, 2024

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Rich Nigro Brian Farley (H)
Rita Bravo (H)
John McCall (C)
Mary Buchanan (C)

11:30 A.M. John Stewart Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)
Benedetta Scarpa (H)
John Czelusniak (C)
Martin Bilger (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Concetta Sager Gerard McAuliffe (H)
Liz Carey (C)
Rebecca Weiderman (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons August 25th Diane Savage and Yvonne Major



Diocesan 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 community 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 \$34,468.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity \$36,274.00
Total Payment/Pledge \$16,194.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$10,080.00



Our Combined Men's Group will not meet in the month of August.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

The 52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Christ our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ our Light immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



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 TWENTIETH 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



SAVE THE DATE

Our Combined Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 8th at the Concordia Club from 1pm to 4pm. Burgers, hotdogs, and sausage and peppers will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. We ask that you sign-up so we will know how much food to order. The sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of both churches.

The Sisters of the Holy Spirit do not meet in July or August. At our September 9th meeting, we will say thank you to our outgoing officers, Patty Franco, Ann Masala, Jean LaPorta and Barbara Rieth. We will install new officers, Jamin Clemente, Markie King and Pam Bray. Please join us at the next meeting, we are always looking for new members. Call or text Jamin at 518-848-0477 or via email, jamin31@gmail.com Thank you and enjoy the summer!

Everyday Stewardship

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation. Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated. --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.



HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: We thank everyone for your continued support and wonderful donations. However, because we are moving the store to 53-55 S. Main Street beginning August 1, we ask you to please hold your donations for a little

while. Our warehouse is overflowing and we are not moving any new merchandise into the N. Main Street location. Please call Richard Crane at 518-736-1558 if you are interested in being a volunteer or if you can help us in the moving process.

Holy Trinity Rosary Society News

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.

Upright refrigerator/freezer needed for Holy Trinity Parish Hall. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please call the parish office.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Our special collection next week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Please join us again this year as we honor the unborn. Rosary will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 14. We will assemble in front of the Monument to the Unborn at the Auriesville Shrine. Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you like. All are welcome!

The New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) officers will organize a Division for Fulton, Hamilton, and Montgomery Counties. Membership requires males to be sixteen years of age, being of Irish descent, and practicing Roman Catholicism. Learn more by coming to the Holy Trinity Hall, 207 Glebe Street, Johnstown on August 25th at 6:00 PM. Contact Dave Cummings at 518-366-4762.

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:

AUGUST 25TH

DEADLINE:

**AUGUST 19TH
NO LATER THAN
10 AM**

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2024

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **JOHN LIGGERO JR.**
REQUESTED BY JERI AND FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **FR. DOMINIC OTTAVIANO**
REQUESTED BY OTTAVIANO ESTATE
ANGELINA SAVAGE (6 MONTH ANN)
REQUESTED BY KIMBERLY MISENO
**HELPER STORE VOLUNTEERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES**
- 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.** **FRANK A. VERTUCCI FAMILY**
REQUESTED BY VERTUCCI ESTATE
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **CATHERINE LANDRIO**
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
ROBERT GOODEMOTE
REQUESTED BY MOM AND FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **ARTHUR THOMAS MULHALL**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF IRENE MULHALL
LUCILLE AND FRANK CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUSAN STOKES
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.”

— Lk 1:46-48

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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2024

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **LISA J. POLLAK**
REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY
MICHELE TRAVIS
REQUESTED BY WAYNE, MARILYN & FAMILY
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **JEAN POLACEK (B'DAY)**
REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY BRADSHAW
RUDY RUSSO JR.
REQUESTED BY GALEA FAMILY



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.

