

## 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*

*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

Michael Van Valkenburgh, 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"**



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

**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](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.

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.” In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that? Well, we notice the context is Jesus’ teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” (John 6:60). We shouldn’t imagine we’d do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, “Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him” (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus’ disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go. The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God’s love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— 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 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 AUGUST 25, 2024

**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  
**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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	8/11/24
Envelopes	\$1,782.00
Loose	\$593.00
Online	\$803.00
Total Weekly	\$3,178.00
Other	\$329.00
Total Income	\$3,507.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 113 11:30 A.M. 100

Collection	8/11/24
Envelopes	\$2,467.00
Loose	\$317.00
Total Weekly	\$2,784.00
Other	\$115.00
Total Income	\$2,899.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 151

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. Trina Zimmerman Rich Nigro (H)  
Judy Vickery (H)  
Ron Zimmerman (C)  
Brian Farley (C)

11:30 A.M. Michael Rubscha Pam Bray (H)  
Mary Jablonski (H)  
Betsy Hastings (C)  
Benedetta Scarpa (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

9:00 A.M. Amanda Nellis Anne Solar (H)  
Eva VanAlstyne (C)  
Mary Ann Armstrong (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons September 8th Patty Lorence



**Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocesan Appeal year has begun. 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](http://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 for 2024/2025 are as follows:**

Holy Spirit \$19,161.00  
Holy Trinity \$29,070.00

**Insurance Premiums 2024/2025**

Holy Spirit \$60,590.00  
Holy Trinity \$34,294.00

**School Assessments 2024/2025**

Holy Spirit \$16,845.00  
Holy Trinity \$12,715.00

**Our Combined Men's Group** will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 16th 7:00 pm at Spirit Central located in the school building at Holy Spirit Church. All men are welcome to attend.

**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](mailto: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 TWENTY-FIRST 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](mailto: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 by September 1st 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 will meet on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in the downstairs bingo hall.

We will be honoring our outgoing officers, Patty Franco, Ann Masala, Jean LaPorta and Barbara Rieth.

We will also be voting in the new officers. Please join us for the meeting and a dessert reception. Annual Dues are \$10. New members always welcome.

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul. His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra." She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next. Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer. There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. "Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be our answer. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

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 this 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.

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:

SEPTEMBER 1ST

SEPTEMBER 8TH

#### DEADLINE:

AUGUST 26TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10 AM

AUGUST 27TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10 AM

# Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. — Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1978 CCD.

## HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024

- 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
- 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.** **PHILIP C. VERTUCCI FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF VIRGINIA FYFE
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**     **JOHN S. TIERNEY (11TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY CAROLYN TIERNEY & FAMILY
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**     **JO ANN LEGGIERO-CLUTE (40TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY SISTER, KATHY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.**   **ALEXANDER JOHN DEFORTE**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND JANET HOOSE

## HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.**     **JEAN POLACEK (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY BRADSHAW  
**RUDY RUSSO JR.**  
REQUESTED BY GALEA FAMILY
- MON.**                **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.**   **ROBERT THOMAS WILDE**  
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE  
**SPECIAL INTENTION**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.**   **FR. JAMES FITZMAURICE (2ND ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN  
**HENRY STRAUSS**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**     **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M.**     **ELEANOR DATTORRE**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE DAN, AND JOE  
**HAROLD AND SHIRLEY MILLER**  
REQUESTED BY DAN AND MICHELE  
**MARIE VTZIG**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN

### Combined Mens Group Chicken BBQ

Friday, September 20th from 4:00-6:30 pm  
Whitey's Deli 204 N. Perry St. Johnstown. Pick-up only.  
Dinner includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and dessert.  
Donation \$15.00  
Tickets available at the Parish Office

### 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.



Feeling like there is a dark cloud over you after the loss of a loved one? We have a support group for you. This is not grief counseling, this will be a pathway through the darkness and into the light. You just need to be open to the reality of death being a transition not an end, and how our loved ones never leave our side. If you are interested in joining our group please contact the parish office. Our group will be meeting for 8 weeks beginning late September.



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.