

Church of the Holy Spirit



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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)

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Saturday Vigil - 4:00 P.M.

Sunday - 11:30 A.M.

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

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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 December the Thursday 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 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.

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died. Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem. Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

— 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 DECEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

The Church of the Holy Spirit
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are \$360,892.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,940.23.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection	11/17/24
Envelopes	\$8,370.00
Loose	\$847.00
Online	\$483.00
Total Weekly	\$9,700.00
Other	\$387.00
Total Income	\$10,087.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 184 11:30 A.M. 140

Collection	11/17/24
Envelopes	\$1,616.00
Loose	\$285.00
Total Weekly	\$1,901.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Income	\$1,901.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 147

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Barbara Rieth Robert Smida (H)
Rich Nigro (H)
Kristin Farley (C)
Cindy Krueger (C)

11:30 A.M. Michael Rubscha Benedetta Scarpa (H)
Marion Clemente (C)
Pam Bray (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Chris Nunn-Crane Liz Carey (H)
Eva Van Alstyne (C)
Karen Nellis (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons December 15th John Sagan



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 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
Gifts/Pledges \$10,236.00
Balance \$8,925.00

Holy Trinity \$29,070.00
Total Payment/Pledge \$12,588.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$6,482.00

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



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.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

December 8th Vendor/Craft Fair 12:30-4:00pm in the gym at Holy Spirit. Please contact Ann if you want to reserve a table.

December 8th Teen Mass 6:00-7:00 pm for grades 7-10 and families at Holy Spirit Church. 7:00-7:30pm refreshments and social time in Holy Spirit Gym.

We would like to thank **Plaza's Italian Bistro** who very generously donated the loaves of bread for our Thanksgiving Mass.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Monday, December 9th.**

Mass Schedule:

8:30 A.M. Holy Trinity

12:10 P.M. Holy Spirit

5:30 P.M. Holy Trinity

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.

Christmas Concert

There will be a Christmas Concert "**Sounds of the Season**", on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit. The concert is free to all who wish to attend. Free will donations will be accepted. Featured musicians will be Father Matt and Kyle Zimmerman on Trumpet, Paul Whitney and Bob Cline on Guitar, and Kathy Sponenberg and Sam Zimmerman on Keyboard. Featured soloists (so far) are Olivia Esposito, Angela Veeder, Paul Whitney, Jessica Zimmerman, Ann Marie Trojan, Preston Gillis and Sue Shrader. Our Carolers will consist of people who love music and Christmas.

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 are all settled into our new location at 53 S Mains St and business has been terrific! We encourage you to stop in and have a look. There is something for everybody. We have been overwhelmed with donations and are grateful for all of your support. We still have need for volunteers and substitutes. Call Richard Crane (518-736-1558) if you can spare a few hours of your time.

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.

Holy Trinity Rosary Society will hold their Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7th, 12 noon at Sam's Steakhouse.

Thank you to all who made our breakfast a success.

The Rosary Society **Christmas Cookie sale** will be on Sunday, December 15th. Cookie trays will be available after Mass at Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Immaculate Conception, Christmas and New Year Masses. Sign-up sheets are located at the Glebe Street Entrance of the Church.

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 15TH

**DECEMBER 4TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

DECEMBER 22ND

**DECEMBER 11TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

DECEMBER 29TH

**DECEMBER 18TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

JANUARY 5TH

**DECEMBER 23RD
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **FRANK DEROSA (1ST ANN)**
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
LOTHAR & JOHANN HERRLETT
(61ST WEDDING ANN)
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M** **THERESA AND TONY AVELLINO**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
BILL AND MARY WETTIG
REQUESTED BY JAMIN CLEMENTE
ROXANN KEITH
REQUESTED BY ROLAND O'BRIEN-BILLS
FRANK & TONI VAN SKIVER
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL & DOROTHY LAPORTA
- 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.** **VINCENZO AND GELSOMINE**
DEPASQUALE
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EDITH DEPASQUALE
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **LUCILLE AND FRANK CRANE**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SOPHIE CAPOROSSI
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
LEO VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY CAROL, LORRI, LISA & FAMILIES
ELAINE VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY CAROL, LORRI, LISA & FAMILIES
MAC MCDONALD (3RD ANN)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE URSALA

Sanctuary Candle Nov 30th – Dec 13th is in memory of Deceased members of the Frascatore Family by Micki and Lee Frascatore.

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There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves."

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **MARY FAGAN POLETO**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
KERRY THURSTON
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD
KRISTIN BRADT
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD
WILLIAM (BUTCH) WORMUTH (7TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY JUDY
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **FR. JIM FITZMAURICE (B'DAY)**
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
SPECIAL INTENTION
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **IN THANKSGIVING**
JAMES SOLAR
REQUESTED BY RENIE
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M** **DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR**
(10TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER, DEBORAH
KRISSY SCHWARTZ
REQUESTED BY DAD
HENRY J. MICHAELSON
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
PAT LANOIS (10TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY JUDY



December 31st "Midnight at Nine"

Come and enjoy dinner and ring in the New Year with us! At Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and Social Hour begin at 5pm followed by dinner. Donation \$20.00 for adults \$10.00 for kids 10 and under. Tickets available at the Parish Office. Only 75 tickets will be sold. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**



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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