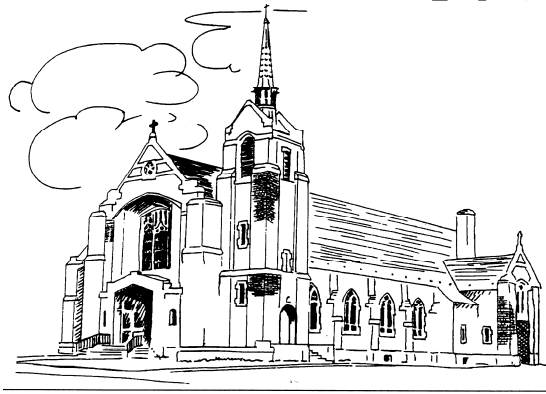


Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

Holy Trinity Church



22 E. Clinton Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

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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

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Tricia Tauss, Office Assistant

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Rich Nigro & Mike Nichols, 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 & Greg Heroth, Trustees

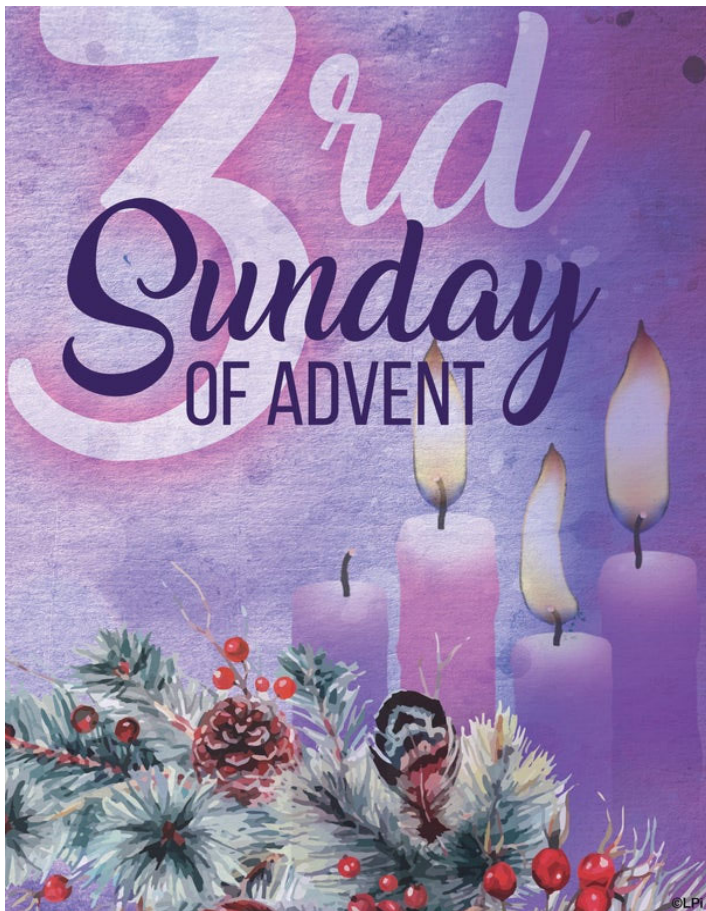
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future. Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— 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 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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	12/1/24
Envelopes	\$2,723.00
Loose	\$704.00
Online	\$578.00
Total Weekly	\$4,005.00
Other	\$1,552.00
Berkshire Farms Rent	\$1,700.00
Total Income	\$7,257.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 141 11:30 A.M. 131

Collection	12/1/24
Envelopes	\$2,404.00
Loose	\$437.00
Total Weekly	\$2,841.00
Other	\$25.00
AT&T Rental	\$3,407.68
Total Income	\$6,273.68

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 153

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Sue Cichy Kristin Krueger (H)
Cindy Farley (H)
Mary Buchanan (C)
Robert Smida (C)

11:30 A.M. Karen Hoose Michele Downing (H)
John Czelusniak (C)
Benedetta Scarpa (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

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

Wells House/Pineview Commons December 29th Donna Calhoun & Jane Sitterly



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 \$10,606.00
Balance \$8,555.00

Holy Trinity \$29,070.00
Total Payment/Pledge \$13,088.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$5,982.00

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

No classes will be held on the weekend of December 29th.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, December 24th: 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity

Wednesday, December 25th: 9:00 am at Holy Spirit

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st: 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

Wednesday, January 1st: 8:30 am at Holy Trinity

Help Needed: We will begin decorating for Christmas at Church of the Holy Spirit following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome to join us!

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, Anne 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.

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.

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed December 25th through the 27th for Christmas and also January 1st through January 3rd for New Year.

Extended Hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18th 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.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for 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:

DECEMBER 29TH

JANUARY 5TH

DEADLINE:

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

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

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."

HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **SAL LANDRIO (13TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
HUGO & HELEN ORLOFF
REQUESTED BY FRIEND
FRANK AND TONI VANSKIVER
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M** **OWEN FARHART**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUSAN STOKES
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
MARTHA MONGATO
REQUESTED BY MARGUERITE GOODEMOTE AND SANDY YACOBUCCI
- 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.** **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASCATORE FAMILY**
REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCATORE
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **ROSARIO SCHEPIS**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF ROSE SCHEPIS
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **PAPA FAMILY**
REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
JOSEPH AND GLORIA LAPORTA
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **GERTRUDE BERNADETTE AND BERNARD TIMOTHY MULHALL**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF IRENE MULHALL
ROXANN KEITH
REQUESTED BY ROLAND O'BRIEN-BILLS
MARTHA MONGATO
REQUESTED BY MR. AND MRS. P.R. VISCOSI

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **WILLIAM WORMUTH (49TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY JUDY
MARK VISCOSI
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD
MATTHEW CINQUANTI (2ND ANN)
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **SPECIAL INTENTION**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **IN THANKSGIVING**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M** **MICHAEL DATTORRE (63RD ANN)**
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
MONTA CASSONE
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER MARY NERI AND GRAND-DAUGHTER LINDA CONROY
PETAR BJELICA (8TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE
BRUCE MRHA
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY



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.**

Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany invite you to a **Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball**.

What: Semi-formal dinner and dance

When: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 6 PM to 10 PM: Appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing

Where: St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford

Ticket Cost: \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door

Register: <https://www.bohmdesigns.com/ball/>



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.