

## Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

## Holy Trinity Church



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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*

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*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*

### **LINKED PARISH STAFF**

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

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Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator

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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

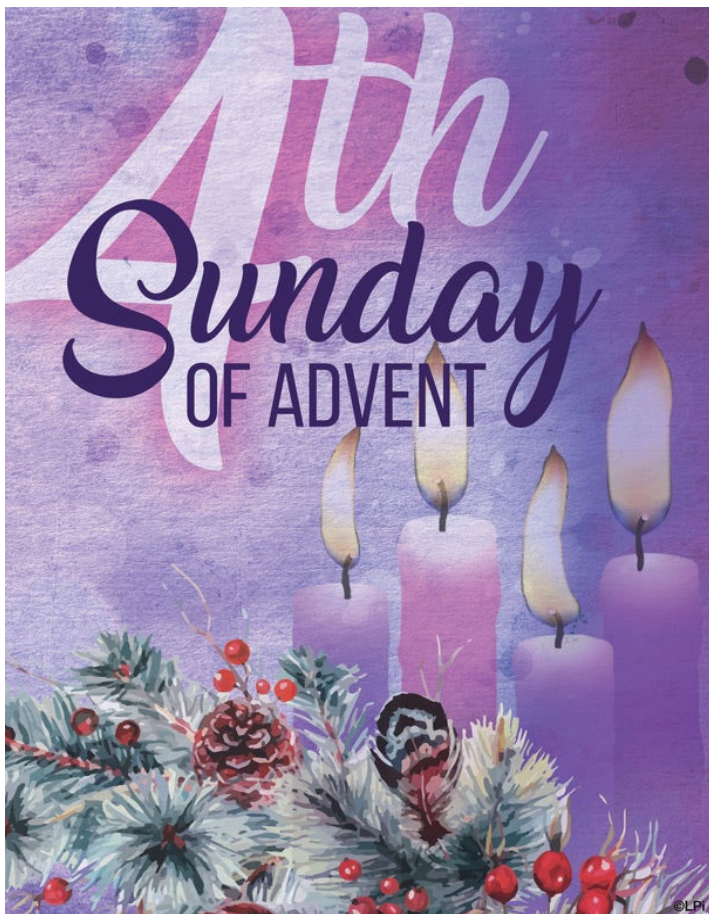
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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](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.

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him. So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him. Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— 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 DECEMBER 22, 2024

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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	12/8/24
Envelopes	\$3,471.00
Loose	\$665.00
Online	\$373.00
Total Weekly	\$4,509.00
Other	\$3,267.50
Total Income	\$7,776.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 82 11:30 A.M. 129

Collection	12/8/24
Envelopes	\$4,055.00
Loose	\$388.00
Total Weekly	\$4,443.00
Other	\$1,310.00
Total Income	\$5,753.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 136

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR MINISTER**

**4:00 P.M.** Trina Zimmerman Ron Zimmerman (H)  
Ginni Mazur (H)  
Rita Bravo (C)  
Brian Farley (C)

**11:30 A.M.** Jamin Clemente Martin Bilger (H)  
Pam Bray (C)  
Mary Jablonski (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR MINISTER**

**9:00 A.M.** Gary McCoy Eva Van Alstyne (H)  
Mary Ann Armstrong (C)  
Karen Nellis (C)

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



**Diocesan Appeal**

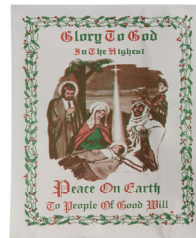
The Diocesan Appeal year has begun. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and that of your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire 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](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  
Gifts/Pledges \$10,932.00  
Balance \$8,229.00

**Holy Trinity** \$29,070.00  
Total Payment/Pledge \$13,138.00  
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00  
Balance \$5,932.00

**Our Combined Men's Group** will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 20th 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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)

**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

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/>

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.

#### Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,  
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.  
Amen.

#### 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:

**JANUARY 5TH**

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

*Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church*



*Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb”*

**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024**

- 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
- MON.**                    **NO MASS**
- TUES. 4:00 P.M.**    **KERRY THURSTON**  
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD  
**KRISTIN BRADT**  
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD  
**CONNIE AND CHARLES PERRONE**  
REQUESTED BY JANE AND JOEL HUNTZINGER AND  
JOAN AND JOSEPH DIXON
- WED. 9:00 A.M.**    **ANTHONY TELESMANICH**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE, DAN, AND JOE
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.**    **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**        **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**        **JACK KICINSKI**  
REQUESTED BY FRANCO FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.**    **MARTHA MONGATO**  
REQUESTED BY SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
**JOE AND GLORIA LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL AND DOROTHY LAPORTA

**HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024**

- 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
- MON.**                    **NO MASS**
- TUES. 4:00 P.M.**    **DENNIS CONNOLLY**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
- TUES. 8:00 P.M.**    **SMULLEN FAMILY**
- WED. 9:00 A.M.**    **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.**    **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**        **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M**      **RITA BACON**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN



**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.