

## 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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*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 & 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**



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Lk 2:51-52

**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 January the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Spirit Church, Gloversville 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.

### The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by. The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child. What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— 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 29, 2024

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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	12/15/24
Envelopes	\$3,216.00
Loose	\$646.00
Online	\$608.00
Total Weekly	\$4,470.00
Other	\$206.50
Immac Conc	\$666.00
Total Income	\$5,342.50

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 127 11:30 A.M. 120

Collection	12/15/24
Envelopes	\$2,672.00
Loose	\$494.00
Total Weekly	\$3,166.00
Other	\$40.00
Immac Conc	\$747.00
Total Income	\$3,953.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 160

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 5, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. John Mazur

Ginni Mazur (H)  
Ron Zimmerman (H)  
Kristin Farley (C)  
Cindy Krueger (C)

11:30 A.M. Michele Downing

Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)  
Jamin Clemente (C)  
Donna Calhoun (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

9:00 A.M. Karen Nellis

Jennifer Connolly (H)  
Mary Ann Armstrong (C)  
Rebecca Weiderman (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.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

While the donated items placed in the Food Pantry boxes located at the entrances to both churches is very much needed and appreciated, please check the expiration dates of the items donated. We have to discard any items with expired dates. Thank you for your continued support.



**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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## 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.**



### FRIDAY'S TABLE

Friday's Table is a community outreach program initiated and managed by The Church of the Holy Spirit. Every Friday, dating back to 1998, volunteers come together to give of their time to feed those in need. Volunteers come from many faith communities and service organizations. This program is run strictly by donation and feeds around 100 people per week. Monetary donations can be made in memory of loved ones. Mail your donation to Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 S. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered, and note "Friday's Table" on the memo line.

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 January 1st through January 3rd for New Year.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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

### 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.

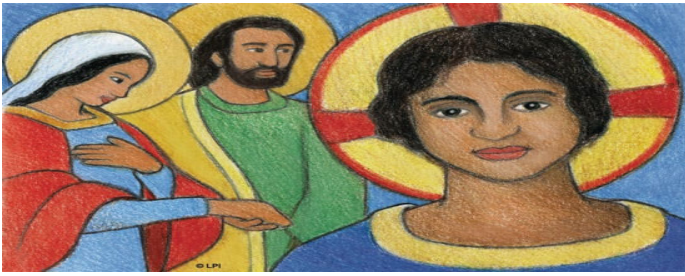
#### BULLETIN:

#### DEADLINE:

**JANUARY 12TH**

**JANUARY 6TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

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



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

— Lk 2:39-40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024**

- 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
- MON.**                **NO MASS**
- TUES. 4:00 P.M.**   **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.**    **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**    **MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M.**    **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**    **LOUIS V. DIGIACOMO (6TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE  
**JOHN W. ESPER**  
REQUESTED BY ESPER FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.**   **MARTHA MONGATO**  
REQUESTED BY PAM BRAY & JAMIN CLEMENTE  
**WILLIAM WALKER (26TH ANN)**  
**PATRICIA WALKER (1ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY DEBBIE AND FAMILY

**HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024**

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.**    **RITA BACON**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
- MON.**                **NO MASS**
- TUES. 4:00 P.M.**   **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.**   **FOR THE PEOPLE**
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- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**    **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M.**    **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M**    **ADOLPH MONTINI (ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE AND FAMILY  
**MARK VIOSCI**  
REQUESTED BY MOM AND DAD  
**BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ  
**TERRY VACEK**  
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ



**2025 CALENDARS**

Thank you to **Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart Family Funeral Homes** and **AG Cole and Barter and Donnan Funeral Homes** for the generous gift of the calendars.

O Lord, let my  
New Year's resolution  
be to  
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
**loving guidance.**



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.