

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)

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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

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

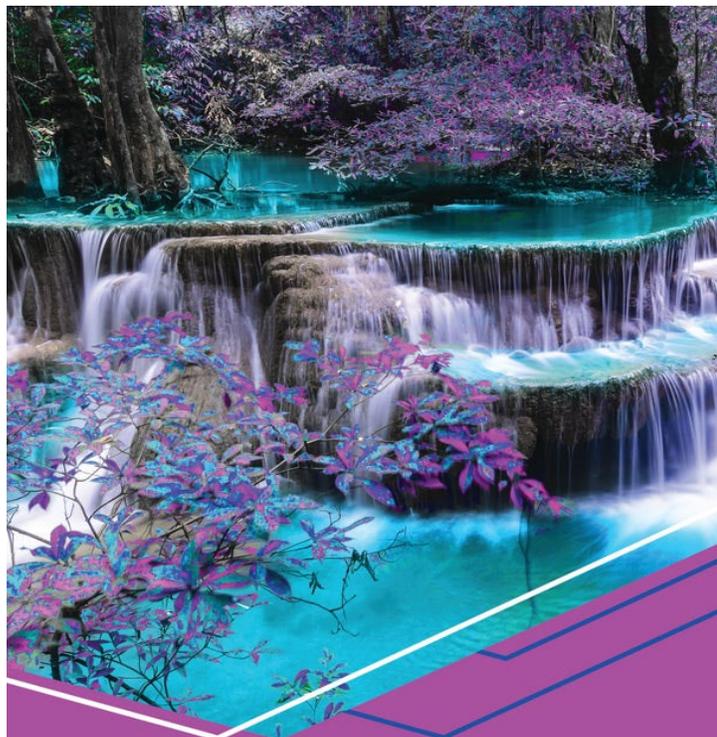
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 A.M.

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

- Lk 12:20-21



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 August the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity 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.

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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news. The Lord Jesus says, “Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become. Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less? In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— 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. Hours of distribution are 9:30 to noon. We are very grateful for our volunteers and for all of the donors in our linked parishes that support this ministry, including the Helpers Community Store.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

AUGUST 3, 2025

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	7/20/25
Envelopes	\$2,389.00
Loose	\$617.00
Online	\$488.00
Total Weekly	\$3,494.00
Other	\$270.00
Total Income	\$3,764.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 100 11:30 A.M. 131

Collection	7/20/25
Envelopes	\$1,468.00
Loose	\$424.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$1,892.00
Other	\$105.00
Total Income	\$1,997.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 138

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. John Mazur Brian Farley (H)
Rita Bravo (H)
Ginni Mazur (C)
Cookie Fleischut (C)

11:30 A.M. Michael Rubscha Anthony Leo (H)
Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)
Betsy Hastings (C)
Jamin Clemente (C)
Pam Bray (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Lynn Knowlton Anne Solar (H)
Rebecca Weiderman (C)
Liz Carey (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons August 10 Diane Savage and Yvonne Major

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Please join us in honoring the unborn on Saturday, September 13th. We will gather at 10am for the Rosary in front of the Monument to the Unborn at the Auriesville Shrine. Please contact Chris Nunn – Crane at 518-736-1558 with any questions. All are welcome!

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The **Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville.** Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love, and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may e-mail Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. **Deadline is September 7.**

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:30 A.M. at Holy Trinity
12:10 P.M. at Holy Spirit
5:30 P.M. at Holy Trinity



E-Newsletter from Fr. Matt: Fr. Matt has plans to begin a semi-regular emailed newsletter. Please send him an email if you would like to be included in the distribution list. His email address can be found on the cover of the bulletin.



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.

EIGHTEENTH 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

Gift Card Bingo: The Youth Ministry Program is sponsoring a Gift Card Bingo night on Thursday, August 14th. This event will be held at Holy Spirit Church in the Bingo Hall. Doors open at 5:15pm and the game starts at 6:00pm. Bingo cards will be sold at the door – 10 games for \$20. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle, pizza, cookies/brownies and drinks available for purchase at the event. All funds will benefit the youth going to NCYC (National Youth Conference) in November.

We have an **email prayer line:** all prayer intentions are confidential and prayed for by many prayer warriors. All are welcome to join and or send petitions to: lily.fiorenza@gmail.com or by phone 518-829-4079.

Jubilee Year 2025 : You are encouraged to check out the diocesan pages dedicated to the Jubilee <https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025> There is a wealth of resources to be discovered from our diocese as well as from the USCCB

Farewell to Seminarian Anthony Leo:

Our linked parish seminarian, Anthony, will be departing from us after the weekend of Sunday, August 3rd. Anthony will be heading to St. Francis De Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please join us after the weekend Masses held on **Sunday, August 3rd** for receptions and opportunities to wish him well.

Fonda Fair Family Life Booth

The 2025 Fonda Fair will run from August 27 – September 1. We have been invited to help cover the Family Life Booth. This is an interdenominational public witness to proclaim the sanctity of life from birth to death and we have been participating and supporting it for many years. Please contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558 for more information.

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.

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. deadlines.

BULLETIN:

AUGUST 10TH

DEADLINE:

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

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Each year our Dioceses in conjunction with other Dioceses throughout the United States, participates in the **Mission Cooperative Appeal**. Through this appeal, religious communities are invited to send a representative from their Community to remind us of each one's personal call to perform missionary work in one way or another. The speaker will explain how his particular religious community answers this call, followed by an invitation to assist his religious community in their efforts to bring Christ to the poor through our prayers and generosity. Doing so affords us the opportunity to fulfill Christ's command, "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

This year, Brother Dennis Lee from the Brothers of the Christian Schools, commonly known as the Christian Brothers, will speak at all the Masses here in our parishes on **August 9th and 10th**. Many may know the Brothers through their various academic institutions such as La Salle University in Philadelphia, Manhattan College in the Bronx, along with many secondary and middle schools here in the United States. Very few, however, know of their missionary work with the poor in such marginalized lands as Ethiopia, Kenya, Nairobi, the Philippines, Vietnam, Haiti, and West Indies. Please join in warmly welcoming the Christian Brothers to our Parishes.

PARISH PICNIC

Our **Linked Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, September 7th from 1-4 pm at the Concordia Club. Meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of both churches. Please sign up by August 31st.

Baked Goods & Pastries Sale: Any remaining baked goods and pastries from the linked parish Fun Fest will be made available for purchase after the 11:30 am Mass at Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, August 3rd in the breezeway of the school building. Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor.



HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE:

We are always in need of volunteers to help sort donations, take a shift at the store, or become a substitute. Our new location at 53 S. Main St. is air conditioned! Call Richard

at 518-736-1558

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." – Jn 6:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **DUANE PINCHAK**
REQUESTED BY KALAC FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **MARY LOU BELKNAP**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
DEDE KWIATKOWSKI
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL AND DONNA GENDRON
- 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.** **BEATRICE JASWWICZ**
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO
HEALING FOR DON RUBSCHA
REQUESTED BY OFFICE STAFF
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MARGARET AND ANTONIO CASANO**
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EDITH DEPASQUALE
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **TIM FITZGERALD**
REQUESTED BY FRANCO GIRLS AND FAMILIES
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **GEORGETTE FARHART DERANEY**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
JEANETTE ST PETER
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
MAC McDONALD (B'DAY)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, URSALA

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **JOSEPH VILLONE**
REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE
MICHELE TRAVIS (WEDDING ANN)
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, RON
DIANNE SPAWN
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
- 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.** **CAROL CONVOY**
REQUESTED BY HOLLY AND KEVIN MALONE
MICHELE TRAVIS
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, RON
CHRISTINE REYNOLDS
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
JAMES BILLA
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND BRENDA BILLA

MONTH OF RAFFLES

Our Youth Ministry Program is once again holding a "Month of Raffles" calendar fundraiser to be held the month of September. We will be selling chances for this fundraiser during the month of August so that we are ready for the drawings to begin on September 1st. One chance puts you in for each daily drawing for the entire month. Your donation of **\$10 gives you one chance each day** or your donation of **\$20 gives you three chances each day**. Tickets will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, August 4th through Thursday, August 28th. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986. All funds will benefit the youth going to NCYC (National Youth Conference) in November.



Lessons from EWTN

Of all the things that I can put on today, it is humility that will make me most attractive.



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.