

## 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*

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*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*



### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

- Lk 13:29-30

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#### 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.

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#### 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 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](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.

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

I’ve been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: “Keep going! The peak is right there. It’s not as far as it looks. You can do it!” It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun. When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate” (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, “How many people are going to make it to the top?” A normal response would be something like: “How is that a relevant question? Carry on!” Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God’s grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— 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. 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 24, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

AUGUST 24, 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          | 8/10/25    |
|---------------------|------------|
| Envelopes           | \$2,189.00 |
| Loose               | \$390.00   |
| Online              | \$498.00   |
| Total Weekly        | \$3,077.00 |
| Other               | \$259.00   |
| Total Income        | \$3,336.00 |
| Mission Cooperative | \$1,065.00 |

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 90 11:30 A.M. 128

| Collection          | 8/10/25    |
|---------------------|------------|
| Envelopes           | \$2,292.00 |
| Loose               | \$510.00   |
| Online              | \$.00      |
| Total Weekly        | \$2,802.00 |
| Other               | \$219.00   |
| Total Income        | \$3,021.00 |
| Mission Cooperative | \$781.00   |

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 162

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 31, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

**4:00 P.M.** Sue Cichy Ron Zimmerman (H)  
Ginni Mazur (H)  
Diana Javerone (C)  
Rita Bravo (C)

**11:30 A.M.** Sandy Brower Pam Bray (H)  
Karen Hoose (H)  
Benedetta Scarpa (C)  
John Czelusniak (C)  
Marion Clemente (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

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

**Wells House/Pineview Commons August 24 Patty Lorence**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). **Deadline is September 7.**

**Power of One Hour Video Series – Teaching about the Catholic Mass:** This is a 5-part video series is **FREE OF CHARGE** and **EASY TO ACCESS** on the diocesan website <https://www.rcda.org/powerofonehour>. It includes study guides and can be used for school kids, faith formation, and adult faith formation.

**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!

**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 are available at the parish office and will be sold 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.



**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.

## TWENTY-FIRST 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](mailto:holyspirit12078@gmail.com)



#### PARISH PICNIC

Our **Linked Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, September 7th from 1-4 pm at the Concordia Club. Burgers, hotdogs, and sausage and peppers will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. We ask that you sign-up by August 31st so we will know how much food to order. The sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of both churches

The Sisters of the Holy Spirit will meet on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm in the downstairs bingo hall. Annual Dues are \$10. New members always welcome.

**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

#### 2024/2025 ASSESSMENT & INSURANCE

##### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
School Assessment \$17,288.00  
Insurance \$57,669.00

##### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
School Assessment \$12,385.00  
Insurance \$32,915.75

#### Basilica Versus Cathedral

##### Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

##### Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

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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 31ST**

**SEPTEMBER 7TH**

##### DEADLINE:

**AUGUST 25TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

**AUGUST 27TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

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](mailto:lily.fiorenza@gmail.com) or by phone 518-829-4079.

#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Our special collection this week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

#### 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.



#### 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



“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. — Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**     **CATHERINE LANDRIO (10TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**ROBERT GOODEMOTE**  
REQUESTED BY MOM  
**THOMAS W. AMBRIDGE**  
REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY  
**TOM GILBERT**  
REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M**     **JOHN LIGGERO JR.**  
REQUESTED BY JERI AND FAMILY  
**HEALING FOR DON RUBSCHA**  
REQUESTED BY OFFICE STAFF
- 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.** **FR. JAMES FITZMAURICE (3RD ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN  
**THOMAS MULHALL**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF IRENE MULHALL  
**MIKE SUCHY SR.**  
REQUESTED BY FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF  
GRANDVIEW DR. AND ROBIN ST.
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**     **PHILIP C. VERTUCCI FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY VIRGINIA FYFE ESTATE  
**JOHN S. TIERNEY (12TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY CAROLYN TIERNEY AND FAMILY
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**     **LISA J. POLLAK**  
REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY  
**PAT O'LUCCI**  
REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO  
**IN HONOR OF JOHN AND PATTY**  
**FRANCO ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
REQUESTED BY RUSS AND MARY BARTER
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.**   **FOR THE PEOPLE**

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

- SUN. 9:00 A.M**     **JEAN POLACEK (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY DIANE AND MANDY BRADSHAW  
**CHRISTINE REYNOLDS**  
REQUESTED BY MTC COMMITTEE  
**DIANNE SPAWN**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN  
**MICHAEL SUCHY SR.**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN
- MON.**                 **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.**   **NEIL JOHNSON**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN  
**SPECIAL INTENTION**
- WED. 8:30 A.M**     **KERRY MORRISON**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN  
**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**     **HENRY STRAUSS**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**FRANK MERCANDANTE**  
REQUESTED BY THE BOYS  
**MIKE ZAMBELLA**  
REQUESTED BY THE BOYS  
**CHRISTINE REYNOLDS**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN



### Lessons from EWTN

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

### BUILDING FUND DONATION

In Memory of Midge DeMagistris by the Viola Family



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.