

## 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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### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 P.M.

Sunday - 11:30 A.M.

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

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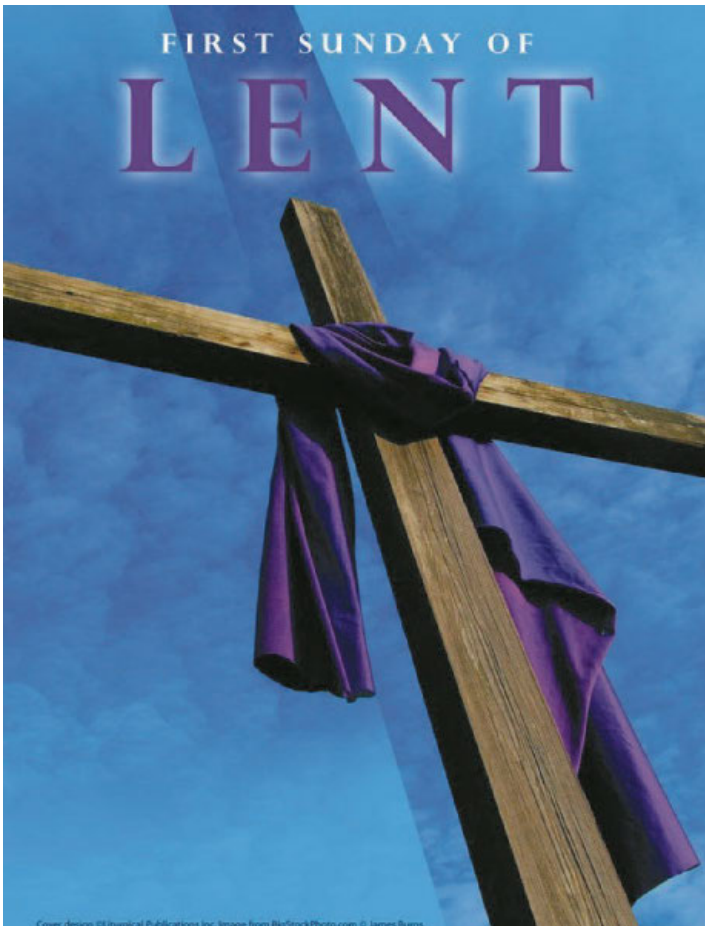
### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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 March 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.

**1st Sunday of Lent**

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was “the greatest man in the world.” Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome. Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says “no” in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations. Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying “no” to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— 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 Helper’s Community Store.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025**

- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

MARCH 9, 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	2/23/25
Envelopes	\$3,289.00
Loose	\$599.00
Online	\$418.00
Total Weekly	\$4,306.00
Other	\$159.00
Total Income	\$4,465.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 136 11:30 A.M. 101

Collection	2/23/25
Envelopes	\$1,778.00
Loose	\$327.00
Total Weekly	\$2,105.00
Fuel	\$75.00
Other	\$.00
Total Income	\$2,180.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 133

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 16, 2025

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

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

**11:30 A.M.** Michael Rubscha Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)  
Mary Jablonski (H)  
Benedetta Scarpa (C)  
John Czelusniak (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

**9:00 A.M.** Gary McCoy Jennifer Connolly (H)  
Eva Van Alstyne (C)  
Rebecca Weiderman (C)

**Wells House/Pineview Commons March 9th Donna Calhoun and 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 \$24,021.00  
Balance \$0

**Holy Trinity** \$29,070.00  
Total Payment/Pledge \$16,576.00  
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00  
Balance \$2,494.00

**Our Linked Parish St. Patrick's Dinner**

**Sunday, March 16th** at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Social Hour begins at 1pm with dinner at 2pm. Dinner is Eat in only. No take out. Donation \$12.00 with only 100 tickets available. Dinner includes Corned Beef, Ham, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, and Dessert. Beer, Wine, and Soda available for purchase. Tickets are required and will be available after all Masses this weekend and at our Parish Office.



**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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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)

**March 9th** The Youth Mass has been changed to 9 am at Holy Trinity for grades K-10. Grades K-6 will stay after Mass to participate in a learning program with the Holy Trinity Rosary Society from 10:15 am to 11:00 am. This takes the place of their class this week. Grades 7-10 should participate in the 9am Mass but will not have evening class due to the teams final preparation for the retreat.

**March 16th** No morning classes or evening classes. Families are invited and encouraged to attend the **Teen Mass at Holy Spirit at 4:30 pm to welcome our Emmaus Retreat Students and team back from their retreat.**

**Pizza Sale:** The Sisters of the Holy Spirit and the Faith Formation Team will be having their annual fried dough sale on Friday, March 21st and Friday, March 28th in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit from 4-6pm. There will be stuffed and plain available. Tickets will be available in the parish office beginning Monday, March 10th. Ticket prices are \$5 for plain and dessert and \$8 for stuffed and a dessert.

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit** will hold their next meeting on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** are offered every Friday during Lent at 12:10 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit and at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church. A light meal and movie will follow in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall after the 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity Church.

**Note:** Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:10 pm on Good Friday at Church of the Holy Spirit and 3:00 pm (instead of the usual 5:30 pm) at Holy Trinity Church.

This weekend our **Special Collection** is for **Black, Native American & Latin American Missions.**

Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs.

**"Women of Grace: Living the Abundant Life"** will be coming soon. Anyone interested please contact Lily at 518-829-4079 or email at [lily.fiorenza@gmail.com](mailto:lily.fiorenza@gmail.com)

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:**

**MARCH 16TH**

#### **DEADLINE:**

**MARCH 10TH  
NO LATER THAN  
10AM**

**The Chosen Season 4...** We are beginning a Chosen Season 4 bible study/discussion group on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30pm. We will meet at Spirit Central at Holy Spirit Church. We will watch an episode of the Chosen season 4 every week and then follow with discussion. Any questions please call Karen Hoose...518-461-1217.

**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

### **Adult Faith Formation 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope**

Hungry for Knowledge? Want to increase your faith?

Join us for the following group studies.

We will meet Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30pm in the Holy Trinity meeting room. Please call Veronica at 518-762-3700 to express interest or call the office at 518-725-3143.

#### **Doors of Mercy: January 29 through March 19**

An eight week video/discussion class. This bible study program will discuss God's Covenants with His people through salvation history from Adam to Jesus. Program finishes with the life of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy message.

### **Helpers Community Thrift Store**

We are in need of donated items for our Thrift Store. Specific items needed are small household appliances, kitchen utensils, silverware, and knick knacks.



#### **HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE:**

Since we have relocated the store to 53 South Main Street, business has been wonderful! However, we are in need of more volunteers to take a shift at the store, be on our substitute list, or help sort donations in our warehouse. If you would like to assist us in this important ministry to the needy in our community, please call Richard at 518-762-1558.

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



### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. JOAN AND JOHN ESPER**  
REQUESTED BY ESPER FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M. LUCILLE AND FRANK CRANE**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**ANDREW GUGLIUZZA**  
REQUESTED BY EMMAUS FRAMILY
- 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. FOR THE PEOPLE**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. FRANK KUCERA**  
REQUESTED BY KUCERA ESTATE  
**JANE MEYERS**  
REQUESTED BY SISTER, BARBARA
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. ELISE PETRILLO**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE  
**WILLIAM AND PHYLLIS BERGER**  
REQUESTED BY MARIA AND RICK DOLDER  
**DECEASED MEMBER OF THE  
FRASCATORE FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCATORE  
**DORA STEENBURGH**  
REQUESTED BY GENTILE, KOVAROVIC, AND  
STEENBURGH FAMILIES
- SUN. 11:30 A.M. ANDREW GUGLIUZZA**  
REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee  
proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of  
fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,  
and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

- SUN. 9:00 A.M. CHARLES CURTHOYS**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY KAREN MELLIS AND FAMILY  
**BARBARA CASTIGLIONE**  
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN
- MON. NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M. BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL AND DONNA GENDRON
- WED. 8:30 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M. LOIS MALATINO**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**BRUCE MRHA**  
REQUESTED BY LARRY AND BARBARA PODOLEC  
**STEVE HLADIK**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN SCHWARTZ  
**PAT O'LUCCI**  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY

### RICE BOWLS

The season of Lent is nearly upon us. This year marks a major milestone for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, they are celebrating 50 years!

Did you know CRS Rice Bowl started in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by parishioners to help families facing famine in The Sahel region of Africa? Shortly after, it was adopted by the United States bishops and made an official program of CRS. Your generous contributions always make a significant and dramatic impact on the work CRS carries out in various countries and communities. This year the need is even more critical. Your contribution to CRS Rice Bowl is needed now more than ever.

**Sanctuary Candle** for March 8th through March 21st is in memory of Anne Bacon by Aunt Lori and Uncle Pat.

### Lessons from EWTN

All is well with me, not because it is to my liking, rather, because it is in the hands of the Lord.  
Please check the EWTN information corners at the Clinton Street entrance for information and inspiration.



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.

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