

Church of the Holy Spirit



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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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.

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets. How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this “secret,” saying, “This is my chosen Son, listen to him” (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that “they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.” Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this “secret” with us as his dear friends? Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— 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 Helper's Community Store.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

MARCH 16, 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	3/2/25
Envelopes	\$2,839.00
Loose	\$603.00
Online	\$651.00
Total Weekly	\$4,093.00
Other	\$2,017.05
Berkshire Farms Rent	\$1,700.00
Total Income	\$7,810.05

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 143 11:30 A.M. 134

Collection	3/2/25
Envelopes	\$2,427.00
Loose	\$365.00
Total Weekly	\$2,792.00
Other	\$35.00
Total Income	\$2,827.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 112

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 23, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Rich Nigro

Diana Javarone (H)
Ginni Mazur (H)
Cindy Kruger (C)
Kristen Farley (C)

11:30 A.M. Matt Trainor

Benedetta Scarpa (H)
Pam Bray (H)
Betsy Hastings (C)
Cindy Kollar (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.

Anne Solar

Chris Nunn-Crane (H)
Gerard McAuliffe (C)
Mary Ann Armstrong (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons March 23rd Diane Savage and Yvonne Major



**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 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 \$16,876.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$2,194.00

Sisters of the Holy Spirit Scholarship

Any high school senior who is an **active, participating** member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Parish and who plans to further his/her education next year may apply for this scholarship. For more information see flyer at all church entrances.

Applications will be available at the Church of the Holy Spirit business office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 A. M. - 2:00 P.M. beginning Monday, March 17, 2025 and also at all the church entrances.



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator
email: holyspirit12078@gmail.com

March 16th No morning classes or evening classes.

The Closing of the Emmaus Retreat will be a **Teen Mass at Holy Spirit Church** on Sunday, March 16th at 4:30pm. All members of our parishes are invited to attend to welcome our Candidates back from their weekend and personally witness some of our youth sharing the spiritual growth they have experienced.

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.

BUILDING FUND DONATION

In Memory of Carol Visconti by Sandy Yacobucci

“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

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 23RD

DEADLINE:

**MARCH 17TH
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.

33 Days to Merciful Love: March 26 through April 16

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 16, 2025

- 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
- 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.** **ANDREW GUGLIUZZA**
REQUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT
CAROL VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY CAROLYN TIERNEY AND FAMILY
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **LORETTA DESTEFANO**
REQUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT
KATHY ROHRS
REQUESTED BY FRANCO FAMILY
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **ALICE ACKERKNECHT**
REQUESTED BY KIM COLLAR
CAROL VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY
PAT O'LUCCI
REQUESTED BY PATTY AND JOHN FRANCO
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **THOMAS MELLIS (2ND ANN)**
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE KAREN AND FAMILY
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
PAUL DIGIACOMO
REQUESTED BY BROTHER AND FAMILY
NICOLE FARHART
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my
beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking
around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus
alone with them. — Mk 9:7-8

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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

- 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
JOE BARTLETT
REQUESTED BY WIFE, MARLENE
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **CHERYL CALLERY**
REQUESTED BY RONNIE AND KEVIN
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY CARM**
CLEMENTE SMULLEN
REQUESTED BY DON AND MARI JEAN
- 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
BRUCE MRHA
REQUESTED BY PAM AND JIM LATHERS
BENNIE SILIGATO (22ND ANN)
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, FRAN AND FAMILY
DOMINIC MALATINO
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
ROSE CELLARY
REQUESTED BY TIM AND CAROLYN CELLARY

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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