

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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LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

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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

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds

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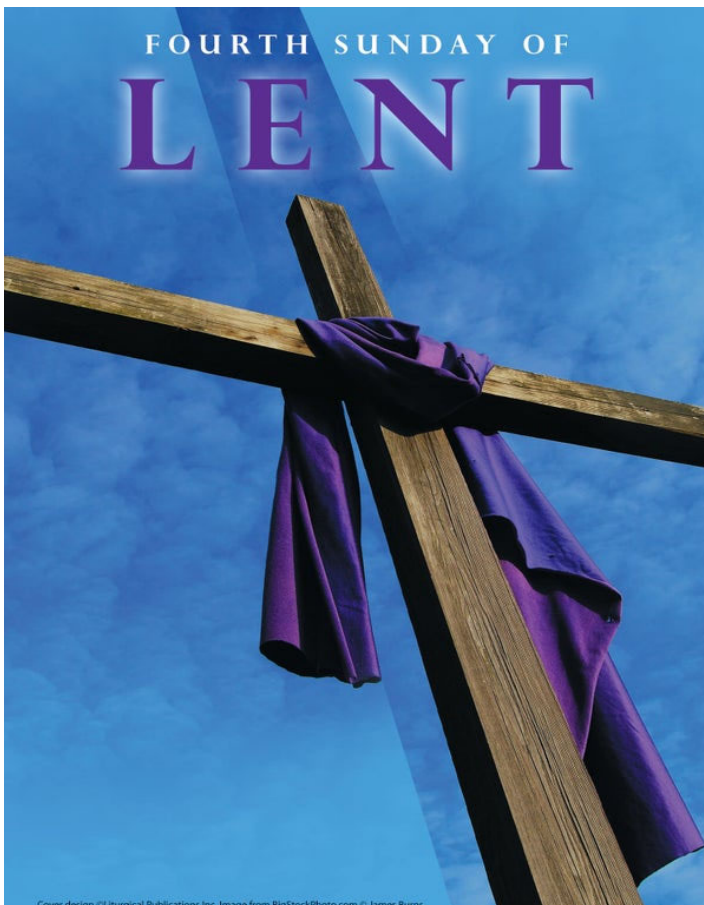
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Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

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"



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 April the Thursday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity Church, Johnstown 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.

4th Sunday of Lent

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, “May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?” “OK,” I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, “I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!” A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God. When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day. Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

— 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 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MARCH 30, 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 3/16/25

Envelopes	\$3,265.00
Loose	\$1,036.00
Online	\$543.00
Total Weekly	\$4,844.00
Other	\$223.00
Total Income	\$5,067.00
Ash Wednesday	\$712.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 138 11:30 A.M. 97

Collection 3/16/25

Envelopes	\$2,530.00
Loose	\$286.00
Total Weekly	\$2,816.00
Other	\$318.00
Total Income	\$3,134.00
Ash Wednesday	\$622.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 121

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 6, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Mark Amico

Diana Javarone (H)
Ron Zimmerman (H)
Brian Farley (C)
Robert Smida (C)

11:30 A.M. Michael Rubscha

Roland O'Brien-Bills (H)
Mary Jablonski (H)
Benedetta Scarpa (C)
John Czelusniak (C)
Pam Bray (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Karen Nellis

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

Wells House/Pineview Commons April 6th Patty Lorence



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 \$24,416.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity \$29,070.00
Total Payment/Pledge \$17,126.00
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00
Balance \$1,944.00

Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Youth Ministry Fish and Mac and Cheese Dinner will be held on Friday, April 11th from 4–6:30 pm at Holy Spirit. Fish, Mac and Cheese, coleslaw, roll, and dessert for \$15.00 or Mac and Cheese, coleslaw roll and dessert for \$10.00. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of March 30th and April 6th. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

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

April 13th and April 20th: No classes. School Break.

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 week our parishes will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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:

APRIL 6TH

DEADLINE:

**MARCH 31ST
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

Extended Confessions

A period of extended confessions will be offered on Wednesday, April 9th from 2pm to 7pm at Holy Trinity in the church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for prayer.

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. Store hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10-4 and Wednesday and Thursday 12-4. If you would like to assist us with this important ministry to the needy in our community, please call Richard at 518-736-1558.

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **ALICE ACKERKNECHT**
REQUESTED BY RON & GINA TOLLNER AND FAMILY
CAROL VISCONTI
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND THOMAS BEEBIE
HEALING FOR FR. DON CZELUSNIAK
REQUESTED BY LANDRIO FAMILY
CLARA SMITH
REQUESTED BY JIM AND KELLY LANDRIO
- SUN. 11:30 A.M** **GINA BACHNER**
REQUESTED BY PETER KIERNAN AND FAMILY
ANNA SALVIONE
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
JOYCE BROOKINS
REQUESTED BY 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.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MEMORIAL PLAQUE MASS**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **CLEMENTE LAPORTA**
REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY
JOAN ESPER AND DAVID ESPER
REQUESTED BY ESPER FAMILY
MICHAEL J. GRIMALDI
REQUESTED BY RON & GINA TOLLNER AND FAMILY
CHARLES PAPA
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **MAJORIE TAUSS**
REQUESTED BY ED AND TRICIA
CATHERN HEISE
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER
CAROL BUDDLES
REQUESTED BY DON AND COOKIE FLEISCHUT
THOMAS LAUGHLIN
REQUESTED BY SISTER, JUDITH GISONDI

“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” — Jn 3:20-21

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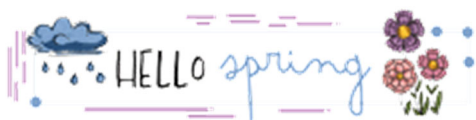
HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025

- SUN. 9:00 A.M** **ALICE ACKERKNECHT**
REQUESTED BY LAGRECA FAMILY
PAT O'LUCCI
REQUESTED BY THOMAS AND JANET GAROFALO
BRIAN PODOLEC (B'DAY)
REQUESTED BY MOM & DAD AND FAMILY
CAROL PIEHUTA (B'DAY)
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, MICHAEL AND CHILDREN, LISA AND CHRIS
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **IN THANKSGIVING**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR FORGIVENESS**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SAT. 8:30 A.M** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M** **JENNIE M. MAIELLO (29TH ANN)**
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTRE, SARAH
BRUCE MRHA
REQUESTED BY ROBERTA THOMAS
ALICE ACKERKNECHT
REQUESTED BY MARGARET FAGAN
PAT O'LUCCI
REQUESTED BY ART AND MARY ANN STOCK
THOMAS PRADELSKI (11TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY JOHN & MARY PRADELSKI & FAMILY



Lessons from EWTN

More inner peace can be found in surrendering to God, even during times of trial, then surrendering to worldly temptations.



“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



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.