

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)

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Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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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

John Sefcovic, Cemetery Caretaker-St. Anthony's Cemetery

Concetta Sager & Greg Heroth, Trustees

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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 September 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.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through “death therapy.” In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed. Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The “death therapy” of the cross is our only hope for healing. This week I invite you to “exalt the cross.” If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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	8/24/25	8/31/25
Envelopes	\$2,635.00	\$1,708.00
Loose	\$699.00	\$562.00
Online	\$380.00	\$613.00
Total Weekly	\$3,714.00	\$2,883.00
Other	\$236.00	\$293.00
Total Income	\$3,950.00	\$3,176.00
Home Mission		\$377.00

Attendance	4:00 P.M.	114	11:30 A.M.	118
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Collection	8/24/25	8/31/25
Envelopes	\$2001.00	\$1,614.00
Loose	\$516.00	\$474.00
Online (8/25)	\$0.00	\$391.45
Total Weekly	\$2,517.00	\$2,479.45
Other	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total Income	\$2,532.00	\$2,494.45
Home Mission		\$720.00

Attendance	9:00 A.M.	138
Attendance	9:00 A.M.	154

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M.	Trina Zimmerman	Ron Zimmerman (H) Cookie Fleischut (H) Brian Farley (C) Judy Vickery (C)
11:30 A.M.	Karen Hoose	Benedetta Scarpa (H) Roland O'Brien-Bills (H) Sandy Brower (C) John Czelusniak (C) Cindy Kollar (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M.	Lynn Knowlton	Chris Nunn-Crane (H) Gerard McAuliffe (C) Mary Ann Armstrong (C)
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Wells House/Pineview Commons September 21 John Sagan and Rebecca Weiderman

Generations of Faith Gathering: In This World, Not of This World

Come share how to stay strong IN this world and not surrender our souls TO this world.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 6 PM – 8 PM

WHERE: St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

WHAT: Sharing by Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon, C.R.

Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments will be served

There is no cost for the event, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available

SPECIAL BONUS FOR FAMILIES: Bring your children... A Youth Rally will be provided for ages 3 - 17 years old.

Youth Rally will start promptly at 5:30 PM and includes a BBQ.

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 Sisters of the Holy Spirit will hold their Covered Dish supper meeting on Monday, October 6th at 5:30 pm in the gym. Annual Dues are \$10. New members always welcome.

Devotions, Explained!

Litany

Mini Explanation — *Great for social media or in your bulletin*

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

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

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry: There will be an **Ice Cream Social Registration Day** on Sunday, September 14th at Holy Spirit Church in the gym from 12:30-2:00pm. Come and meet the teachers, register your children, and enjoy an ice cream cone. Calendars will be available at registration.

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

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

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:

SEPTEMBER 21ST

DEADLINE:

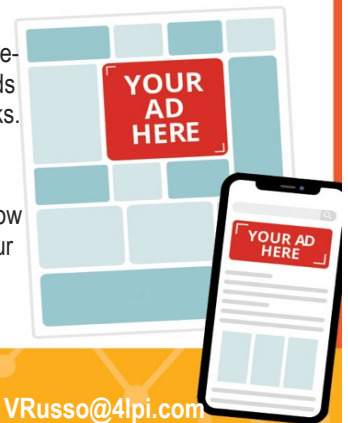
**SEPTEMBER 15TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Victoria Russo from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Victoria Russo
(216) 325-6825 x6283 VRusso@4lpi.com

Thank you to our **Combined Men's group** for organizing our Linked Parish Picnic. Thank you to everyone that attended and for all the wonderful dishes you brought to share. A special thank you to Jim Callery and crew for grilling and setting up, Gary McCoy for arranging the great music, and Adam Valachovic for shopping and gathering supplies. It was a beautiful afternoon enjoyed by all.

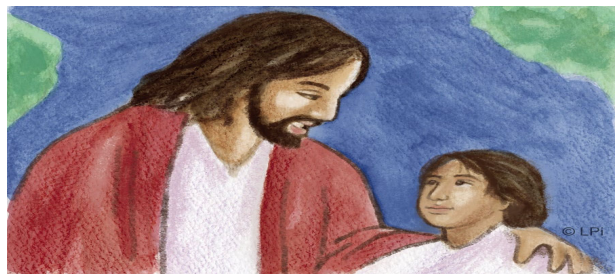
The Chosen Season 5... We are beginning a Chosen Season 5 bible study/discussion group during the week of September 15th. There will be a group on Monday morning at 10 Am as well as Tuesday evening at 6:30 Pm. Both will take place at Spirit Central in Holy Spirit's old school building. We will watch an episode of the Chosen Season 5 every week and then follow with discussion. Any questions please call Karen Hoose....518-461-1217



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



Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." — Mk 9:36-37

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HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	ASSUNTA RIZZO REQUESTED BY ESTATE FRANK LAPORTA REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY BEATRICE PAPA REQUESTED BY CHILDREN JESSE WHEELER REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPODO ANGIE SAVAGE (B'DAY) REQUESTED BY FAMILY
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	JEANETTE ST. PETER REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE CAROLE CRANE 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.	FOR THE PEOPLE
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	DOMINIC AND ANGELINE PAPA REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY TIM FITZGERALD REQUESTED BY FRANCO GIRLS AND FAMILIES SHARON ONDRISKA REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, ED AND PAUL AND BONNIE STEENBURGH (SISTER) GARY LUNKENHEIMER REQUESTED BY JIM AND TONI AMBROSINO
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	CARMELO RIZZO SR. REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF ASSUNTA RIZZO MARY BANNON AND FAMILY REQUESTED BY RICHARD CRANE BERNIE LANDRIO REQUESTED BY JERI LUGGIERO CLARA SWARTS REQUESTED BY STEPHEN SWARTS

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	TERRY MAHON VACEK REQUESTED BY LOVINGLY, REBECCA, JASON, AND BONNIE VANWIE MARGARET C MICHAELSON REQUESTED BY MARGARET FAGAN AND FAMILY SCOTT POPP REQUESTED BY CATHERINE SMULLEN EDWARD QUEENEY (B'DAY) REQUESTED BY FAMILY
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SUN. 9:00 A.M.	TIM KEEGAN REQUESTED BY GEORGE SPRINGER MARIE GILBERT (6TH ANN) REQUESTED BY SISTER, FRAN, DAVE & FAMILY CHRISTINE REYNOLDS REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ BERNIE LANDRIO REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY



Lessons from EWTN

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

Adoration webpage <https://www.rcda.org/adoration> This page includes a Guide to Eucharistic Adoration, a link to Adoration Hours across our diocese, and information on the many blessings that come from spending time adoring our Lord in the Eucharist.



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.