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## Holy Trinity Church



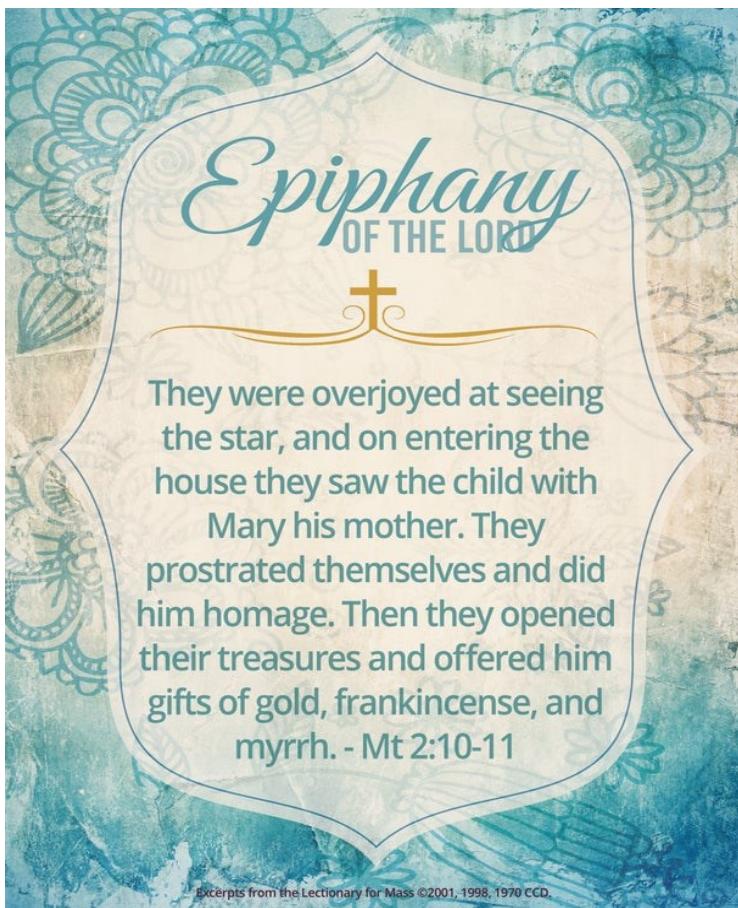
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**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)**

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Sunday - 11:30 A.M.  
Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

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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 January 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.

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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 Epiphany of the Lord

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before. When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends. That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King. The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

## Mother Teresa's Closet

Like everyone, Mother Teresa's Closet is feeling the effect of increased prices for many of the items that we keep stocked in the 'closet' – basic necessities for personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. We are very fortunate and grateful for our volunteers, the donors in our linked parishes and the Helper's Community store support in making our ministry to the needy a success. We have over 200 people registered for help with an average of 80 recipients attending each distribution on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Monetary donations can be made in honor of loved ones to continue to support this ministry. You may place a donation in the offertory or mail to the Parish office. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity Parish, with MTC in the memo line.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are \$372,971.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$7,172.52.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection **12/21/25**

Envelopes	\$6,159.00
Loose	\$853.00
Online	\$385.00
Total Weekly	\$7,397.00
Other	\$316.00
Berkshire Farms Rent	\$1,751.00
Total Income	\$9,464.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 133 11:30 A.M. 128

Collection **12/21/25**

Envelopes	\$2,140.46
Loose	\$423.00
Online	\$0.00
Total Weekly	\$2,563.46
Other	\$105.00
Total Income	\$2,668.46

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 159

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11, 2026**

##### **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Trina Zimmerman	Ron Zimmerman (H) Rich Nigro (H) Cindy Krueger (C) Kristin Farley (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Jamin Clemente	Karen Hoose (H) Cindy Kollar (C) Cecilia Eagan (C)

##### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Renee Smith	Jennifer Connolly (H) Chris Nunn-Crane (C) Liz Carey (C)

**Wells House/Pineview Commons January 11 Patty Lorence**

#### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)**

Monthly Healing Liturgy  
**January 14th, 2026**

Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville  
Prayer and Praise 7:00pm, Liturgy 7:30pm  
Presider: Fr. Kyle Gorenski  
Individual Healing Prayer after Liturgy  
All are Welcome, Please Join Us, Bring a friend

#### **Prayer of Rejoicing**

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.

Amen.

#### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

While the donated items places in the Food Pantry boxes located at the entrances to both churches is very much needed and appreciated, please check the expiration dates of the items donated. We have to discard any items with expired dates. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Epiphany of the Lord**

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



#### **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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## 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)

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 18th: Youth Mass for grades K-10 at Holy Trinity in Johnstown at 9:00 am. Confirmation Candidates will be blessed at this Mass. Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to come!

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$9,639.00  
Balance \$6,959.00

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$7,493.00  
Balance \$16,847.00

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

If you would like a copy of your **2025 Contribution Report**, please fill out this coupon and drop it in the collection basket, mail to the parish office or give us a call. Statements will be available after January 31st.

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THANK 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.

#### BULLETIN:

#### DEADLINE:

**JANUARY 11TH**

**JANUARY 5TH  
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.

### The Three Wise Men

#### Question:

**Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?**

#### Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire. We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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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.



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



### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026

SAT. 4:00 P.M.	LOUIS DIGIACOMO (7TH ANN) REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, DIANE <b>MAURICE FARHART</b> REQUESTED BY PATTY, JOHN AND EDDIE FRANCO
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>THOMAS LAUGHLIN</b> REQUESTED BY SISTER, JUDY
MON.	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
WED. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY TRINITY</b>
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	<b>FRANK A. VERTUCCI FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY ESTATE <b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASCATORE FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY MICKI AND LEE FRASCATORE
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE</b>
SAT. 4:00 P.M.	<b>SAL LANDRIO</b> REQUESTED BY CHILDREN <b>MARY SAVAGE</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND ANGIE SAVAGE <b>ELIZABETH MALAGISI</b> REQUESTED BY JOHN AND ANGIE SAVAGE <b>CAROLYN TIERNEY</b> REQUESTED BY CAROLE SCHWED AND FAMILY
SUN. 11:30 A.M.	<b>CAROLE CRANE</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>IRENE VIOLA</b> REQUESTED BY FAMILY <b>WILLIAM &amp; PATRICIA WALKER</b> REQUESTED BY DEBBIE SLEEZER & FAMILY



### EWTN INSPIRED PRAYER MOMENT

Holy Mother please grant me the grace of holy remembrance that I may always recall the price Christ paid for my salvation.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2025

SUN. 9:00 A.M.	<b>ADOLPH MONTINI (ANN)</b> REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, EVA AND FAMILY <b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY SHARON PINAHA AND FAMILY <b>RANDY BARTLETT</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY <b>MARK JACOBITZ</b> REQUESTED BY PAULA FORESTER
MON.	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUES. 8:30 A.M.	<b>TONY EPPOLITO</b> REQUESTED BY RONNIE AND KEVIN
WED. 8:30 A.M.	<b>ANNA DELSORBO</b> REQUESTED BY RONNIE AND KEVIN
THURS. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
FRI. 8:30 A.M.	<b>MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT</b>
SUN. 9:00 A.M.	<b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHULTZ FAMILY</b> REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ <b>MICHELE BENNETT</b> REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY <b>ALICIA CORBETT</b> REQUESTED BY CARPENTER 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.

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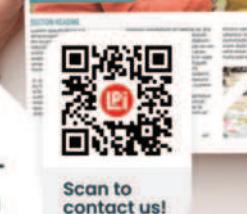


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