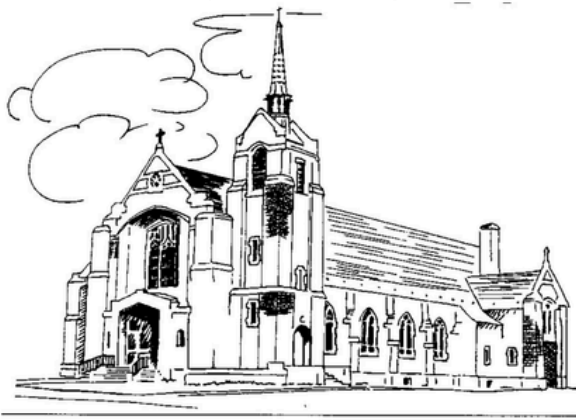


Church of the Holy Spirit



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Holy Trinity Church



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Phone: 518-725-3143 | **Fax:** 518-725-7245

Rectory Address: 205 Glebe St., Johnstown, NY 12095

Rectory Phone: 518-762-2011

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM

Daily Mass - Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Call the Parish Offices.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you are planning a surgery, call the parish office or Fr. Matt to make an appointment to receive Sacrament of the Sick. 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 July 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 helpline 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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God’s Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word? Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. “The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.” By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing. God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed “understand the Word.” Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways. When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold. Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— 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 2nd 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. At this time we have a need for infant/toddler diapers size 1— size 7.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



COLLECTION INFORMATION

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Spirit 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	6/28/26
Envelopes	\$2,223.00
Loose	\$648.00
Online	\$293.00
Total Weekly	\$3,164.00
Other	\$606.35
Berkshire Rent	\$1,803.00
Total Income	\$5,573.35

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 131 11:30 A.M. 151

Collection	6/28/26
Envelopes	\$1,402.00
Loose	\$415.00
Online	\$.00
Total Weekly	\$1,817.00
Other	\$85.00
Total Income	\$1,902.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 149

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 19, 2026

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 PM	Rich Nigro	Ron Zimmerman (H) Brian Farley (H) Rita Bravo (C) Judy Vickery (C)
11:30 AM	Renee Smith	Jamin Clemente (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 AM	Gary McCoy	Renee Smith (H) Rebecca Weiderman (C) Eva Van Alstyne (C)
Wells House/Pineview Commons July 26 Diane Savage and Yvonne Major		

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITY

The **Family Life Booth** at the **Fonda Fair** is an interdenominational witness to the sanctity of life. It is coordinated by Carol Jordan from Amsterdam and Madeline Derwin from Sammonsville. The purpose of the booth is to share information about the dangers of abortion and euthanasia. The fair runs from September 2 through Labor Day, September 7. If you would like to help us cover the hours, please contact Chris Nunn-Crane at 518-736-1558.

Additional Mission Co-Op Collection

Holy Spirit \$550.00
Holy Trinity \$145.00

Fr. Matt Farewell Reception

Save the Date for Our Farewell Reception for Fr. Matt that will be held at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th at the Concordia Club.

WE NEED YOU!

Please search in your heart to become a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. Take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. We are all worthy in His presence. Please contact the Parish Office if you feel called to serve.

Please join parish seminarian **Justin Hollingshead** for coffee, snacks, and presentations after the 9 am Mass in the Holy Trinity outdoor gathering space in front of Glebe Street the following weekends:

Sunday, July 12th (Topic: "Does God Love Me?")
Sunday, July 19th (Topic: "On Silence")
Sunday, July 26th (Topic: "Praying Everyday")



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.

Planned Giving: Please consider a gift to your parish in your estate planning. In addition, your IRA may allow you to send a gift to your parish for tax benefits. Thank you for your generosity!

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

Our combined Parish **Fun Fest** will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church. Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and music. The festival committee sent twenty five raffle tickets to parishioners. Each household has the option of either selling the tickets to friends and family or outright purchasing the tickets themselves. Thank you for your support.

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$23,771.00
Balance 0

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$14,219.00
Balance \$10,121.00

Yeti Cooler and Bowman's market gift card raffle

The raffle will take place at the end of our Summer Fun Fest on August 1st. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and are available at the Parish Office.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please follow the dates listed below when submitting announcements to be in the bulletin.

BULLETIN: JULY 19TH

DEADLINE: JULY 13TH, NO LATER THAN 10AM

PERPETUAL NO LONGER?

For the last 13 years, we have been blessed to have the only Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the diocese. Adorers from both Fulton and Montgomery Counties have been praying around the clock in front of the Real Presence in our chapel. Recently we have not been able to fill all the hours due to a variety of health and other personal problems. The chapel committee asks you to prayerfully consider offering one hour a week in conversation with Our Lord. We desperately need more adorers to continue being perpetual. If you are already an adorer, we ask that you think seriously about joining the chapel committee to help us keep the chapel operating. Contact Cindy Kuzia @ 518-724-3532 for more information.

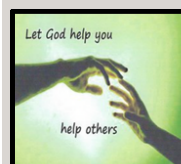
Everyday Stewardship

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more. The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit. This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

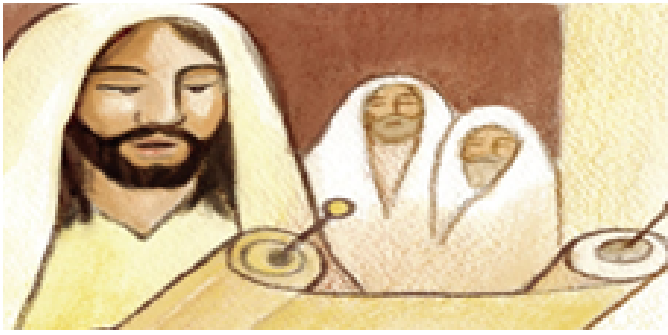
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.



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



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. — *Mt 13:57-58*

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT. 4:00 PM VITO AND MARIA MARTINI
REQUESTED BY GRANDCHILDREN
GRACE HAMMONS
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPEDO
DIANNE POSLUSZNY
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND PATTY FRANCO
CAROLYN HAYES
REQUESTED BY CAROL COLLAR

SUN. 11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

WED. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

THURS. 8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE

FRI. 8:30AM MARGARET RIETH
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, BARBARA
BERNIE LANDRIO
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, MARY

SAT. 4:00 PM JACOB & ANTIONETTE RUGGIERO
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, MARGUERITE
ELEANOR KING
REQUESTED BY SISTER, MARGUERITE
LOUIS POLLAK
REQUESTED BY POLLAK FAMILY
HORTENZIO & SHIRLEY PAPA
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY

SUN. 11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUN. 9:00AM PRICILLA CURTHOYS
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
IN HONOR OF LEE LANOIS 95TH B'DAY
REQUESTED BY BONNIE VANWIE
MILLER FAMILY
REQUESTED BY MCKENZIE FAMILY
MEL AND BETTYE CUMMINGS
REQUESTED BY DAVE CUMMINGS
PETER AND LISE WILSON
REQUESTED BY WILSON CHILDREN

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

WED. 8:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

THURS. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

FRI. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00AM BRUCE MRHA
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
BERNIE LANDRIO (50TH WEDDING ANN)
REQUESTED BY LOVING WIFE, MARY
CAROLYN HAYES
REQUESTED BY FAGAN 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.