

Church of the Holy Spirit



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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

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Buildings & Grounds John
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Music Coordinator 9 A.M. Mary Puznowski
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Sunday - 9:00 AM

Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father." - Mt 13:43a*

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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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing. But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small. Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing. When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway. Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. 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 19, 2026

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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	7/5/26
Envelopes	\$6,005.00
Loose	\$491.00
Online	\$603.00
Total Weekly	\$7,099.00
Other	\$806.00
Total Income	\$7,905.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 96 11:30 A.M. 98

Collection	7/5/26
Envelopes	\$2,161.00
Loose	\$370.00
Online	\$281.61
Total Weekly	\$2,812.61
Other	\$10.00
Total Income	\$2,822.61

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 151

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26, 2026

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
4:00 PM	John Mazur	Ginni Mazur (H) Rich Nigro (H) Andy LaPorta (C) Cookie Fleischut (C)
11:30 AM	Michael Rubscha	Cecilia Eagan (H) Karen Hoose (C) Sandy Brower (C)

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
9:00 AM	Concetta Sager	Anne Solar (H) Chris Nunn-Crane (C) Mary Ann Armstrong (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 Sammons ville. 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.

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 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 SIXTEENTH 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

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.

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.



Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Our special collection next week will be for Peter's Pence which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous in next weeks Collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

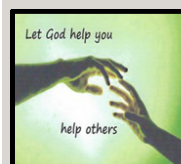
BULLETIN: JULY 26TH

DEADLINE: JULY 20TH, NO LATER THAN 10AM

Bakers needed: We are in need of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and small loaves of quick breads for our Bake Sale Table at our Fun Fest. If you like to bake, please consider helping in this way.



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



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mk 6:34

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

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 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASCATORE FAMILY
REQUESTED BY MICKI & LEE FRASCATORE
MARY ANN RIETH
REQUESTED BY SISTER-IN-LAW, BARBARA

FRI. 8:30AM ALFONSO DEPASQUALE
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF EDITH DEPASQUALE

SAT. 4:00 PM MADELINE AND LOUIS FRANCO
REQUESTED BY PAPA FAMILY
RALPH JOSEPH OTTUSO
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

SUN. 11:30AM ROSE SCHEPIS
REQUESTED BY ESTATE
LYNDEL CONLEY
REQUESTED BY DAVID AND JEN CONNOLLY
CAROLE CRANE
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
MARY SOCHA
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

MON. NO MASS

TUES. 8:30AM ROB WILDE (2ND ANN)
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN-CRANE

WED. 8:30AM LISE WILSON
REQUESTED BY WILSON CHIRLDREN

THURS. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

FRI. 8:30AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUN. 9:00AM KEVIN KLINE
REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE
JILL CALLERY (15TH ANN)
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
BETTY AND JIM MALE
REQUESTED BY FRAN AND 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.