

## Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

## Holy Trinity Church



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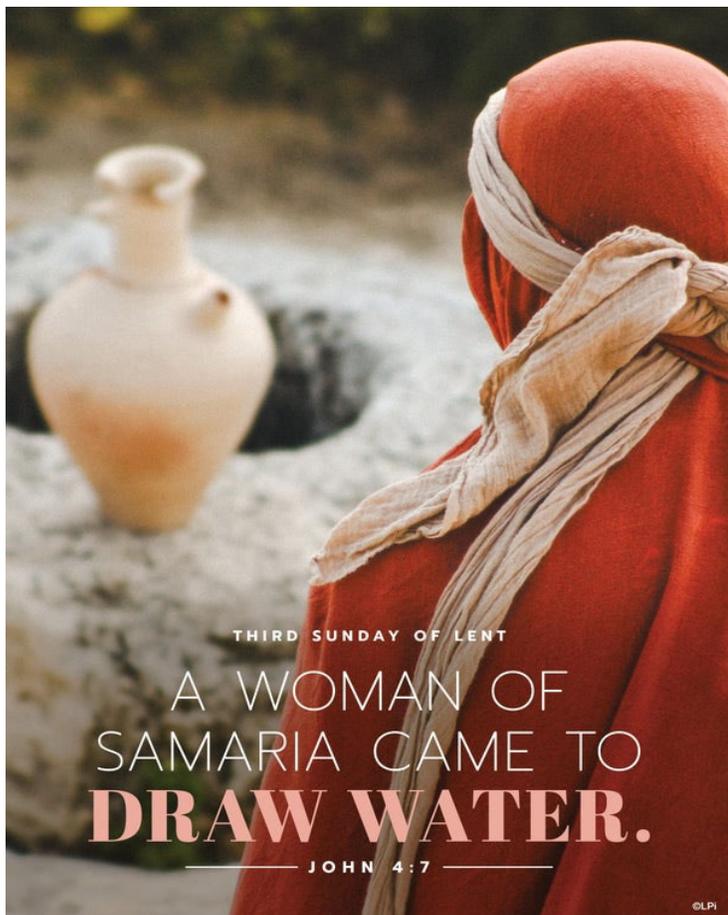
**OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
**(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)**

*Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor*

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*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor Emeritus*



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF  
SAMARIA CAME TO  
**DRAW WATER.**

JOHN 4:7

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### LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager

Michele Miller, Administrative Assistant

Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator

Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

Tricia Tauss, Office Assistant

### 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.

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

**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 March 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](mailto: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.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith. In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit. This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others. Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— 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 MARCH 8, 2026

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-3

MARCH 8, 2026

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information

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	2/22/26
Envelopes	\$2,465.00
Loose	\$549.00
Online	\$333.00
Total Weekly	\$3,347.00
Other	\$447.00
Ash Wednesday	\$804.00
Total Income	\$4,598.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 119 11:30 A.M. 123

Collection	2/22/26
Envelopes	\$1,986.00
Loose	\$192.00
Online	\$.00
Total Weekly	\$2,178.00
Other	\$110.00
Ash Wednesday	\$591.00
Total Income	\$2,879.00

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 103

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 15, 2026

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Rich Nigro	Ron Zimmerman (H) Ginni Mazur (H) Kristin Farley (C) Cindy Krueger (C)
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Michael Rubscha	Roland O'Brien Bills (H) Benedetta Scarpa (C) John Czelusniak (C)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Lynn Knowlton	Liz Carey (H) Eva Van Alstyne (C) Mary Ann Armstrong (C)
<b>Wells House/Pineview Commons March 8 Diane Savage and Yvonne Major</b>		

**Extended Confessions**

Fr. Matt will offer a period of extended confessions on Wednesday, March 18th from 2pm to 7pm at Holy Trinity in the church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for prayer.

**EWTV 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.

**Holy Trinity Rosary Society** will meet for its March meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 4:30 in the meeting room in the parish hall.

**Adult Faith** is meeting on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30am in the meeting room at Holy Trinity. Our Lenten program emphasizes God's forgiveness through the Sacraments.

**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.

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit** will hold their next meeting on Monday, April 6th at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall at Holy Spirit. All women are invited to attend. New members are always welcome.

**The Chosen: Last Supper**

The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while his disciples anticipate his crowning. But instead of confronting Rome he turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious & political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last.

If you want to enter into this experience of being a part of the events of Holy Week we will be meeting on March 11, March 17 and March 21 at Spirit Central, Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 S Main St. Gloversville.

Choose EITHER: Tuesday mornings at 10 AM OR Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Questions? Contact Karen Hoose: holyspirit12078@gmail.com or 518-461-1217

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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)

Youth Mass March 8th at 11:30 am at Holy Spirit Church for grades K-10. Please note that grades 7-9 still have class in the evening as well.

Candles are available at the church entrances with our Emmaus candidates and team names on them. Please pick one up to take home and light and pray for that person from now through the Emmaus Retreat weekend which is March 13-15. **Teen Mass and Emmaus Closing** will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 4:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit. This Mass is for ALL parishioners, families as well as for teens who did not attend the retreat. Please come to welcome the Emmaus Candidates and team back from their retreat weekend and hear a little about their experience.

No classes the weekend of March 15th due to the Emmaus Retreat.

### 2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

#### Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$21,015.00  
Balance \$0

#### Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$11,569.00  
Balance \$12,771.00

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.

### Stations of the Cross

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. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit and 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity.

### 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:

**MARCH 15TH**

#### DEADLINE:

**MARCH 9TH  
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.

### When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping. The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper. I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone. What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later. This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form. Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

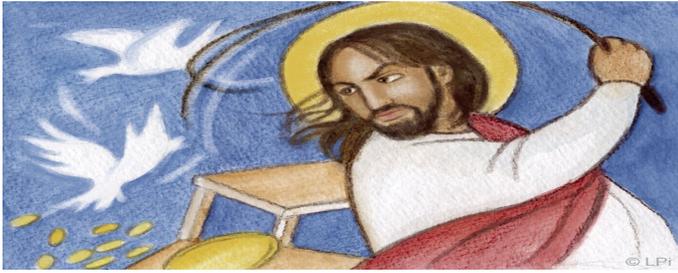
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### HELPERS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE:

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



*Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. — Jn 2:13b-15a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**      **VINCE LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY KIM AND CAROL COLLAR  
**DR. JOHN AND JOAN ESPER**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**BETTY ANADIO**  
REQUESTED BY MALAGISI FAMILY  
**CAROLYN TIERNEY**  
REQUESTED BY SHOBLUM FAMILY
- SUN. 11:30 A.M**      **SOPHIE CAPOROSSI**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**NICHOLAS DEROSA**  
REQUESTED BY JIM AND TONI
- MON.**                      **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.**      **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- WED. 8:30 A.M.**      **MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**
- THURS. 8:30**              **ELSIE PETRILLO**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE  
**JAMES RIETH**  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, BARBARA
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**        **LORRAINE MCMULLEN**  
REQUESTED BY TONI RUSSO  
**ALFRED MUNISE**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**PRISCILLA CURTHOYS**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.**        **ASUNTA LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY LAPORTA FAMILY  
**VINCENT LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY JIM AND SHARON HILLIER  
**FRAN GARGUILO**  
REQUESTED BY SANDY YACOBUCCI
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.**      **BETTY ANADIO**  
REQUESTED BY FRANK, TAMMY, AND SALLY  
MALAGISI

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

- SUN. 9:00 A.M**        **PAT O'LUCCI (1ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY PETER, LINDA, JOSEPH & KAREN  
**PHILLIP SANTANGELO SR.**  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY  
**PRISCILLA CURTHOYS**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN
- MON.**                      **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.**      **PHILLIP SANTANGELO SR.**  
REQUESTED BY BARB AND RAY DALMATA
- WED. 8:30 A.M.**      **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE**  
**ADEBAHR FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY GEORGIA
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.**      **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.**        **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M**        **LOIS MALATINO**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**MILDRED MYLOTT MEYER**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**DORA STEENBURGH**  
REQUESTED BY GENTILE, STEENBURGH AND  
KOVAROVIC FAMILIES  
**JOE BARTLETT (4TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY MARLENE

### St. Patrick's Dinner

March 22nd at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Social Hour 1pm with Dinner at 2pm. Donation \$15.00. Eat in only. Only 110 tickets will be sold. Tickets available at the Parish Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

Next weekend our **Special Collection** is for **Catholic Relief Services.**



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.