

Church of the Holy Spirit



151 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078

Holy Trinity Church



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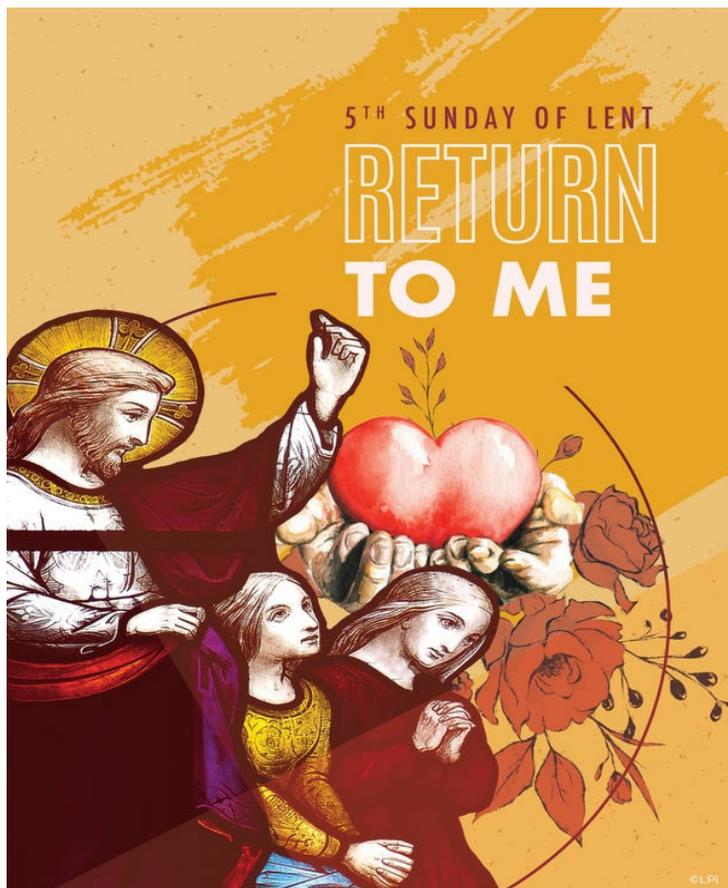
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Holy Trinity website: <https://parishes.rcda.org/HolyTrinityJohnstown/>

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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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery
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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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

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.

5th Sunday of Lent

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus’ voice cuts through the silence: “Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him. It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, “Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44). That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ’s voice breaks through, anyway. Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

MARCH 22, 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	3/8/26
Envelopes	\$3,648.00
Loose	\$604.00
Online	\$658.00
Total Weekly	\$4,910.00
Other	\$507.20
Rents	\$2,401.00
Total Income	\$7,818.20

Attendance 4:00 P.M. 141 11:30 A.M. 156

Collection	3/8/26
Envelopes	\$2,005.00
Loose	\$238.00
Online 2/26	\$163.53
Total Weekly	\$2,406.53
Other	\$510.00
Total Income	\$2,916.53

Attendance 9:00 A.M. 113

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 29, 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Andy LaPorta Ron Zimmerman (H)
Rich Nigro (H)
Rita Bravo (C)
Diana Javerone (C)

11:30 A.M. Karen Hoose Sandy Brower (H)
Benedetta Scarpa (C)
John Czelusniak (C)

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

9:00 A.M. Gary McCoy Renee Smith (H)
John Sagan Jennifer Connolly (C)
Liz Carey (C)

Wells House/Pineview Commons March 22 Patty Lorence

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.

Sisters of the Holy Spirit Scholarship

Any high school senior who is an **active, participating** member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Parish and who plans to further his/her education next year may apply for this scholarship. Information flyers and applications are available beginning the weekend of March 1st at the Church entrances. Applications will also be available at the Church of the Holy Spirit business office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 A. M. - 2:00 P.M .

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can shine outward.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.
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HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday Mass: 5:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit Church and 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
Good Friday Service: 5:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
Easter Sunday Masses:
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
11:30 am at Church of the Holy Spirit

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

No classed the weekend of April 5th.

First Communion will be Sunday, May 17th 9:00 am at Holy Trinity and 11:30 am at Holy Spirit.

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Auriesville Shrine.

2025/2026 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Holy Spirit

Diocesan Assessment \$16,598.00
Gifts/Pledges \$21,508.00
Balance \$0

Holy Trinity

Diocesan Assessment \$24,340.00
Gifts/Pledges \$11,769.00
Balance \$12,571.00

Candle Price Increase

Effective Monday, March 30th the price of the 4 hour candles will be \$1.00 and the 5 day candles will be \$4.00.

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:

APRIL 5TH

DEADLINE:

**MARCH 24TH
NO LATER THAN
10AM**

Music Ministry Help Request: Our faithful Mass musical ensembles are always looking for gifted vocalists and instrumentalists to consider joining us at our weekend liturgies to help lift our communities in joyful song to the Lord.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at any of our three weekend liturgies, please contact the office at 518 725 3143 to connect with Paul Whitney (4 pm Mass coordinator) and/or Sue Shrader (11:30 am Mass coordinator).

You may reach Mary Puznowski (9 am Mass coordinator) directly at 315-867-9020 or mayorpuznowski@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest!



Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
Where the ground feels dry,
break through with life anew.
Amen.

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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



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.

Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church



HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **PHYLLIS BERGER**
REQUESTED BY MARIA DOLDER
VINCENT LAPORTA
REQUESTED BY AURELIA & NOONAN FAMILIES
FRANCES GARGUILO
REQUESTED BY GUY AND JOAN CIACCIO AND
URSULA MACDONALD
MARY JANE KNAPP
REQUESTED BY JOE AND KELLY GALEA
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **CAROLE CRANE**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
ROSALIND SINICROPI
REQUESTED BY MICHAEL & MICHELE DOWNING
- 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.** **NICOLE FARHART**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
HEALING FOR MAURA DALMATA
REQUESTED BY TONI RUSSO
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **FRANCES GARGUILO**
REQUESTED BY TONI RUSSO
- SAT. 4:00 P.M.** **VINCE LAPORTA**
REQUESTED BY CINDY AND KRISTIN
HEALING FOR DAVID SEWARD
REQUESTED BY LANDRIO FAMILY
HEALING FOR ROBERT JOHNSTON
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND JANET HOOSE
- SUN. 11:30 A.M.** **MARJORIE TAUSS**
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
ANNA SALVIONE
REQUESTED BY HER CHILDREN

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” — Jn 12:24, 31-32

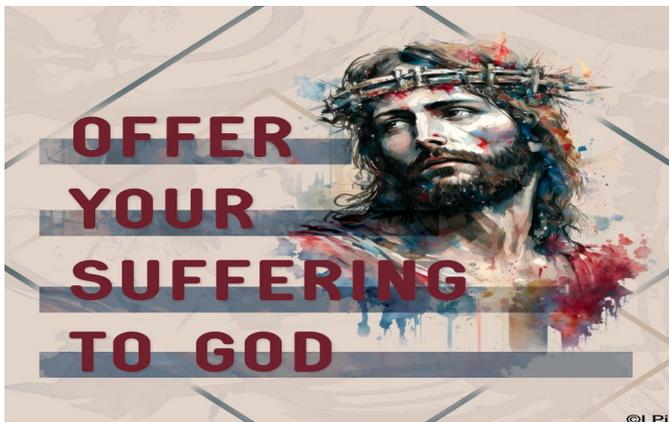
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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **HENRY STRAUSS**
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN
BENNY SILIGATO (23RD ANN)
REQUESTED BY FRAN AND FAMILY
DOMINIC MALATINO
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
JANET MILO
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAMILY
- MON.** **NO MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M.** **MARY JANE KNAPP**
REQUESTED BY VERONICA AND KEVIN QUINN
- WED. 8:30 A.M.** **FOR THE PEOPLE**
- THURS. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M.** **MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 9:00 A.M.** **JOSEPH VILLONE**
REQUESTED BY SUSAN VILLONE
PRISCILLA CURTHOYS
REQUESTED BY DAVID AND JEN CONNOLLY
BRUCE MRHA
REQUESTED BY HELPERS STORE
PHIL SANTANGELO
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE QUINN



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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.