**Church of the Holy Spirit**

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**Holy Trinity Church**

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Phone: (518) 762-2011  
Website: [www.rcda.org/churches/HolyTrinityJohnstown](http://www.rcda.org/churches/HolyTrinityJohnstown)

**OFFICE HOURS FOR BOTH PARISHES:** Monday-Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.  
(Closed 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch) Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

*Rev. Donald Czelusniak, Pastor  
Larry Groesbeck, Deacon*

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** served by:  
Karen Hoose, Director of Faith Formation  
Liz Anderson, Pastoral Assoc. for Business Administration  
Barbara Rieth, Parish Secretary  
Ann Simonson, Youth Minister  
Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds  
Tom Cichy and Lisa Stanyon, 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** served by:  
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Kevin Quinn, Plant Manager  
Joe Polidore, Chair of Joint Pastoral Council  
Frank DeRosa and Bob Schultz, Trustees

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
Sunday - 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.  
Daily Mass - Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Every Saturday 3:15 P.M.-3:45 P.M. at Holy Spirit. Also,  
First Wednesday of the month 7:30 P.M., alternating monthly  
between parishes.  
Jan. 4th at Holy Spirit ~ Feb. 1st at Holy Trinity
**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Weekday Masses:** 8:30 A.M.

- Tuesday & Wednesday at Holy Trinity, Johnstown
- Thursday & Friday at Holy Spirit, Gloversville.

**Confessions:** 3:15 P.M.-3:45 P.M., Saturday at Holy Spirit AND First Wednesday of the Month 7:30 P.M., alternating monthly between the parishes. January 4th at Holy Spirit.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3:00 P.M. at The Church of the Holy Spirit, a concert to benefit Mother Teresa’s Closet will be offered. Featuring the voices of Olivia Esposito and Jessica Zimmerman and the musical talent of Sam Zimmerman, “Joyous Sounds of the Season”, a collection of music that will help you find the spirit of Christmas. Free will donations and items for Mother Teresa’s Closet will be collected. We hope to see you there.

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE:**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Songs and hymns written for Christmas.

This is a popular practice that dates back to the fifth century. The word carol comes from the Greek word *Chorulein* and original referred to a circle dance accompanied by the playing of flutes. The Romans took the custom and the name to Britain where the dance was accompanied by singing. Gradually the word became applied to the song.

The earliest Latin carols, written from about 400 A.D. to about 1200 were profound and solemn. In Italy, St. Francis and the early Franciscans introduced the joyful spirit which soon spread throughout Europe.

St. Francis himself wrote a beautiful Christmas hymn, “Psalmus in Nativitate.” A large number of popular Christmas carols were written in Germany in the fourteenth century under the inspiration of the Dominicans.

The earliest known English Christmas Carol was written about the first of the fifteenth century. After the Reformation, most of the old hymns and carols were forgotten until their revival in the nineteenth century. Carols in general were discouraged by the Calvinists and suppressed altogether by the Puritans. After Christmas was restored in England, the new songs were festive but not religious. The Methodist revival in the eighteenth century inspired a number of modern hymns first used only in Methodist churches but which were gradually welcomed by all English speaking people. The best known of these is “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” written by Charles Wesley. The Lutherans wrote new hymns for their own use and some written by Martin Luther are treasured in many churches today.

The first American carol was written by the Jesuit Missionary to the Huron Indians, St. John de Brebeuf. He adapted a sixteenth-century French folk song and wrote the Christmas hymn “Jesous Ahatonnia” (Jesus is Born) in the Huron language.

Fr. Jim Davis will be installed as Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Church in Fort Plain on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 P.M.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016**

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The Church of the Holy Spirit
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<td>Salvina Michel, Benedetta Scarpa, Kathy Sponenberg</td>
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<td>Attendance 4:00 P.M.</td>
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<td>Eva VanAlystne, Michael &amp; Judy Scunziano</td>
<td>Christian &amp; Allison Scunziano</td>
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<td>Anne Solar</td>
<td>Mary Ann Armstrong, Kevin &amp; Ronnie Quinn</td>
<td>Mickey Staie</td>
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<td>Wells House/Pineview Commons: Bonnie VanWie &amp; Rebecca Weiderman</td>
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Regular Collection 12/4/16: $4,881.00
Envelopes: $4,070.00
Loose: $304.00
Online: $507.00
Christmas Flowers: $1,402.00
Attendance 8:00 A.M. 157 ~ 10:00 A.M. 182

The Holy Trinity Outreach Committee is sponsoring families for Christmas again this year. If you are interested in giving to a family in need for Christmas please contact the office (Jeannie) for information such as sizes and other needs. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may drop your donation in the offertory basket marked “Christmas Families” attention Jeannie or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

MOTHER TERESA’S CLOSET:
Have you purchased you raffle ticket yet? The drawing for the beautiful quilt donated by the “Grateful Threads” will be held on Dec. 18th after the 10:00 A.M. Mass at Holy Trinity. Tickets are $2.00 each and will be available at Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit offices. All proceeds will benefit Mother Teresa’s Closet.

—The Outreach Committee

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS in memory of:
Arthur Byrne by Kingsboro Towers Tenants Assoc.
Frank Madonna by Sandra Yacobucci
Michael DiMarco by Sandra Yacobucci
Ruth Bisset by Dorothy Holly, Frances Cuomo, Carolyn Dunn, John & Patty Franco, Ralph Ameduri, Richard X. Kline, Suzanne Ferguson, Janet Glasser, Paul & Mary Boardway, Patricia & Gerald Lussier, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Flanagan.
Nancy Autilio by Joe & Gloria LaPorta, Michael & Dorothy LaPorta, Patricia & Frank Lauria.
Elizabeth “Elaine” Balzano by John & Patty Franco, Anthony & Maryann Zierer.

ADORATION CHAPEL DONATIONS in memory of:

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord
“Our God will be made manifest; He will not come in silence.”
Perpetual Adoration Fulton Montgomery Deanery. Look for us on Facebook.
**Faith Formation Classes – Week of December 11th**

**Youth Ministry**
Grades 6-8 will meet from 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
at Spirit Central.
Grades 9-10 will meet from 7:15 P.M.-8:15 P.M.
Elementary and First Communion– Grades K-5
Classes meet from 10:15 A.M.-11:15 A.M.

**Carols and Cookies**: Next Sunday, December 18, the Elementary classes will be singing carols in the parish hall during their class time (10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.). Coffee and cookies will be shared. Everyone is invited to attend!

**Hanging of the Greens**: Next Sunday, December 18, the Youth Ministry teens will be participating in getting the Church prepared for the Christmas season. There will be a reading before each decoration is hung to explain where the traditions have evolved through many hundreds of years. Paul Whitney will lead us in Christmas songs as we “deck the halls.” We will start at 4:00 P.M. and the whole parish is invited to attend. This will be the class for Youth Ministry next Sunday.

**CALENDARS** for 2017 are available at the Church entrances at Holy Spirit through the courtesy of the Walrath & Stewart and Kobuskie-Konik Funeral Homes. They are also available at the entrances of the Holy Trinity Church courtesy of Barter & Donnan Funeral Home and A.G. Cole Funeral Home, Inc. Our thanks for their continued generosity!

**OPLATKY** wafers are available at the handicap ramp inside the Church at Holy Trinity and in the Church of the Holy Spirit after Masses. Donation is $1.00. You may also stop by the Parish Offices to purchase your Christmas wafers.

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Wed. Dec. 14th. 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. in the gym. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org

**BINGO WORKERS**: The Knights of Columbus are scheduled on 12/17.
**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
JOHN HEIMER, JR.  
REQUESTED BY WIFE & FAMILY  
RICHARD RUBSCHA (15TH ANN)  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
SOPHIE CAPOROSI  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
COLLAR & LOMBARDO FAMILIES  
REQUESTED BY HELEN LOMBARDO

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.**  
MICHAEL DIMARCO  
REQUESTED BY TOM, MICHIELE & DANIEL BEEBEE  
THERESA AVELLINO  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
ARLENE CARMER (HEALING)  
REQUESTED BY BRIAN, CINDY & KRISTIN FARLEY  
MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

**MON. 8:30 A.M.**  
NO DAILY MASS

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.**  
MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

**WED. 8:30 A.M.**  
MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

**THURS. 8:30 A.M.**  
LOIS KOPLIN  
REQUESTED BY HARRIET GRADY  
VIOLA BUCCI  
REQUESTED BY CHARLIE PAPA

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.**  
CATHERINE LANDRIO  
REQUESTED BY HANK & MARIE BORN  
END OF ABORTION

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
SAL LANDRIO (5TH ANN)  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
PAUL DONOVAN (B’DAY)  
REQUESTED BY JIM & PAT DONOVAN  
MAYNARD CLARK  
REQUESTED BY LOUISE CARUSO  
JEFFREY PELOSI  
REQUESTED BY MOM & DAD

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.**  
DOLORES DIGIACOMO  
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND, FRANK  
MICHAEL DIMARCO  
REQUESTED BY JIM & PAT DONOVAN  
ELAINE BALZANO  
REQUESTED BY GERAGHITY FAMILY  
MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

Pray for Rev. Michael D. Clemente, Helen Gazzillo, Constance Kesner, Robert Manieri and all who have gone to their heavenly reward and all who are sick or recuperating at home or in nursing homes.

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**HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
DOUGLAS CORRELL  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
JOAN SMULLEN  
REQUESTED BY HAMMOND & RICHARDSON FAMILIES  
TOM FIORAVANTI  
REQUESTED BY ELLEN & BILL HUNT  
TERESA RUGGERI  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY ROSARY SOCIETY  
MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

**SUN. 10:00 A.M.**  
DOROTHY SWEENEY HANCHEAR (2ND ANN)  
REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER  
CHRISTINE “KRISY” SCHWARTZ (5TH ANN)  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
OLIVIA DAVIS  
REQUESTED BY LISE WILSON & FAMILY  
FRANK MADONNA  
REQUESTED BY ROZANNE MELITA  
SPECIAL INTENTION

**MON. 8:30 A.M.**  
NO DAILY MASS

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.**  
LOIS KOPLIN  
REQUESTED BY HARRIET GRADY  
THOMAS VACEK (1ST ANN.)  
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN

**WED. 8:30 A.M.**  
END ABORTION  
REQUESTED BY RESPECT LIFE GROUP  
CARMELLA CHRISTIANO (2ND ANN)  
REQUESTED BY CHRIS NUNN

**THURS. 8:30 A.M.**  
MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.**  
MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
ANGELA PRADELSKI (ANN)  
REQUESTED BY JOHN & MARY PRADELSKI & FAMILY  
DAVID RUBINO  
REQUESTED BY LARRY & MARILYN POITRAS  
CATHERINE LANDRIO  
REQUESTED BY VICKI COOK  
MARY (B’DAY) & BERNIE SILIGATO  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTERS

**SUN. 10:00 A.M.**  
OLIVIA DAVIS  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
DOUGLAS CORRELL  
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FRANK MADONNA  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

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**Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." - Mt 11:4-5**

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**Christmas Flower Donations**

If you would like to donate toward our fund, please do so by using an envelope clearly marked Christmas flowers or use the envelope in your parish envelope packet. Please include your name, the name of the person/s the donation is in memory of and the Church for which the donation is for. We will publish the booklet of names during the Christmas season. The deadline for donations is December 18th.