

## Church of the Holy Spirit



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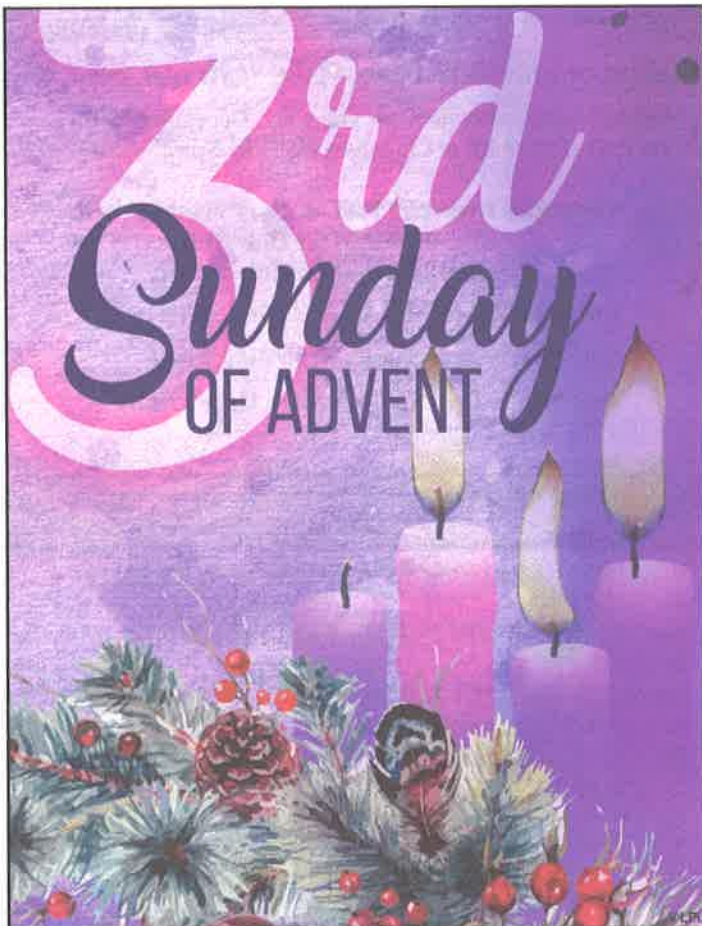
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(Closed 12:30-P.M.-1:30 P.M. for lunch)

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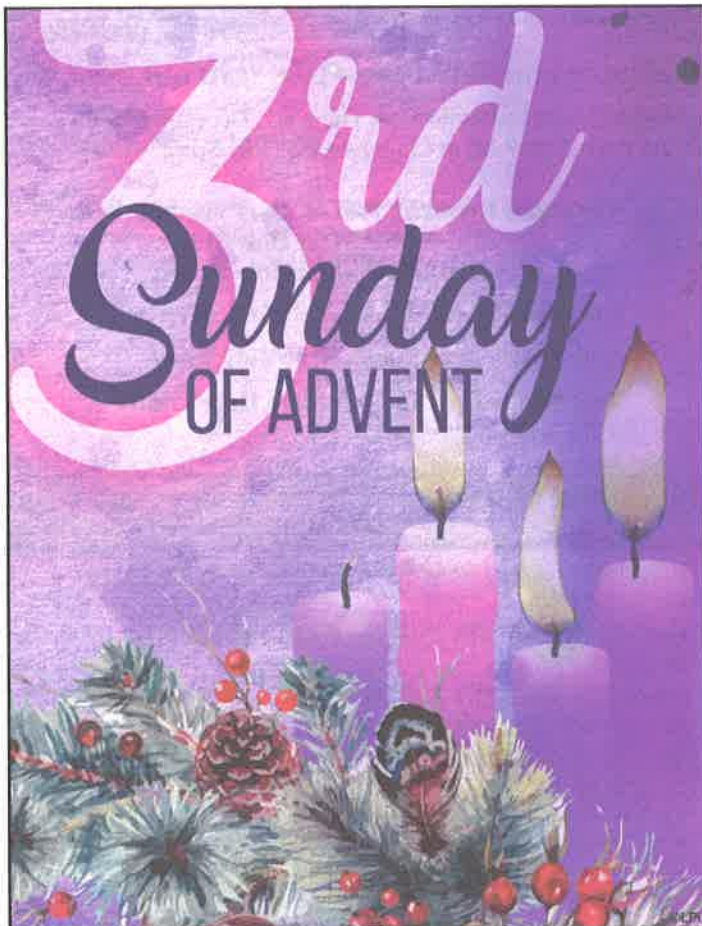
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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE:**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Father Matt will hear confessions on Thursday, December 19th  
2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. at Church of the Holy Spirit

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity  
7:00 P.M. at Holy Spirit  
10:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity**

**Christmas Day: 9:00 A.M. at Holy Spirit  
New Year's Eve: 4:00 P.M. at Holy Spirit  
New Year's Day: 10:00 A.M. at Holy Trinity**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019**

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]  
Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 117  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]  
Lk 1:39-45  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**BAPTISM:** First time parents are required to receive instructions. Call parish offices.

**RECONCILIATION:** 3:15 P.M. Saturday at Holy Spirit AND First Wednesday of the Month following devotions, alternating monthly between parishes.

**MATRIMONY:** Pre-Cana is expected. Call parish offices at least six months in advance.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Call the Parish Offices.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** If you are planning a surgery, ask one of our priests to celebrate the Sacrament after one of our weekend or daily Masses. Seriously ill or home bound should call the office.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL:** At The Church of the Holy Spirit.

**CEMETERIES:** Call parish offices.

**MOTHER TERESA'S CLOSET:** Emergency household and 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.

**WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS: 3:00 P.M.** In December the Wednesday Devotions will be at Holy Trinity 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.

**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.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS:** Men and women can find healing from the pain of abortion. Email [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).



December 15, 2019

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information for the week of:  
December 1, 2019



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information for the week of:  
December 1, 2019

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are \$378,427.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$7,277.00.) Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Collection 12/1/19	
Envelopes	\$3,411.00
Loose	\$612.00
Online	\$437.00
Other	\$2,268.00
Total	\$6,728.00

Attendance 4:00 P.M.	11:30 A.M.	
2019-2020 Bishops Appeal		
Assessment		\$39,470.00
178 Gifts		\$37,458.00
Balance		\$2,012.00

Weekly Collection	12/1/19	
Regular Collection		\$2,703.26
Envelopes		\$2,492.00
Loose		\$211.26
Other		\$15.00
Human Development		\$13.00
Christmas Flowers		\$211.26
Attendance 8:00 A.M.	120	10:00 A.M. 110
2019-2020 Bishops Appeal		
Assessment		\$45,073.00
100 Gifts		\$45,468.00
Excess over assessment		\$395.00

**OUR COUNTRY NEEDS OUR PRAYERS:**

Please join us to pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. at the Trackside Homes meeting room in Johnstown.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2019**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Sandy Yacobucci Sue Cichy	Rich & Barbara Tucci, Barbara Rieth	Kirstin Farley Mike Nichols & Elijah Fortman
11:30 A.M.	Jamin Clemente Matt Trainor	Pam Bray, Sandy Brower, Teshia Schultz	Preston & Julia Gillis, Evelina/Gianna Masi

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
8:00 A.M.	Alan Spawn	Joe & Bridget Polidore, Jean Schultz	
10:00 A.M.	Gerard McAuliffe	Kevin & Veronic Quinn, volunteer	Grace Giarizzo

*Wells House/Pineview Commons: Chris Nunn & Anna Moudgil*



**OPLATKY CHRISTMAS WAFERS** are available at the entrances to both Church's. Donation is \$1.00. They are also available at the Parish Offices.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER** donations need to be received by December 16th to honor your loved ones in the Flower Memorial booklet.

Holy Trinity will be sponsoring families for Christmas. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the office for information. We will also be donating food baskets to the



**MOTHER TERESA'S CLOSET:** We could not provide these services without your help. If you can help on the Wednesday distribution days, please call the office at (518-762-2636).

You can make a donation to Mother Teresa's Closet in memory of a loved one that has passed. Just mail an envelope to Holy Trinity Parish, 207 Glebe Street, Johnstown with your donation. Please include the name of the person that you would like remembered and write on the check in the memo line, Mother Teresa's Closet."



**HELPERS COMMUNITY STORE:**

Thank you to all who continue to donate items to our store and thank you to all who donate their time to keep our Helpers Community Store open. **If you are interested in**

**volunteering at the store, please call (518) 725-9131.**

## Third Sunday of Advent

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

**Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator**  
email: [nosnomis3@yahoo.com](mailto:nosnomis3@yahoo.com)

**ANNUAL VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR:** will be Sunday, December 15th from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. in the gym. Shop with over 25 unique vendors and support local business. This is a great opportunity to pick up some home décor, candles, clothing, local honey/maple syrup, jewelry, skin-care, personalized and unique Christmas gifts and much more! Food and drinks will be available for purchase. All are welcome.

**COOKIES AND CAROLS:** Sunday, December 22nd the Faith Formation Program grades K-5 will be having their annual event during their class time in the gym. Please join us for carols and refreshments. Following the event there will be a Youth Mass 11:30 A.M.



**YOUTH MASS:** December 22nd at 11:30 A.M. If any child, teen or family would like to help during this mass, please contact Ann Simonson. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together as a church family!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** We will no longer be having this event on December 22nd, because we have decided to incorporate it into the 11:30 A.M. Mass during the 4 weeks of Advent so that the whole parish could join us!

**There will be no Faith Formation Classes** the weekends of December 22nd in the evening & December 29th. We will resume classes on January 5th, 2020.



Christmas  
**Joy**

We will sing Christmas Eve at 7:00 P.M. and Christmas Day at 9:00 A.M. This invitation is open to all school age children through adults. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to participate with their children. **We have two practices scheduled for December 18th and 19th both at 6:00 P.M. at the Church of the Holy Spirit.** Please call Sue Shrader at 518-773-2755 if you are planning to attend so that I can prepare enough music for everyone.

**FORMED:** Please take advantage of this free account with FORMED. Our parish has this free subscription ready to be used by anyone. All you need to do is go to [FORMED.ORG](https://formed.org) and then simply use our parish information (<https://holytrinityandholyspirit.formed.org>). Open a free account and you're ready to be immersed in your faith!

### HOLY TRINITY PARISH FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

**Cindy Kollar, Faith Formation Coordinator**  
email: [ckollar@holytrinityjohnstown.com](mailto:ckollar@holytrinityjohnstown.com)



During this busy season of Advent, I ask that you talk with your children about the importance of preparing to receive Jesus. Discuss things that you can do as a family to observe the four weeks of advent, try not to get caught up in the "busyness" of the season and put your energy into teaching our children the true meaning of "The Christmas Story."

**Our 4th grade Faith Formation class** will be having a raffle for a hand-knitted prayer blanket made by our catechist, Liz Carey. The class will be selling tickets for \$1.00 after all masses this weekend and will be available in the parish office. The drawing will be on 12/22 just in time for Christmas. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Mother Teresa's Closet. It is very important to keep the closet full, especially at this time of year.

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**ROSARY CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE:** This Sunday, December 15th, we will be selling Christmas Cookies after the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. masses at Holy Trinity.

Prepare  
the way  
of the  
**LORD.**

ISAIAH 40:3



### Adoration of Our Lord "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Holy Spirit. Jesus listens to your heart. Come and visit Him in the Adoration Chapel. We have the following open hours for adorers:  
Saturday 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M. & 11:00 P.M.  
Friday 6:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.  
**JESUS WAITS FOR US.**

**Church of the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019**

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. SAL LANDRIO (8TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**JOHN HEIMER, JR**  
REQUESTED BY WIFE & FAMILY  
**PAUL DONOVAN (B'DAY)**  
REQUESTED BY JIM & PAT DONOVAN  
**WILLIAM "BILL" WILCZAK**  
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPEDO & DAUGHTERS
- SUN. 11:30 A.M. CLEM HANDRON**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN & PATTY FRANCO  
**MARIE GILBERT**  
REQUESTED BY STANYON FAMILY  
**FRANK (3RD ANN) & ANTONIA (1ST ANN) VAN SKIVER**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**CHARLES PAPA**  
REQUESTED BY NANCY & LOUIE ANTONUCCI
- 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. OWEN FARHART**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**CHARLES PAPA**  
REQUESTED BY TOM & TONI RUSSO
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. ALICE PECK**  
REQUESTED BY DON & COOKIE FLEISHCUT
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. ANTHONY JAVARONE**  
REQUESTED BY DIANA  
**HUGO ORLOFF**  
REQUESTED BY A FRIEND  
**ANTHONY & ESTER DEROSA**  
REQUESTED BY FRANK & LENA  
**BETTY BOLES**  
REQUESTED BY DICK & FAMILY  
**SAL AMICO**  
REQUESTED BY RICH & BARB TUCCI
- SUN. 11:30 A.M. CARMELA RIZZO, SR**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE OF ASSUNTA RIZZO  
**JOANN ROSSI**  
REQUESTED BY JOSEPH ROSSI  
**SALVATORE ZARRELLI**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**HENRY ROSS, JR.**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY



Please pray for Charles Papa, Constance DeLilli Coakley and all who are sick or recuperating at home or in nursing homes.

**"T**his is the one about whom it is written:  
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.  
Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been  
none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of  
heaven is greater than he." — **Mc 11:10-11**

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- SUN. 8:00 A.M. MARY DELORME**  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
**JACKIE SWATT**  
REQUESTED BY MARY & BERNIE LANDRIO  
**VIRGINIA FYFE**  
REQUESTED BY IRENE MANNO  
**ROSE CELLARY**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY
- SUN. 10:00 A.M. GINNY MCCOY**  
REQUESTED BY NICK & CINDY KOLLAR  
**DAVID HORNIDGE (3RD ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**MARY SILIGATO**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**MASS FOR THE PEOPLE**
- MON. 8:00 A.M. NO DAILY MASS**
- TUES. 8:30 A.M. GINNY MCCOY**  
REQUESTED BY LISE WILSON & FAMILY  
**MARION BUCKNER**  
REQUESTED BY KEVIN & VERONICA
- WED. 8:30 A.M. SPECIAL INTENTION**  
**PAT BJELICA**  
REQUESTED BY PAT HILL
- THURS. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT**
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. JACKIE SWATT**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**PAUL MANNO**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN CELLARY  
**ANNA & SALVITORE LANDRIO**  
REQUESTED BY MARY & BERNIE LANDRIO  
**MASS FOR THE PEOPLE**
- SUN. 10:00 A.M. GINNY MCCOY**  
REQUESTED BY ED & JEANNIE POPP  
**RICH CARLEY**  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
**SUSAN D'AMORE**  
REQUESTED BY HOLY TRINITY STAFF & FAMILY  
**PATRICIA WORMUTH LANOIS**  
REQUESTED BY LEE LANOIS



Children's bulletin  
**"Jesus and John the Baptist."**  
These bulletins are available at the entrances of Holy Trinity & Holy Spirit Churches.