

## Church of the Holy Spirit



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## Holy Trinity Church



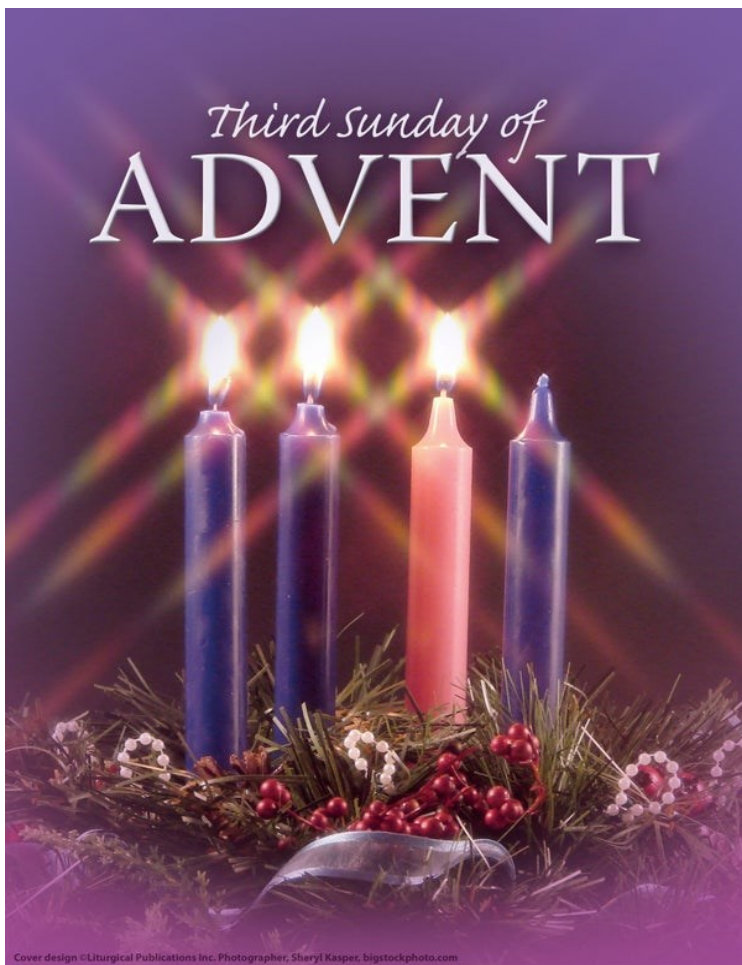
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**OFFICE HOURS at HOLY TRINITY PARISH : Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
**OFFICE HOURS at HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: Monday & Wednesday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
(Closed 12:00-P.M.-1:00 P.M. for lunch)

*Rev. Matthew Wetsel, Pastor*  
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### LINKED PARISH STAFF

Liz Anderson, Office Manager  
Michele Miller, Administrative Assistant  
Ann Simonson, Faith Formation Coordinator  
Adam Valachovic, Buildings & Grounds

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Connolly, Cemetery Director, Mt. Carmel Cemetery  
Ginger Trippodo, Office Assistant

Rich Nigro & Ron Zimmerman, 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

George Buseck, Buildings & Grounds  
John Sefcovic, Cemetery Caretaker-St. Anthony's Cemetery  
Concetta Sager & Lynn Knowlton, Trustees

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday - 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 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 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. If you or a loved one are sick and not able to attend Mass, please make sure to call your respective parish office (the numbers are 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:** 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. –3:30 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.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:30 A.M.**  
Sites will alternate to coincide with the Wednesday 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 Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light. “Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us. We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
**Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

December 11, 2022

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
Collection information



Holy Trinity Parish  
Collection information

Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are \$350,447.00. The average weekly collections needed to meet our expenses (including income from other sources is \$6,739.37.) Thank you for your continued support.

Collection	11/27/22
Envelopes	\$3,286.00
Loose	\$531.00
Online	\$360.00
Total Weekly	\$3,751.00
Other	\$286.00
Total Income	\$4,037.00

Attendance 11/27/22 4:00 P.M. 125 11:30 A.M. 129

Collection	11/27/22
Envelopes	\$2,983.00
Loose	\$371.00
Total Weekly	\$3,354.00
Other	\$30.00
Total Income	\$3,384.00

Attendance 11/27/22 4:00 P.M. 75 11:30 A.M. 96

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LECTOR

MINISTER

4:00 P.M. Mark Amico

Rita Bravo  
Ginni Mazur

11:30 A.M. Karen Hoose

Jamin Clemente  
Pam Bray

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

LECTOR

MINISTER

8:00 A.M. Concetta Sager

Karen Nellis

10:00 A.M. Willow Carey

Anne Solar



**Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocesan Appeal year has begun and a mailing was sent in-home in October. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and that of your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community of 126 parishes in 14 counties, serving you in the day-to-day and milestone moments of your life. If you are eager to get started, you can make a gift or pledge online at [www.thediocesanappeal.org](http://www.thediocesanappeal.org) or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name and the name & location of our parish. Thank you!

**Our Parish assessments are as follows:**

Holy Spirit \$34,580.00  
Total Payment/Pledge \$24,623.00  
Balance \$9,957.00

Holy Trinity \$32,676.00  
Total Payment/Pledge \$9,323.00  
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00  
Balance \$13,353.00



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at Holy Trinity Church. They are located at both entrances of the Church and also available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$1.00 per package.



**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.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

**Cookies and Carols:** Faith Formation will be having their annual Cookies and Carols event on Sunday, **December 18, 2022 at Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown.** Grades K-5 will attend the **10:00am Mass at Holy Trinity** along with their teachers and families. We will all then go over to the church hall from 11:00 – 11:45am to hear each grade perform a Christmas song they have been working on. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate.

**Blessing of the First Communion students:** The First Communion students will be blessed at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 18th at Holy Trinity in Johnstown.

**Youth Ministry:** On Friday, December 30th, grades 6-10 from Holy Spirit/Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's/St. Francis, will be having a pizza party at Holy Spirit Church in the café from 6:00-7:30pm. This is just another fun event planned to join our teens of Fulton County together for some fun!

**The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Students** will be sharing readings from the Jesse Tree at the 10am Sunday Masses at Holy Trinity Church and the 11:30am Sunday Masses at Holy Spirit Church during the Advent Season.

### 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. Due to the upcoming Holidays the deadlines for submissions have changed.

#### BULLETIN:

DECEMBER 25TH

JANUARY 1ST

JANUARY 8TH

#### DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 12TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON

DECEMBER 19TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON

DECEMBER 27TH  
NO LATER THAN  
12 NOON

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 STORE:**

Hours are 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.  
Monday-Saturday. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!** If you are interested in volunteering or substituting at the store,

please call Richard Crane at (518) 725-3701. All donations should be dropped off at the store, 103 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY. We have volunteer opportunities both at our store and our sorting facility. Please contact Chris Nunn at 518-736-1558.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 24th:** 4:00 pm Liturgies at both Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit

**Saturday, December 24th:** 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity

**Sunday, December 25th:** 8:00 am and 10 am at Holy Trinity and 11:30 am at Holy Spirit

**Saturday, December 31st:** 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit

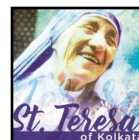
**Sunday, January 1st:** 8 am and 10 am at Holy Trinity and 11:30 am at Holy Spirit

### HOLY TRINITY ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Sunday, December 18th. Cookie trays will be available after all Masses.

### MASS REQUEST ENVELOPES

For your convenience, Mass Request envelopes have been placed at the entrances of both Churches. When you fill out the information for your requested Mass be sure to include your phone number so we can contact you in the event that the date you request is not available. **Due to bulletin deadlines for the Christmas season we are now scheduling masses into next year.** Thank you.



#### **MOTHER TERESA'S CLOSET:**

Mother Teresa's Closet monthly distribution of personal hygiene and cleaning products to families in need in Fulton County is scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

Volunteers are needed Thursday (9:00 am - 12:30 pm) for the distribution. Distribution will begin at 9:30 am and run through 12:00 pm. The distribution location is in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

~Outreach Committee

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



*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”*

### HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.      DOMINIC VIOLA**  
REQUESTED BY LOUIS AND MILLIE GARGUILO

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.    ELSIE PETRILLO**  
REQUESTED BY ESTATE  
**MAC MCDONALD (1ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY WIFE, URSALA  
**PATRICIA SCAFARIELLO**  
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER  
**GLORIA LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY BEBE, CHRISTOPHER & FAMILY

**MON.                    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.  DAWN DWORAK (1ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY SISTER, GINGER

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.      LOUIS AND CONCETTA FERRARA**  
REQUESTED BY FERRARA FAMILY

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.      SAL LANDRIO (11TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY CHILDREN  
**OWEN FARHART**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**HUGO AND HELEN ORLOFF**  
REQUESTED BY A FRIEND  
**DOMINIC VIOLA**  
REQUESTED BY DIANE BRADSHAW  
**CAROL RYDER**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND SHARON POLING

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.    IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CLEMENTE FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MANIERI FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DELCOSTELLO FAMILY**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.      ED BISHOP**  
REQUESTED BY BOB AND JEAN SCHULTZ  
**MARY HART**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN, KAREN AND MICHAEL SAGAN

**SUN. 10:00 A.M.    DOROTHY (SWEENEY) HANCHAR (8TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY LOVING DAUGHTER DEBORAH  
**HENRY J. MICHAELSON**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**KRISTIN BRADT**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**MON.                    NO DAILY MASS**

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.    SANDY MILLER**  
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE  
**HEALING FOR A FRIEND**  
REQUESTED BY GEORGIA GAY

**WED. 8:30 A.M.    WALLY BRAEMER**  
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE  
**IN THANKSGIVING**

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

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

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.      MICHAEL DATTORRE (61ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN

**SUN. 10:00 A.M.    FR. JIM FITZMAURICE**  
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE

**Congratulations** to Diane Savage, Ann Marie Trojan, and Emily and Siobhan Wood for having completed the 33 Days to morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary.



### BUILDING FUND DONATION

In memory of Tim Best from Patty and John Franco.



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 shut ins. 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.