

## Church of the Holy Spirit



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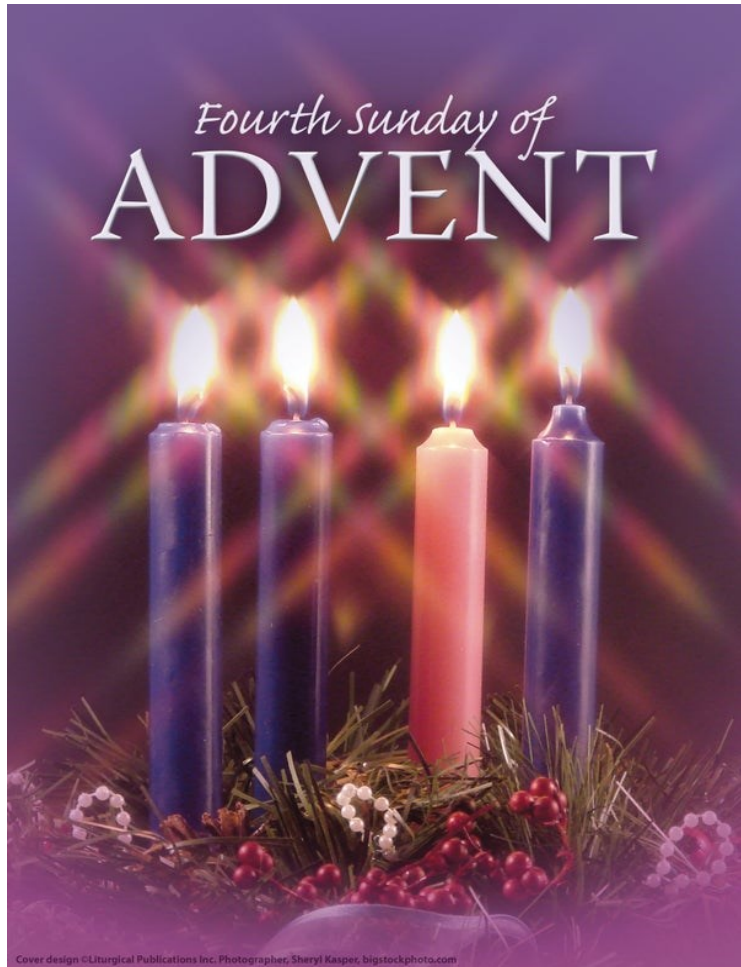
## Holy Trinity Church



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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.

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: “Do not be afraid.” Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith. God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

December 18, 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 12/04/22

Envelopes	\$3,076.00
Loose	\$530.00
Online	\$493.00
Total Weekly	\$4,099.00
Other	\$2,192.00
Total Income	\$6,291.00

Attendance 12/04/22 4:00 P.M. 119 11:30 A.M. 160

Collection 12/04/22

Envelopes	\$3,809.00
Loose	\$210.00
Total Weekly	\$4,019.00
Other	\$143.00
Total Income	\$4,162.00

Attendance 12/04/22 4:00 P.M. 79 11:30 A.M. 75

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. Volunteer

Volunteer  
Volunteer

11:30 A.M. Volunteer

Volunteer  
Volunteer

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**LECTOR**

**MINISTER**

4:00 P.M. Tara Sweeney

Eva Van Alstyne

8:00 P.M. Anne Solar

Liz Carey

8:00 A.M. Alan Spawn

Volunteer



**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  
Gifts/Pledges \$27,004.00  
Balance \$7,576.00

Holy Trinity \$32,676.00  
Gifts/Pledges \$9,923.00  
Townsend Trust \$10,000.00  
Balance \$12,753.00

**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



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at Holy Trinity Church. They are located at both entrances of the Church and also



**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 FOURTH 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.

### BUILDING FUND DONATION

In Memory of Dominic and Anthony Viola by Diane Bartlett

### 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:

JANUARY 1ST

JANUARY 8TH

#### DEADLINE:

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. 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. At this time, we are in need of winter coats, hats and gloves for children and young adults.



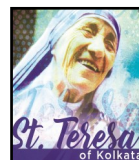
The office of Holy Spirit Church will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

### 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:

Since Mother Teresa's Closet reopened last December, we have had 105 families register for our distribution. Thank you to those that have supported our ministry through your time and donations. In addition to our distribution of personal hygiene, cleaning products and baby wipes and diapers, we have seen an increased need for adult incontinent and feminine hygiene products. Donations are always welcome, including ones in memory of a loved one. Distribution occurs in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month for families in need who live in Fulton County. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm ~Outreach Committee

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



*Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb"*

**HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**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

**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.**   **JEFFREY DAVIS (1ST ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY GINGER AND FAMILY

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.**      **SILVIA OLVERA (10TH ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**MARY WALRATH**  
REQUESTED BY JACK WALRATH

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**      **CONNIE AND CHARLES PERRONE**  
REQUESTED BY JANE & JOEL HUNTZINGER AND JOAN AND JOSEPH DIXON  
**GLORIA LAPORTA**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND SHARON POLING  
**MARY AND PHIL PRIOLO**  
REQUESTED BY JOHN AND SHARON POLING  
**MICHAEL MONTAGUE**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**SUN. 11:30 A.M.**    **JO ANN ROSSI**  
REQUESTED BY HUSBAND  
**BERNIE ANDRZEJEWSKI**  
REQUESTED BY WIFE, HELEN  
**JOHN MCCUMBER**  
REQUESTED BY GINGER TRIPPEDO & FRIENDS  
**HERMAN & THERESA DELCOSTELLO**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**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

**MON.**                    **NO DAILY MASS**

**TUES. 8:30 A.M.**    **PETER VANDENBURG**  
REQUESTED BY KEVIN AND RONNIE  
**SPECIAL INTENTION**

**WED. 8:30 A.M.**    **DONNA BROYLES (2ND ANN)**  
REQUESTED BY SHARON & EDWARD ONDRISKA AND BONNIE AND PAUL STEENBURGH  
**SMULLENS FAMILY**

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

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

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**      **FR. JIM FITZMAURICE**  
REQUESTED BY DON AND LINDA HANZICH

**SAT. 8:00 P.M.**      **DENNIS CONNOLLY**  
REQUESTED BY DAVID & JENNIFER CONNOLLY

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**      **DATTORRE & MILLER FAMILIES**  
REQUESTED BY MICHELE AND DAN  
**KERRY BRADT THURSTON**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY

**SUN. 10:00 A.M.**    **KRISTIN BRADT**  
REQUESTED BY FAMILY  
**MONTA CASSONE**  
REQUESTED BY DAUGHTER, MARY NERI AND GRANDDAUGHTER, LINDA CONROY  
**DONALD R. THUM**  
REQUESTED BY WIFE, LORETTO, DJ, CHRISSEY AND GRANDCHILDREN

The **Sanctuary Candle** for December 17th through December 31st is in Memory of Dawn Dworak by Sister.



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.