

~ Parish founded in 1799 by the Servant of God, Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin ~
Parish church raised to the honor of a minor basilica by St. John Paul II in 1996

Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel

Home of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies



A parish of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Very Rev. Father John David Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector
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PARISH DIRECTORY

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Bingo 471-2764

MASS SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter/Spring

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM Saturday
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 10:00AM
Summer- Memorial Day to Labor Day
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM Saturday
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 7:00PM (Shrine)
Daily Mass
Monday - Wednesday 7:30AM Friday 8:45AM
Holy Days
See schedule in bulletin
Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays 11:30 -12:30 or anytime by request



St. Michael
the Archangel
defend us
in battle

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick - upon request for the sick or homebound
Infant Baptism - please call the parish office to schedule preparation
Marriage - 9 months preparation needed please call the parish office
Christian Initiation of Adults - For adults interested in becoming Catholic, please call Cindy McMullen 471-6658
High School Confirmation Process - Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction - Holy Hour 6:00PM Wednesdays
Rosary for Vocations - 20 minutes prior to Sunday Mass
Devotions to Our Lady of Loretto-following 7:30AM Mass on Mondays
Parish Mission of Our Lady of Loretto - Fourth Week of Lent

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council- Mrs. Mary Weiland 674-2631
Finance Council- Mr. Nick Byrne 419-9593
Liturgical Music-Mr. Jonathan Nagy 244-1876
Altar&Rosary Society- Mrs. Maggie Biter 472-6064
Catholic Fraternal Organizations
Legion of Mary-Mrs. Mary Lessard 886-5489
Knights of Columbus-Mr. Bob Crusciel 243-9971
Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

EDUCATION

St. Michael School Mrs. Rhonda Seymour 472-9117
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Mr. Stephen Cotchen 472-7500
Religious Education Ms.Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

Catholic Outreach

Diocesan Website dioceseaj.org
Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681
Dorothy Day Center 472-3359
Catholic Charities Johnstown 535-6538 Altoona 944-9388
Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life 1-800-395-HELP www.optionline.org
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or www.masstimes.org

January 10, 2021 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Rita Rodgers (Ken & Ann Strittmatter)

Monday, Jan. 11 Weekday
7:30AM Robert Shibert Jr. (Ray & Patty Seymour)

Tuesday, Jan. 12 Weekday
7:30AM Raymond Storm (Raymond & Patty Link)

Wednesday, Jan. 13 Weekday
7:30AM Helen Beck (Albert Beck)
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Jan. 14 Weekday
NO MASS

Friday, Jan. 15 Weekday
8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)

Saturday, Jan. 16 Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM Gerald Link (Aileen & family)

Sunday, Jan. 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Gabrielle & Joseph Lessard (Lessard family)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for John Yanko (Gail & family)

January 2020

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

CHRISTMAS GRACE IN ACTION! We have made it through our Covid -19 Christmas Season. Our basilica looked beautiful and the music was excellent! **Thank you** to our music director and all in our music ministry and all art/environment workers for giving of themselves so generously this Christmas Season! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



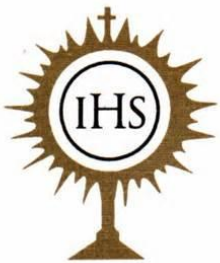
End of Christmas / Help Needed - We will disassemble our **Christmas manger, take down trees, move flowers, etc. January 11 and 12** at 10:00 AM. Anyone free at that time is welcome to help. The retired people of the parish are especially welcome! Many hands make light work!

FLOCKNOTE! Better Communication with Our Parish Family - During the pandemic, it has become important to communicate in new ways. As the pandemic started last March, it would have been great to have quick, instantaneous communication with everyone! Now we can! Welcome to **Flocknote!**

Most parishioners have cell phones and internet access. **“Flocknote”** will be a simple way to send short messages or our bulletin via text or email to parishioners. Many parishes are already using it. Parishes who used Flocknote were 50% more likely to have yearly attendance growth than parishes not using Flocknote.

There is nothing to download and no need to create and remember a username or password. Pastors can organize as much or as little (messages from the pastor, cancellations, bulletins, prayer list, schedules, Religious Ed, choir information, spiritual articles, etc.) as they wish. This tool helps keep people together and is invaluable especially in this time of Covid -19. As people become more informed and involved, parishes can more easily communicate the mission of Christ and his Church in this way. **Details for parishioners on how to access the Flocknote communication tool will begin in late January!**

We will have a **Parish Council Meeting** Sunday evening January 31 at 6:30 PM. Members of our **Parish Council** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Mary Weiland, chair/secretary, Michele Poorman, Sharon Biter, Joan Krug, Julie Crusciel, Ashley Kubat (High School/Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwasinski, Jenny Strittmatter, Matt Kubat, Mary Lessard, Deb Hoover, Doris Scanlan, Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal) and Committee Chairs (**Finance** – Nick Byrne, **Stewardship** – Theresa Lysic **Maintenance** – Fred Coposky **Liturgy** – Jonathan Nagy **Christian Service** – Celeste Stolz **Education & Evangelization** – Deacon Golden **Outdoor Mass** – Steve & Monica Hogue **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Frank & Betty Seymour **Life & Family** – inactive



Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations Wednesdays 6–7 PM

Begin the New Year with a commitment to weekly prayer at Eucharistic Adoration! Spend some time with Jesus!

6 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture, brief reflection, quiet prayer and adoration, rosary at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AS WE KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY! Those who come to Mass or church for personal prayer need to recognize the risk of possible unintended exposure to the coronavirus and refrain if they are sick or at a greater risk of susceptibility to COVID-19. *Masks are available in the back of the basilica.

College and young adult men: An opportunity to discern your vocation is being made available via the convenience of Zoom. Every Friday evening at 8:30 PM join others in an organized discussion about different aspects of prayer and vocational discernment. We will use the book “To Save a Thousand Souls” which can be ordered for FREE by going to GoPriest.com and selecting “free resources.” If you are interested, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org to receive the zoom link. There is no commitment or pressure, just an opportunity to be with others, at least digitally, to gather in prayer, and have a good discussion that could be very helpful. If we don’t know about a vocation, it is not possible to properly discern it. We need good men to say yes to our Lord. Could that man be you? Come and see!

Legion of Mary News: We ask our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us welcome the challenges of this new year. So many of our parish elderly and sick are homebound and experiencing increased isolation and loneliness due to the coronavirus. Members of the Legion of Mary reach out, by phone, each week to as many as possible. We invite others to assist us in this Mission of Mary. If interested or to learn more about the Legion of Mary, please call Mary 886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

PRAYER LIST: For all suffering from coronavirus and health care workers around the world, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Cecilia Myers, Nikki Weakland, Jennifer Kowalski, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, Fred Bradley, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, Betty Pryce, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood Cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: January 11-17

ALTAR SERVERS: January 11-15

Mornings: January 11, 12, 13, 15 Logan Hoover, Logan Klatt

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 13 6PM -7P Mark Mento, Billy Krug

January 16-17

4:00PM Hannah McMahon, La'Ryah McMahon, Briette Hite

8:00AM Logan & Zac Krug, Alex Krug

10:00AM Brady & Mason Wherry, Billy Krug

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 16-17

4:00PM Jeff or Beth Talko

8:00AM Joan Krug

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

READERS: January 16-17

4:00PM Amy Krug

8:00AM Joan Krug

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 16-17 ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel 8AM Joel 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Heidi 8AM Ashley 10AM Monica

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org or you may **mail** your envelope to PO Box10, Loretto, PA 15940. You may **drop** your envelope in the secure mail slot at the back-entrance porch (not front office door) by the outdoor statue of St. Therese.

December 25 Offertory \$5,427

December 27, 2020 Budget \$6,800
Offertory \$ 5,331 Online Giving \$3,582 Total \$8,913 Difference +\$2,113

Thank you for your generosity

January 3, 2020 Budget \$6,800 Holy Day \$737
Offertory \$5,469 Online Giving \$722 Total \$6,928 Difference +\$128

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2020 contributions please call the parish office 472-8551 or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the families of Theresa Storm and Rosetta Hines who passed away recently. May God give their family the comfort and peace that they seek.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We will continue to offer breakfast and lunch to our students as well as community members throughout our remote learning time. We continue to distribute breakfast and lunches on Monday's and Thursday's from 10-12.

Tuesday, January 19th, will mark the end of the second marking period. Report cards will be distributed to the students on Tuesday, January 26th.

It's a sweetheart of a deal! Our school council is sponsoring their annual recreational vehicle raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any school family or by phoning the school office @ 472-9117.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education program will begin a digital/monthly scripture packet starting on **January 17**. The Pflaum Liturgical series is based on the Sunday Gospel readings, scripture reflections and family activity packets. Please watch emails/bulletin entries regarding access to the program.

Junior letters regarding Confirmation preparation will be sent to candidates in January. In addition, the **Confirmation Data Form** is on the Basilica's website under Religious Education. Bishop Carroll and Penn Cambria candidates are to complete and return this form to Celeste Stolz, DRE, by **March 1**.

LORETTO COMMUNITY

Blood Drive at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. **Thursday January 28 2:30PM-7:00PM**

Thank you to the many people who support our ongoing sale of Mia Bella candles! Our profit for 2020 was \$1,046. Special thanks to MaryAnn Schenk for managing this program!

The Knights would like to encourage everyone to pray a Rosary as a family every day as close to 6PM as possible. Pray for our country to return to its founding principles and "One nation under God".