

~ 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
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MASS SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter/Spring

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Summer- Memorial Day to Labor Day

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM

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 - Ms. Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction - Holy Hour 6:00PM Wednesdays

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions- June 23 - 24 2019

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. Janet Zabrosky 472-6097

Knights of Columbus-Mr. Bob Crusciel 243-9971

Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

EDUCATION

St. Michael School Mrs. Renee Phister 472-9117

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Mrs. Lorie Ratchford 472-7500

Religious Education Ms. Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

Catholic Outreach

Diocesan Website www.ajdiocese.org

Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681

Diocesan Family Life Office 886-5551

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 13, 2019 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 13	The Baptism of the Lord 8:00AM Kevin Goldian (Colleen & Rick Riner) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, Jan. 14	Ordinary Weekday 7:30AM Sue Soisson (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)
Tuesday, Jan. 15	Ordinary Weekday 7:30AM Francis Illig (Ken & Ann)
Wednesday, Jan. 16	Ordinary Weekday 7:30 AM Joe Strohmer (family) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 17	Saint Anthony, Abbot NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 18	Ordinary Weekday 8:45AM Kenneth Noel (Bill & Joyce Krug)
Saturday, Jan. 19	Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM John Strittmatter (Vicky & Kevin Eckenrode family)
Sunday, Jan. 20	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Bill Cordwell (Steve & Monica Hogue family)

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

As we close the Christmas Season today, the month of January will be filled with numerous opportunities to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ! Here is what our parish is doing this month!!

January 14-15 **End of Christmas / Help Needed** - We will disassemble our **Christmas manger, move flowers, etc.** Monday and Tuesday **January 14 and 15** 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!

January 22 **Loretto PRO-LIFE March** - On **Tuesday January 22**, we mark the sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) which legalized abortion. This day is observed in all diocese of the United States as a particular **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. It is a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Personal acts of penance (prayer, fasting, etc.) are appropriate on this day. Our daily Mass is at 7:30 AM.

Here in Loretto, we will promote the Pro-Life message with the **March on the Mountain at St. Francis University** ! Our **St. Michael School students** and I will be at **Saint Francis University**, Immaculate Conception Chapel, for the **Rosary** at 10:30 AM/the **March around Campus** at 11 AM. **Mass** is celebrated at 12 noon and **Eucharistic Adoration** starting at 12:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for all who want to make their voices heard and who are unable to attend the March For Life in Washington, D. C. on Friday, January 18.

January 26- **Catholic Schools Week 2019** will be observed the week of January 27th – February 1st. I look forward to our kick-off celebration Saturday **January 26 with our St. Michael School Students attending our 4 PM Mass as a group, followed by a Pot Luck dinner in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, and Open House!** I am looking forward to a great week!

January 27 The **Winter Parish Council Meeting** will be held Sunday, **January 27 at 6:30 PM** in the basilica hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend! All **Council members** and **Committee Chairs** are to attend. **Committee Chairpersons** will offer a brief report on their committee's work and projects. In this way, we see all that is happening in our parish and work in an orderly way.

Members of our **2018-2019 Parish Council** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Mary Wyland, chair, Sherry Lokesak, secretary, Bob Chumrik, Donna Schenk, Cindy McMullen, Michele Poorman, Sharon Biter, Joan Krug, Julie Cruscuel, Ashley Kubat (High School/Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwisinski, Jenny Strittmatter, Renee Phister (ex officio St. Michael School Principal) and Committee Chairs (**Finance** – Nick Byrne, **Stewardship** – Theresa Lysic **Maintenance**- Craig Weiland **Liturgy** – Jonathan Nagy **Christian Service** – Celeste Stolz **Education & Evangelization** – Deacon Golden **Outdoor Mass** – Steve Hogue **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Frank & Betty Seymour **Life & Family** – inactive

January 31 **Saint John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage Coming to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**
The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been selected as one of the stops in the national Saint John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. The **Incorrupt Heart of Saint John Vianney, patron saint of priests**, will be present at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on January 31. The faithful will have the extraordinary opportunity to venerate the relic throughout the day between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 6:45 AM, 8 AM, 12 Noon and 5:30 PM.

Mrs. Phister and I, and our **5th-8th Grade St. Michael School Students** will be at the Cathedral for the pilgrimage and the celebration of the **Noon Mass**. My brother priests and I will be available throughout the day at the cathedral to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**confessions**). All are invited to the **5:30 PM concelebrated Mass** — with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. A special indulgence has been granted to all those who will make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral for veneration of the first class relic of Saint John Vianney, patron of priests.

January 29 **Father Bob Hiltz, TOR** will offer a **Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick** on **Tuesday January 29 at 7 PM** here in the Basilica. All are invited, especially those in need of spiritual healing.

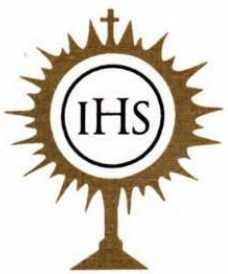
LENT 2019 -Arise Together in Christ - As we begin 2019, we are very much in need of an opportunity for spiritual and pastoral renewal in our parish and diocese. What more could we desire in our diocese than parishioners with a **greater understanding of our faith** and a **stronger relationship with the Lord**, participating more fully in parish life and inviting others to join in? To accomplish this, Bishop Mark has requested our participation in **Arise Together in Christ**, beginning in 2018 and continuing into 2020.

We are currently forming Arise prayer groups for Lent . We will also need to order the books for the program. **If you are considering a team please pray on it and contact me or the Parish Office.** As for those who have signed up, we will be contacting you shortly to give further instructions.

Please consider being part of an Arise team or creating your own prayer team!"

~Thank You, Bob Chumrik, Arise Coordinator for Saint Michael the Archangel. 814-505-2735

February 2-3 Blessing of Throats - Deacon Rick and I will offer the traditional individual **Blessing of Throats** in commemoration of the feast of St. Blaise on the **weekend of February 2- 3 following all Masses.** We will follow the **French custom** and enjoy a piece of hard candy after the blessing....in thanks to God for the gift of taste, breath and speech!



Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations Wednesdays 6–7 PM

Begin 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

PRAYER LIST Jack Farrell, Annette Farrell, Edna Eckenrode., Mary Lureen Scanlan, Ken Snowberger, Robert Ruffing, Betty Pryce, Emanuel Ruffing, Dorothy Knopp, Olivia McConnell, Jack McConnell, Toots Volk, Valerie Thomas, Luke Eckenrode, Edna McConnell, Christopher Ruffing, Tina Ruffing, 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 14-20

(R) January 14, 15, 16 Ann Sutton

(EM) January 14, 15, 16 (if deacon is present, he assists)

ALTAR SERVERS: ALTAR SERVERS: January 14-18

Mornings: January 14, 15, 16, 18 Nicholas Clark, Giovanna Canineu

Holy Hour Wednesday, January 16 6PM-7PM Levi Baker, Maya Baker

January 19-20

4:00PM Michael Poorman, Mia Wyland, Kayden McMullen

8:00AM Joshua & Thomas Corcoran, JoAnna Hoover

10:00AM Hanna Taddy, Braden & Mason Wherry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 19-20

4:00PM Cindy McMullen, Carol Hines

8:00AM Diane Copoulos, Donna Schenk

10:00AM Joan Krug, Catherine Foor

READERS: January 19-20

4:00PM Carol Hines

8:00AM Ashley Kubat

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 19-20

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Carol

8AM Doug

10AM Monica

WINNERS OF THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS TICKETS

12/25/18	975	Amelia Stevens	\$1,000
12/26/18	120	Penny Hoover	100
12/27/18	693	Autumn Weakland	100
12/28/18	646	Susan Plummer	100
12/29/18	432	Dale McConnell	100
12/30/18	345	Nick Weakland	100
12/31/18	648	Cindy Segada	100
1/1/19	202	Joanne Buck	500
1/2/19	336	Tim & Lois Stoltz	100
1/3/19	123	Sherry Lokesak	100
1/4/19	570	Craig Riner	100
1/5/19	614	Jeanie Diehl	100

*Congratulations to the winners!
Thank you to everyone who participated in our
12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser!*



We welcome newly baptized Crippen Miles Taylor into our parish family. Crippen is the son of Crippen and Courtney Taylor.

Our Deepest Sympathy - Please remember in your prayers the family of Dorothy Knopp who passed away recently. May angels lead you into paradise, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

December 23 and 30, 2018
 Offertory \$12, 624 Online Giving \$1,739 Total \$15, 363

Christmas 2018 and December 1, 2019 \$10, 258

January 6, 2019
 Offertory \$5,449 Online Giving \$632 Total \$6,081 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$719

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2018 contributions please call the rectory or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We cordially invite the parents and grandparents of our **fifth-grade** students to their special lunch on **Monday, January 14th @ 11:30 am**. We are looking forward to serving and spending time with our special guests.

Tuesday, January 15th, will mark the end of the second report period. Report cards will be distributed to the students on **Tuesday, January 22nd**.

School will not be in session on **Wednesday, January 16th** due to a Teacher In-Service. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 17th.

Please join our school family as we celebrate as a community of faith, the treasure we behold in Saint Michael Catholic School! Our week long “**Catholic Schools Week**” festivities begin by coming together as a parish and school family in thanksgiving at the **4:00 pm Mass, Saturday, January 26th**. Immediately following Mass until 6:30 pm, **ALL** are welcome to attend our annual “**Open House**” to see firsthand the “**Good News**” in Catholic education. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week will be here before we know it. We will be having a “**Kindergarten Visitation Day**” on **Wednesday, January 30th**. All children who will be **five** years of age by **August 31, 2019** are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office @ 472-9117 to register so that a personal invitation can be sent to all prospective students.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will be holding their annual **Open House** for prospective high school students and their families on **Wednesday, January 30th @ 6:00pm**. A **financial aid** meeting will follow @ **7:00pm**. Please plan on attending to explore all the great opportunities to continue your child’s Catholic education enriching their spirit, heart, mind, and body!



It’s a sweetheart of a deal! Our school council is sponsoring their annual recreational vehicle raffle. This year’s ticket features the winner’s choice of a **Textron Altera 570 EPS Four-Wheeler** or an **Arctic Cat Lynx 2000 ES Snowmobile**, or **\$6000 cash** determined by the **February 14th First Pick 4 EVENING** drawing. **New this year, a second prize, a \$100 Gas Card will be awarded based on the February 14th First Pick 4 DAY** drawing. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any school family or by phoning the school office.

GIFT CARDS from numerous retailers, restaurants, and grocery stores are readily available through our **SCRIP** Program. If you would like to purchase **GIFT CARDS** during the week or need information pertaining to our **GIFT CARD** program please call the school office @ 472-9117.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: May the Baptism of the Lord cleanse our heart and soul and refresh our spirit.

January 13 - Classes resume

January 20 - Classes for grades 1-11 (**FIRESTARTER PAPERWORK DUE...RETURN TO CELESTE STOLZ, DRE.**)

January 27 - Classes for grades 1-11



***Junior Confirmation data form** will be mailed to all Junior candidates the week of **January 27**. Data required is Candidate's Saint's name, Sponsor's name and his/her parish association. Sponsor eligibility forms will be due to the DRE by **March 1, 2019!**

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Basilica and school choirs thank everyone for your attendance at the concert and support throughout the Christmas Season! We have enjoyed ministering to you and look forward to continuing this throughout the rest of the year.

Adult choir practices will resume on Sunday, February 10th at 6 PM. We will be preparing for Lent, the Parish Mission, Easter, Confirmation, First Communion, and the Fatima Devotions. If you have been considering joining, now is the time! We will be going over new music and could always use more voices. Please join us for a practice and see how much fun it can be to praise God in song!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

**THANK
YOU!**

to all who support the ongoing Mia Bella candle sale. The profit for 2018 was \$1,219.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **January 19th** 18" Italian style or turkey **\$9**. Please place your order by **January 14th** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All help is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael BINGO - Our Lady of Loretto Hall 471-2764 - **Admission Tuesday is \$20** Doors open at 5:30 - Regular Games begin at 7PM - **Admission Friday is \$25 - Friday** - Doors open at 6:30 Regular Games begin at 8PM. Fridays only... **Progressive number JACKPOT \$4,000!** Full Kitchen is open with nightly specials! Popcorn, coffee, tea, hot cocoa- FREE every night!!

Special Event Hall Rental Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall is available for dances, receptions, social events and more. The St. Michael School Hall can also be rented for a smaller occasion. Call Katie ~ 886-4619.

THE PRAYER SHAWL Ministry will meet **Wednesday January 23rd**. Everyone is welcome to come pray and stitch with us. If anyone knows of someone who needs a prayer shawl, call 472-9465.

AROUND THE AREA

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will hold an **Open House** for parents and students on **Wednesday, January 31** from 6-7:30 PM. Students, faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide demonstrations. A financial aid meeting will follow beginning at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria. All new students will be eligible for a drawing for a \$250 scholarship. Parents can fill out a ticket at the door and the drawing will be held at the end of the financial aid meeting. You must be present to win. Representatives from Saint Francis University and Mount Aloysius College will also be on hand to explain the financial and educational advantages for attending Bishop Carroll and continuing on to one of these institutions. For more information, please call the school at 472-7500 extension 105 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

The March for Life in Washington DC will take place on January 18, 2019. A bus from the Immaculate Conception Church in New Germany will be making a stop in Ebensburg to pick up those who would like to attend. For more information please call Vince at 241-1712.

ST NICHOLAS PARISH BREAKFAST St. Nicholas Parish invites you to our breakfast on Sunday, **January 20th** from 6:30am till 12 Noon (or until sold out) in the Church Hall, 203 St Henry Street, Nicktown PA. The price for adults is \$8.00, children 5 —12 is \$4.00, children under 4 are free.

MOUNT CARMEL CONCERT SERIES - The third concert of the 2018-2019 Concert Series at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 809 11th Street, Altoona, 16602 will take place on Sunday, **January 27th**, at 3 pm. We are pleased to have the "Select Singers" from the Grier School, under the direction of Ms. Ginger Reinhardt. The "Select Singers" is a distinctively audition only group of singers in grades 7--12. Much of their music is done a cappella. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.