

~ 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 Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies and Prince Gallitzin Chapel House Trust



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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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 - 30 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
Chaplet of Divine Mercy/ Rosary- 3PM Fridays

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council- Mrs. Julie Little 243-8925
Finance Council- Mrs. Meghan Freidhof 207-0104
Liturgical Music 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-Vince Kalwasinski 241-1712
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
Fr. Peter Crowe, Vocations Office 814-317-2681
Dorothy Day Center 419-8695
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 15, 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary
8:00AM People of the Parish
10:00AM Bud Zabrosky (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)

Monday, January 16 Weekday
7:30AM Scott Hanlon (Earl & Bonnie Hite)

Tuesday, January 17 St. Anthony
7:30AM Adam Lee (Dr. Jon Rizzo)

Wednesday, January 18 Weekday
7:30AM Joseph & Gabrielle Lessard (Mary & family)
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 19 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, January 20 Weekday
8:45AM Beth Ann Eckenrode Dishong (Phyllis Sheehan & Nancy McConnell family)

Saturday, January 21 Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Eric Baker (Ray & Phyllis Sheehan)

Sunday, January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the Parish
10:00AM Dan Zupon (family)

Sunday Mass posted to **FACEBOOK** at 11:15 AM

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for George Grove Sr. (Leah & family)

January 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our volunteer Michele Poorman and the many parishioners that helped to decorate and undecorate our beautiful basilica for Christmas! This would not happen without the dedication and hard work of people like you. I am genuinely grateful for our volunteers!

Our next **Parish Finance Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. We will meet at 6:30PM in the rectory.

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. We will meet in the Basilica Hall at 6:30PM.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2023** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Julie Little (2025), chair, Bob Chumrik (2024), Ashley Kubat (2024), Rick Smith (2024), Monica Klatt (2025), Lizbeth Talko (2025), Chris Krug (2025), Bonnie Paronish (2025), Bridget Yahner (2025), Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education),

The following parishioners will take responsibility in the following areas of parish life. They will make a report to the parish Council, as needed, with regard to their activities.

Liturgy - Jonathan Nagy **Finance/ Parish Fundraising** – Meghan Freidhof **School Finance/School Fundraising** - Rhonda Seymour **Education/Evangelization/Christian Service Projects**– The Legion of Mary, The Knights of Columbus **Outdoor Mass** – Steve & Monica Hogue **Youth Representative** – TBA **Maintenance** – Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner** - Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabagh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **Special Projects for Hall and School/May Days** – Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating** – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego

Pro- Life! On **Sunday January 22 - Monday January 23**, 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.

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**. 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. this month.

March on the Mountain at St. Francis University ~ Monday, January 23, 2023

10:30AM Rosary in front of the Chapel

11:00AM March begins

12:00PM Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

1:30PM-4:00PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel



Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations **Wednesdays 6-7 PM**
Begin 2022 with a renewed 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 or Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Legion of Mary News: To further our work at St. Michael Basilica parish, for our Lord and the Blessed Mother, we invite others to join us. Part of our mission is to visit the homebound and to pray for and with them. Our efforts can be enhanced with additional members. We invite others to join us following the Wednesday morning 7:30AM Mass for our weekly meeting. All are welcome to come and see. For information about the Legion of Mary, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

A message from the Parish Finance Council: In November, we published a wish list for the parish. We are so very grateful for the generosity of numerous parishioners. With the donations, we were able to pay/purchase the following: one box of Advent wreath candles, one box of floor candles, three boxes of back altar candles, one box of Easter Vigil candles, the 2023 Easter Paschal candle, the 2023 Breaking Bread Hymnals, the annual piano maintenance fee, two boxes of incense, our annual palm order, the Advent Word Among Us booklets, two rolls of stamps, our website annual fee, and two boxes of bulletin paper! This is a wonderful way to take care of the expenses of the parish and a great example of stewardship by the donors! Again, it is only with the parishioners' continued support that we can be fiscally sound. **Thank you!**

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers:

Luke Francisco, Nathan McCloskey, Joe Stevens, Margaret Gailey, John Oklamchak, Betty Soisson, Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Luke Eckenrode, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Zach Mento, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Kogler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

LORETTO COMMUNITY



Blood Drive ~ Thursday, January 26 - 1:30PM-6PM at our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **basilica** to **schedule an appointment**

Please join us for **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY** at 3pm in the Basilica on Fridays. We pray the Divine Mercy and the four mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary for the intentions of the protection, healing and safety of our country. **All are invited to join us and pray all or part of our hour of prayer.**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Our first gathering of 2023 for our parish widows is **January 21st** following the Saturday 4PM Mass. We welcome new members for our covered dish and enjoyable evening. We meet at Mary Lessard's home. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – will meet in the Basilica Hall at 3pm on the Wednesdays of January 11 and January 25. All are welcome to join us as we stitch prayer shawls and lap shawls for the ill and elderly in our parish and community. If anyone needs a shawl, or knows of anyone needing a shawl, please call Barb at 814-472-9475.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: January 16-22

ALTAR SERVERS: ALTAR SERVERS: January 16-20

Mornings: January 16, 17, 18, 20 Kylie Kubat, Bennett Clark

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 18 6PM -7PM Nick & Bennett Clark

January 21-22

4:00PM Nick & Bennett Clark, Mason Wherry

8:00AM Haley, Austin, Kiley, Gavin Gray (3)

10:00AM Connor & Meghan McMullen, Colin Beiswenger

READERS: January 21-22

4:00PM Vince/Jackie Kalwasinski

8:00AM Amy Dietrich

10:00AM Janet Hogue

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 21-22

4:00PM Mary Lessard

8:00AM Cindy McMullen

10:00AM Mason Beiswenger

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 21-22

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan

8AM Max

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Choir

8AM Ashley

10AM Jonathan

USHERS: January 21-22

4:00PM Matt & Alec/volunteers

8:00AM Lew Klatt/volunteers

10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

VANCO - Join the over 50 parishioners currently giving online.

Visit our website to sign up and begin contributing automatically to the parish

January 8, 2023 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$6,398 Online Giving \$1,965 Total \$8,363 Difference +\$1,563

Thank you for your generosity

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2022 contributions, please call the parish office 472-8551 or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.



We welcome newly baptized Gabriel and Rachel Kolarczyk into our parish family. Gabriel and Rachel are the children of Martin and Angeline Kolarczyk and students at St. Michael School. Congratulations!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

There will be no school for students on Monday, January 16, 2023, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 17th marks the end of the second quarter. Reports cards will be sent home on Tuesday, January 24th.



If you know of any prospective Kindergarten student who will be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2022,

please have them check out St. Michael School.

If they would like to schedule a visit, tour, or register,

please call the school office for more information.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 15 Classes for all grades

January 22 Classes for all grades

January 29 Classes for all grades

Protecting God's Children lessons will be taught in class on **January 29**. Opt-out forms will be sent home this weekend. Please return the forms if you choose not to have your child participate in the annual lesson.

Thank you!

AROUND THE AREA

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will hold an Open House for parents and students on Wednesday, February 1 from 6-7:30 PM. Students, faculty, and staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide tours. A financial aid and registration 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, Saint Vincent College, and Mount Aloysius College will also be on hand to explain the financial and educational advantages for attending Bishop Carroll and continuing to one of these institutions. For more information, please call the school at 472-7500 extension 105 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.