

~ 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
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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. Mary Weiland 674-2631
Finance Council- Mrs. Meghan Freidhof 207-0104
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
Fr. Peter Crowe, Vocations Office 814-317-2681
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 16, 2022- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Gerald Link (Aileen Link) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, Jan. 17	St. Anthony 7:30AM Daniel McDermott (family)
Tuesday, Jan. 18	Weekday 7:30AM Raymond Hoover (Ed & Ruth Borne)
Wednesday, Jan. 19	Weekday 7:30AM Walter Zabrosky (Mike & Charles Koegler families) 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 20	Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 21	St. Agnes 8:45AM Bernetta Long (family)
Saturday, Jan. 22	Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Rose Mary McDermott (family)
Sunday, Jan. 23	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Fred Bradley (Knights of Columbus 11196) 10:00AM People of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Living & deceased Legion of Mary members

January 2022

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

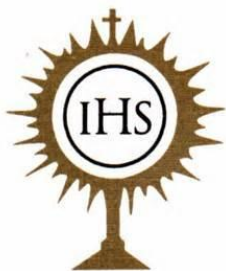


I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our volunteer Michele Poorman and the many parishioners that helped to decorate and undecorate our beautiful basilica for Christmas! This would not happen without the dedication and hard work of people like you. I am genuinely grateful for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

Our next **Parish Finance Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**. We will meet at 6:30PM in the rectory.

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 (MOVED from January 23 as scheduled)**. We will meet in the Basilica Hall at 6:30PM.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2022** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Mary Weiland, chair, Julie Crusciel, Ashley Kubat (Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwasinski, Matt Kubat, Mary Lessard, Deb Hoover, Doris Scanlan, Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education), Bob Chumrik and Rick Smith. **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 **Maintenance** – Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner** - Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabagh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **LOL Hall Debt/May Days** – Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating** – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego



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.

Pro- Life! On **Friday Jan 21- Saturday January 22**, we mark the sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) which legalized abortion. January 22 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 ~ Friday, January 21, 2022

10:30AM Rosary in front of the Chapel

11:00AM March begins

12:00PM Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

Catholic Schools Week 2022 will be observed the week of January 30 – February 5th. More to Come!

Blessing of Throats - I will offer the traditional individual **Blessing of Throats** in commemoration of the feast of St. Blaise **the weekend of February 5 - 6 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!

Legion of Mary News: The members of our parish Legion of Mary begin this year with a renewed vigor to keep in touch with our homebound by phone. Most calls include praying the Rosary together and for the most challenged, at least several Hail Marys. We invite others to share in this rewarding ministry. Our auxiliary members prayerfully assist us by their daily dedication. We thank all those who have accepted the sacrifice of some time each day to pray for us and for the needs of the greater Church.

We ask Our Lord to let us and our homebound welcome the challenges of this new year with hope and faith in His goodness. For information about how to become a Legion of Mary member or an auxiliary member please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us.

PRAYER LIST: Rod Eckenrode, Ruth Zakowsky, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Kogler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

LORETTO COMMUNITY



Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with the Christmas decorations! I was overwhelmed with all of the support! Not only did everyone pitch in and help, but we had a great time, and you all were a pleasure to be around. Our parish is blessed with wonderful volunteers!

With gratitude, *Michele Poorman*

The family of Constance Wirfel would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the love and support shown to us after her passing. Thank you, Father Byrnes, Jonathan Nagy, and Monica Hogue, for the beautiful Mass celebrating her life. She loved being a part of Saint Michael's and made many friends over the years. A very special thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society for preparing and serving the luncheon after her Funeral Mass. They were her friends as well, and were honored to be a part of her sending off.



Blood Drive ~ Thursday, January 27th 2:30PM-7PM at our Lady of Loretto Community Hall

Please join us for **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY** at 3pm in the Basilica. 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.**

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, January 5th and 19th at 3 pm in the Basilica hall. All are invited to come stitch with us. Anyone who needs a prayer shawl please call (814) 472-9465.

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Happy New Year to all! Our first 2022 gathering is this weekend - Saturday, **January 15** following the 4PM Mass. Our parish widows are welcome to join us for a covered dish dinner and evening of fun. We hope to have a Happy New Year. We meet at Mary Lessard's home. 814-886-5489 for more information

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 17-23

ALTAR SERVERS: January 17-21

Mornings: January 17, 18, 19, 21 Molly Itle, Guiliana Riccella

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 19 6PM -7PM Michael Poorman, Mackenzie Healy

January 22-23

4:00PM Colin Beiswenger, Hannah and La'Ryah McMahon

8:00AM Bella & Laylah Weiland, Alexzander Eckenrode

10:00AM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Molly Itle

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 22-23

4:00PM Mason Beiswenger

8:00AM Nick Byrne

10:00AM Carol Hines

READERS: January 22-23

4:00PM Amy Dietrich
8:00AM Lisa Weakland
10:00AM Kevin McConnell

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 22-23

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Monica 8AM Doug 10AM Stephanie

USHERS: January 22-23

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers
8:00AM Rick Smith/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support the basilica. By giving electronically, you can give anywhere, anytime from your computer, set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Visit our secure donation page at **basilicasm-loretto.org** to set up your online contribution.

January 9, 2021	Goal \$6,800			
Offertory \$5,128	Online Giving \$1,616	Total \$6,744	Difference -\$56	

Thank you for your generosity

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2021 contributions, please call the parish office 472-8551 or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



There will not be school on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

March on the Mountain will take place on Friday, January 21st at Saint Francis University. Saint Michael School will be sending representatives.

Report cards will be emailed on Thursday, January 20th.



Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week will be here before we know it. The theme this year will be Faith. Excellence. Service. We are currently looking for any child who will be five years of age by August 31, 2022. Please contact the school office @ 472-9117 to register so that a personal invitation can be sent to all prospective students. Each

child will be able to visit the school for a day.

Please look for our Catholic Schools Week calendar of events in next week’s bulletin.

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.

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

Classes: January 16, 23 & 30

January 16: Child Youth Protection opt-out forms being sent home.

January 23: Child Youth Protection lessons to be taught.

Any questions regarding these lessons please call or text Celeste prior to January 23. Thank you!

“Be kind! Be a blessing for someone today.” 🙏

