

~ 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 2, 2022-EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 2	Epiphany of the Lord 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Adam Lee (Mary Ann Schenk)
Monday, Jan. 3	Christmas Weekday 7:30AM Lynn Farabaugh (Pennie Wyland)
Tuesday, Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 7:30AM Blaine & Nancy Baker (family)
Wednesday, Jan. 5	St. John Neumann 7:30AM Rita M. Farabaugh (family & friends) 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 6	Christmas Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 7	Christmas Weekday 8:45AM Arch & Katie Fox (family)
Saturday, Jan. 8	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord 4:00PM Andrew Grimes (family)
Sunday, Jan. 9	Baptism of the Lord 8:00AM Ted Yahner (Eileen & Michael Paul) 10:00AM People of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Scott Hanlon (family)



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Today we celebrate the **manifestation of Jesus to the world** and focus on the Wise Men/Kings as they welcome Jesus at our (new!) Nativity Scene. In many parts of the world, today is known as **little Christmas**, a final opportunity for a holiday meal and a Christmas visit with family and friends. In Slovakia, such house to house visits remind all of the Wise men, whom God chose to spread the word that Christ was for all people who believe in Him.

In Spain, Mexico and France, a small figure of the Baby Jesus is placed into a cake. Whoever gets that piece of cake is king for the day...but with the job of making a meal/dessert for the family on the **Feast of the Presentation of Jesus**, February 2!

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS! So many people have commented to me what a beautiful Christmas Season we have experienced! 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!

To all the cantors, instrumentalists, to the Basilica Choir, Children's Choir, to our well attended Christmas concert choir, to our **St. Michael School** Christmas program students (on DVD!), to all who helped to prepare, decorate, clean the basilica, and all who will take down our holiday decorations, to all who served in ministries....to our school administration, faculty and parish staff....**THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



End of Christmas / Help Needed - We will disassemble our **Christmas manger, take down trees, move flowers, etc.** **January 10** at 9:00 AM. Anyone free at that time is welcome to help. The retired people of the parish are especially welcome! Many hands make light work!



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! Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life! 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: We ask the Blessed Mother and her son to let us welcome the challenges of this new year. For our homebound many days seem longer and harder. It is our hope and privilege to try to lighten their burdens with prayer and a friendly phone call visit. Praying the Rosary continues in our parish. All are welcome to join us and other parishioners each Wednesday evening Holy Hour, Friday afternoon at 3PM and one-half hour before the three weekend Masses. Devotion to the Blessed Mother in the Rosary besieges Heaven in a way that will be heard for all our needs. The Legion of Mary wishes all a very Happy and Blessed New Year. For information about the Legion of Mary please call Mary 814-886-5489.

PRAYER LIST: Rod Eckenrode, Ruth Zakowsky, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC, Stan Mattix, June Riner, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, 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

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY will resume Friday, January 7th at 3pm in the Basilica. We will 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.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held **Saturday, January 15, 18th** Italian or turkey, \$10 each. Please place your order by Monday, January 10 by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Crusciel 243- 9971. The hoagie sale is our primary fundraiser. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael Elementary School and Pro-Life activities. Please be supportive. We would appreciate any help in making and/or delivering hoagies the morning of 1/15. Preparations begin at 5:00 am.

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Happy New Year to all! Our first 2022 gathering is **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.

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

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!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: January 3-9

ALTAR SERVERS: January 3-7

Mornings: January 3, 4, 5, 7 Logan & Ella Klatt
Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 5 6PM -7PM, Alec & Kylie Kubat

January 8-9

4:00PM Braden Wherry, Jude Koehle, Mackenzie Healy
8:00AM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran
10:00AM Haley, Austin, Kiley, Gavin Gray (3)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 8-9

4:00PM Diane Coposky
8:00AM Cindy McMullen
10:00AM Bob Chumrik

READERS: January 8-9

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8:00AM Cindy McMullen
10:00AM Bob Chumrik

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 8-9

ORGANISTS 4PM Jonathan	8AM Max	10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Mike/Vicki	8AM Doug	10AM Monica

USHERS: January 8-9

4:00PM Ken Strittmatter/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.

December 26, 2021
Offertory will be posted next week

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

School resumes on Tuesday, January 4th. **We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their family and friends.**

ATV tickets are still available. The winners will be drawn around Valentine's Day. Call the office if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

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

Hoping your holiday season was blessed with precious memories and hope for a wonderful 2022!

Looking ahead...

January- 9, 16, 23, 30 Classes