

~ 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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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 22, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn children
7:30AM Jack Calandra (Lori Ruzzi)

Tuesday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales
7:30AM Louis & Helen McConnell (family)

Wednesday, January 25 The conversion of St. Paul
7:30AM Louis McConnell - Birthday Remembrance (family)

Thursday, January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, January 27 Weekday
8:45AM Arch & Katie Fox (family)

Saturday, January 28 Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Alfred & Kathleen Smith (family)
10:00AM In thanksgiving (Karl & Susan Lee)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Art Martynuska (Celeste)

January 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is TONIGHT~. 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

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

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual **Men’s Turkey Dinner** will be held on **March 12th** as a take-out only dinner. Since the price of turkeys and most items have increased, we would appreciate any donations, which may be given to one of the committee members or the basilica office. Thank you! Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabaugh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman, Jeff Talko

Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations **Wednesdays 6-7 PM**

Begin 2023 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!**

Sanctuary Lamp- The red Sanctuary Lamp is placed before the tabernacle as a sign that the Lord is present; continuously burning and symbolizing God's eternal presence. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one or special intention, please call the parish office. The offering is \$10 for one week. The memorial will be published in the weekly bulletin. We are taking intentions for 2023



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the family of Margaret Gailey who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers: Luke Francisco, Nathan McCloskey, Joe Stevens, John Oklamchak, Betty Soisson, Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Luke Eckenrode, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeounna 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 Koegler, 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**

Thank you to the many people who support our ongoing sale of Mia Bella candles! Our profit for 2022 was \$1,025. Special thanks to MaryAnn Schenk for managing this program!

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: Happy New Year to all! The **January 21 Widows Evening** will be held at Mary Lessard's home. We invite other widows to join us for our beginning of the new year together. We meet following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – will meet in the Basilica Hall at 3 pm 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 23-29

ALTAR SERVERS: January 23-27

Mornings: January 23, 24, 25, 27 Logan & Ella Klatt

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 25 6PM -7PM Logan & Zac Krug

January 28-29

4:00PM Alec, Travis & Kylie Kubat

8:00AM Bella & Laylah Weiland, Michael Poorman

10:00AM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran

READERS: January 28-29

4:00PM Joan Krug

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 28-29

4:00PM Ashley Kubat
8:00AM Jeff/Beth Talko
10:00AM Janet Hogue

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 28-29 **ORGANISTS:** 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Children 8AM Doug 10AM Stephanie

USHERS: January 28-29

4:00PM Ken/volunteers
8:00AM Rick Smith/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. You can use your checking account or credit card and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. The Vanco system is safe and convenient and you can make changes any time. By giving electronically you can set up recurring payments on a schedule that suits you. Visit our secure donation page at basilicasm-loretto.org to set up your online contribution.

January 15, 2023	Goal \$6,800			
Offertory \$4,200	Online Giving \$1,153	Total \$5,353	Difference -\$1,447	

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 Charlie Abigail Itle into our parish family. Charlie is the daughter of Simon and Cara (Trotter) Itle. Congratulations!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

March on the Mountain will take place on Monday, January 23rd at Saint Francis University. Saint Michael School will be sending student representatives.

Report cards will be emailed on Tuesday, January 24th.

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, 2023. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 22-Classes **Opt-out forms for Youth Protection lessons due!**

January 29-Classes

***Please follow the Religious Education Program on Flocknote, Basilica website, and weekly bulletin announcements. Any questions regarding our programming, please call Celeste Stolz, Director of Religious Education, (814)472-9808.**

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.

Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs – All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on southern Italian folk customs on Monday February 6th at 7:00 PM in their parish hall. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food, and agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.