

~ 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
Very Rev. Father John David Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector
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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

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

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 Cruscicel 243-9971

Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

JANUARY 27, 2019 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 27	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Arch & Katie Fox (family) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, Jan. 28	St. Thomas Aquinas 7:30AM Clair F. Smithbower (Dean & Mary Smith)
Tuesday, Jan. 29	Ordinary Weekday 7:30AM In thanksgiving (Karl & Susan Lee) 7:00PM <u>Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick</u> Esther Spinner (John Servinsky)
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Ordinary Weekday 7:30AM Bill Cordwell (Steve & Monica Hogue family) 10:00AM <u>Catholic Schools Week Mass</u> Frank Strojek (Vicki Strojek) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 31	St. John Basco NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Feb 1	Ordinary Weekday 8:45AM Bob Haid (Dolly & family)
Saturday, Feb. 2	Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM People of the parish
Sunday, Feb. 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Cliff Yahner (family) 10:00AM Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Kathleen Smith family

**Please note the Mass intentions as they have been changed/moved due to our Mass schedule change. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

We celebrate “*Catholic Schools Week*” this week from January 26 to February 1. This year our theme is *Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed*. The gift of a Catholic education is a priceless, firm foundation! Our **Catholic Schools Week Mass** will be at the **special time of 10:00 AM this Wednesday January 30**. I invite all parents and grandparents to our Mass, if your schedule permits.

I am **personally grateful** for my own Catholic education at the former St. Aloysius (now All Saints) School in Cresson, and Bishop Carroll High School. I am grateful to many families for your sacrifice and willingness to provide a quality Catholic education for your children and teenagers in this difficult economy. **I thank all school families who go out of their way to not only contribute to our parish in the weekly collection, but participate so well in our school fundraisers.** **St. Michael School is special. We are one of the few parish-based Catholic Schools in the Diocese.** I am committed to keeping our school **OPEN** and to providing our children with the best Catholic education, both academic and spiritual, offered anywhere.

I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL! I thank our principal, **Mrs. Renee Phister**, for her many hours of love and hard work in strengthening our school. There is a wonderful, faith –filled atmosphere at St. Michael School which is conducive to the discipline of academics. It is a joy to visit!

I am grateful to so many of our young people in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade who take time to faithfully serve our **daily 7:30 AM Mass** before school. I have found that many of our students take their faith and their academics seriously. They are true young leaders in our parish. It is my hope that more families in our parish would value and utilize these programs.

Thank you to **Lois Stoltz and all who work our Bingo**. **Please support our Bingo! It provides essential funding for our school programs!!**

We are also blessed to be part of high school/college prep at **Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg**. Several of our young parishioners also attend **Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona**. More parents are becoming informed about the advantages of our schools, including solid religious formation/education, high national reading placement in elementary years, exceptional college preparation on the high school level and tuition reduction at St. Francis University, Mount Aloysius College and Franciscan University of Steubenville for Bishop Carroll alumni. To schedule a visit to our school, call **472-9117**. To schedule a visit to Bishop Carroll Catholic, call **472-7500**.

The Winter Parish Council Meeting will be held **TONIGHT 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 Weiland, chair, Sherry Lokesak, secretary, Bob Chumrik, Donna Schenk, Cindy McMullen, Michele Poorman, Sharon Biter, Joan Krug, Julie Crusciel, Ashley Kubat (High School/Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwasinski, 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



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 **5:30PM 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.

Father Bob Hilz, 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.

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!

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!" **The next meeting will be held at 11:30AM, Sunday, January 27th, in the Basilica Hall.**

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



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, 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 28- February 3

(R) January 28, 29, 30 Sister Nancy, CCW

(EM) January 28, 29, 30 (if deacon is present, he assists)

ALTAR SERVERS: January 28-February 1

Mornings: January 28, 29, 30, Feb. 1 Belle Eckenrode, Logan Hoover

Holy Hour Wednesday, January 30 6PM-7PM Travis & Alec Kubat

February 2-3

4:00PM Logan Krug, Nicholas & Sam Wirfel

8:00AM Jude Koehle, Braden & Mason Wherry

10:00AM Connor & Meghan McMullen, Dane Van Horn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 2-3

4:00PM Catherine Foor, Joan Krug

8:00AM Joe & Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Stewart Van Horn, Bob Chumrik

READERS: February 2-3

4:00PM Joan Krug

8:00AM Julia Wasser

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

MUSIC MINISTERS: February 2-3

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan

8AM Joel

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Folk

8AM Ashley

10AM Stephanie

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

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

January 20, 2019

Offertory \$4,517 Online Giving \$1,197 Total \$5,714 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$1,086

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We will **Celebrate Our Nation** by participating in a **“Day of Service”** on **Monday, January 28th**. Students, faculty, and staff will assemble care packages as part of our **“Treats for Troops”** campaign.

We will celebrate as a school family a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of our parish Catholic School. Mass will be held at **10 am** on **Tuesday, January 29th**. Father Byrnes, along with our faculty and staff will be recognized for their dedication and commitment to Catholic education. **Volunteers are needed to assist with lunch and recess duty**. If you are available please call the school office. An all school bingo will be held in the afternoon.

“Kindergarten Visitation Day” will be held on **Wednesday, January 30th** from 9 AM – 2PM. 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.

As an expression of our gratitude and deep appreciation, a special reception will be held in honor of our **volunteers and supporters** on **Wednesday evening, January 30th @ 6:30pm in the school cafeteria**. Light refreshments will be served.

We will **Celebrate the Gift of Our Faith** on **Thursday, January 31st**. Students in grades fifth through eighth will participate in the **St. John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage** and will attend the noon Mass at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Students in grades kindergarten through fourth will participate in **“My Catholic Faith Trivia Challenge.”**

We are grateful to our **Knights of Columbus Council** for sponsoring the bus to transport our students to The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the St. John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. We greatly appreciate their generosity and continual support of Catholic education.

Friday, February 1st is **“Student Appreciation Day!”** Students will go bowling and enjoy a pizza luncheon sponsored by our Home School Association. Thank you to all our families for choosing Catholic education!

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, Pray for Us!

January 27- Classes (grades 1-11)

February 10- Classes (grades 1-11)

February 17- NO CLASSES! Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend

February 23- Junior "FIRESTARTER" retreat @ St. Francis University/ Junior Confirmation candidates

February 24- Classes (grades 1-8)

February 24- CONFIRMATION SPRING SESSIONS- Grades 9-11/All Confirmation candidates
9-11:30a.m./ Bob Sutton, Session Presenter

*Service hour form is found on the Basilica's website @ www.basilicasm-loretto.org due April 28, last day of class.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

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



Blood Drive at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall on Thursday, **January 31st** from 2:30-7PM

The Loretto Community Volunteer Fire Company will hold **“A Nite at the Races”** on **February 2nd 2019** at the Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Post time is 7:00 pm. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. Come and try your luck! Tickets are available from any fireman or call Greg @ 414-2230

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual **Men’s Dinner** will be held on Sunday, **March 17th 2019**.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **February 16th 18th** Italian style or turkey **\$9**. Please place your order by **February 11th** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Cruscil 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated.

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. You must be present to win. Representatives from SFU and Mount Aloysius will be on hand to explain the financial and educational advantages for attending BC and continuing to one of these institutions. For more information, please call BC or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

The Cresson American Legion Post 238 together with Jae Smith, The Rattlers, 53 South and White Shadow are sponsoring the 6th Annual Beat the Winter Blues Dinner Dance and Basket Raffle on Saturday, **February 2nd** at 5:00. **\$10** tickets include a Spaghetti Dinner and Dance. Cash bar available. Basket Raffle will open on Friday, Feb. 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 and Saturday, Feb. 2nd from 1:00 -8:00 Tickets can be purchased from the Cresson American Legion; Lori Shaw 207-0437; Cori Adams 935-8798. All proceeds benefit the Frontier Girls Troop 213.

A benefit basket auction and bake sale will be held on Sunday, **January 27** at Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church 907 Patton, PA from 11:30AM to 3:00PM. Drawing at 3:00PM. Proceeds from the sale and auction will benefit Sarah Kelt, wife of Fr. Andriy Kelt, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Northern Cambria and Protection of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Revioc. Sarah was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the proceeds will help defray costs of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.