

~ 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
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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 - 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

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. 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
Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681
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 3, 2021 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 3 Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Mark Drass (Mag & Dave Weiland)

Monday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:30AM Leonard Hogue (family)

Tuesday, Jan. 5 St. John Neumann
7:30AM Marian Stolz (Pat Sheridan family)

Wednesday, Jan. 6 Christmas Weekday
7:30AM Ray Hoover (Richard Anna)
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Jan. 7 Christmas Weekday
NO MASS

Friday, Jan. 8 Christmas Weekday
8:45AM Patsy (Beck) Ellis (Beck family)

Saturday, Jan. 9 Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
4:00 PM Paul Eckenrode (Hilda Eckenrode)

Sunday, Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Rita Rodgers (Ken & Ann)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for Oliver & Marian Stolz (Celeste & Kevin)



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 in our 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!

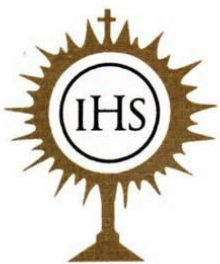
FLOCKNOTE! Better Communication with Our Parish Family - During the pandemic, it has become important to communicate in new ways. As the pandemic started last March, it would have been great to have quick, instantaneous communication with everyone! Now we can! Welcome to **Flocknote!**

Most parishioners have cell phones and internet access. **“Flocknote”** will be a simple way to send short messages or our bulletin via text or email to parishioners. Many parishes are already using it. Parishes who used Flocknote were 50% more likely to have yearly attendance growth than parishes not using Flocknote.

There is nothing to download and no need to create and remember a username or password. Pastors can organize as much or as little (messages from the pastor, cancellations, bulletins, prayer list, schedules, Religious Ed, choir information, spiritual articles, etc.) as they wish. This tool helps keep people together and is invaluable especially in this time of Covid -19. As people become more informed and involved, parishes can more easily communicate the mission of Christ and his Church in this way. **Details for parishioners on how to access the Flocknote communication tool will begin in late January!**

ALL ALTAR SERVERS - You are welcome to pick up your Christmas candy in the sacristy following Mass. Thank you for your faithfulness!

College and young adult men: An opportunity to discern your vocation is being made available via the convenience of Zoom. Every Friday evening at 8:30 PM join others in an organized discussion about different aspects of prayer and vocational discernment. We will use the book “To Save a Thousand Souls” which can be ordered for FREE by going to GoPriest.com and selecting “free resources.” If you are interested, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org to receive the zoom link. There is no commitment or pressure, just an opportunity to be with others, at least digitally, to gather in prayer, and have a good discussion that could be very helpful. If we don’t know about a vocation, it is not possible to properly discern it. We need good men to say yes to our Lord. Could that man be you? Come and see!



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.

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AS WE KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY! Those who come to Mass or church for personal prayer need to recognize the risk of possible unintended exposure to the coronavirus and refrain if they are sick or at a greater risk of susceptibility to COVID-19. *Masks are available in the back of the basilica.

Legion of Mary News: We ask our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us welcome the challenges of this new year. So many of our parish elderly and sick are homebound and experiencing increased isolation and loneliness due to the coronavirus. Members of the Legion of Mary reach out, by phone, each week to as many as possible. We invite others to assist us in this Mission of Mary. If interested or to learn more about the Legion of Mary, please call Mary 886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

Please offer the following prayer each day....

Prayer Against Coronavirus - Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for the afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen *by Pedro de la Cruz*

PRAYER LIST: For all suffering from coronavirus and health care workers around the world, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Cecilia Myers, Nikki Weakland, Jennifer Kowalski, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koepler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, Fred Bradley, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, Betty Pryce, 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 4-10

ALTAR SERVERS: January 4-8

Mornings: January 4, 5, 6, 8 Bella Weiland, Alex Krug

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 6 6PM -7PM, Briette Hite, Logan Klatt

January 9-10

4:00PM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran

8:00AM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Bella Weiland

10:00AM Hanna Taddy, Ralph Baughman, Mark Mento

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 9-10

4:00PM Pennie Wyland

8:00AM Cindy McMullen

10:00AM Diane Coposky

READERS: January 9-10

4:00PM Pennie Wyland

8:00AM Cindy McMullen

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 9-10 **ORGANISTS:** 4PM Joel 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Doug 8AM Carol 10AM Stephanie

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org or you may **mail** your envelope to PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940. You may **drop** your envelope in the secure mail slot at the back-entrance porch (not front office door) by the outdoor statue of St. Therese.

December 20, 2020	Budget \$6,800	Christmas flowers/Christmas \$570
Offertory \$ 3,985	Online Giving \$1,412	Total \$5,397 Difference -\$1,403

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We will continue to offer breakfast and lunch to our students as well as community members throughout our remote learning time. We continue to distribute breakfast and lunches on Monday's and Thursday's from 10:00 to 12:00.

Tuesday, January 19th, will mark the end of the second marking period. Report cards will be distributed to the students on Tuesday, January 26th.

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

Hoping your holiday season was blessed with precious memories and hope for a wonderful 2021!

Looking ahead...

Our Religious Education program will begin a digital/ monthly scripture packet starting on January 17. More details are to follow. The series is based on the Sunday Gospel readings. Scripture reflections and family activity packets will be available.

Please watch for upcoming emails/bulletin entries regarding access to the program.