

~ 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  
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

## 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 Crusciel 243-9971  
Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

## 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](http://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](http://www.optionline.org)  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255  
Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## JANUARY 6, 2019 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 6	The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00AM Desty Sherry (Al & Kim Byrne) 10:00AM Rose Mary McDermott (family)
Monday, Jan. 7	Christmas Weekday 7:30AM Jean Albrano (Katie & Bill Rhodes)
Tuesday, Jan. 8	Christmas Weekday 7:30AM Bartley & Agnes Smith (Hilda Eckenrode)
Wednesday, Jan. 9	Christmas Weekday 7:30 AM Bill Hines (Carmelite Sisters) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 10	Christmas Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 11	Christmas Weekday 8:45AM James Biter (Joe & Sharon Biter)
Saturday, Jan. 12	Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord 4:00PM Gerald Link (Aileen & family)
Sunday, Jan. 13	The Baptism of the Lord 8:00AM Kevin Goldian (Colleen & Rick Riner) 10:00AM People of the parish



## 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!

**CHRISTMAS GRACE IN ACTION!** 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, Folk Choir, Children's Choir, to our well attended **"Spirit of the Season"** Christmas concert choir, to our **St. Michael School** Christmas concert students, 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, move flowers, etc. January 14 and 15** at 10:00 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 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** Edna Eckenrode, Annette Farrell, Mary Lureen Scanlan, Ken Snowberger, Robert Ruffing, Betty Pryce, Emanuel Ruffing, Dorothy Knopp, 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 7-13

(R) January 7, 8, 9 Celeste Stolz

(EM) January 7, 8, 9 (if deacon is present, he assists)

### ALTAR SERVERS: ALTAR SERVERS: January 7-11

**Morning:** January 7, 8, 9, 11 Haley, Austin & Kiley Gray

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, January 9 6PM-7PM Meghan & Connor McMullen

### January 12-13

4:00PM Ralph Baughman, Mason & Colin Beiswenger

8:00AM Nicole Barnett, Mark Mento, Nicholas Clark

10:00AM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Hannah McMahan

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 12-13

4:00PM Pennie Wyland, Dick Mullen

8:00AM Chris Krug, Barb Sherry

10:00AM Betty Soisson, Mary Lessard

### READERS: January 12-13

4:00PM Pennie Wyland

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Betty Soisson

### MUSIC MINISTERS: January 12-13

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Jonathan      8AM Joel      10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Folk Choir      8AM Ashley      10AM Heidi

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org)

December 23 and Christmas, 2018 Offertory will be published next week

December 30, 2018 /January 1, 2019 Offertory will be published next week

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We congratulate the following students on placing in the “Honors Poetry Contest” sponsored by the Saint Francis University Honors English Class under the direction of Dr. Kelly Rhodes: Allie Dziabo (first), Gage Spielvogel (second), John Seymour (third), and Travis Kubat (Honorable Mention). We thank Dr. Rhodes and her students for affording our fifth and sixth grade students the opportunity to participate.

Please join our school family as we celebrate as a community of faith, the treasure we behold in Saint Michael Catholic School! Our week long “**Catholic Schools Week**” festivities begin by coming together as a parish and school family in thanksgiving at the **4:00 pm Mass, Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Immediately following Mass until 6:30 pm, **ALL** are welcome to attend our annual “**Open House**” to see firsthand the “**Good News**” in Catholic education. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week will be here before we know it. We will be having a “**Kindergarten Visitation Day**” on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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 so that a personal invitation can be sent to all prospective students.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will be holding their annual **Open House** for prospective high school students and their families on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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!

It’s a sweetheart of a deal! Our school council is sponsoring their annual recreational vehicle raffle. This year’s ticket features the winner’s choice of a **Textron Altera 570 EPS Four-Wheeler** or an **Arctic Cat Lynx 2000 ES Snowmobile**, or **\$6000 cash** determined by the **February 14<sup>th</sup> First Pick 4 EVENING** drawing. **New this year, a second prize, a \$100 Gas Card will be awarded based on the February 14<sup>th</sup> First Pick 4 DAY** drawing. 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 NEWS

**WEEKLY REFLECTION:** A Bounty of Blessings for you in 2019!

**JANUARY 13-** Classes Resume

\*Paperwork forthcoming for Junior **Firestarter** retreat via the mail and youth safety lessons via the students return to classes in January.

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

**CHOIR PRACTICE** - Choir practices are Sunday evenings at 6 PM.

## LORETTO COMMUNITY



The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **January 19<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>** Italian style or turkey \$8. Please place your order by **January 14<sup>th</sup>** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome to help. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All help is greatly appreciated.

**St. Michael BINGO** - Our Lady of Loretto Hall 471-2764 - \$20 Admission both nights **Tuesday** -Doors open at 5:30 Games begin at 7PM **Friday** -Doors open at 6:30 Games begin at 8pm. 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.