

~ 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. 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 8, 2023 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM Joe Lysic (family)
10:00AM People of the Parish

Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord
7:30AM Margaret Lee (Ron & Audrey Lee family)

Tuesday, January 10 Weekday
7:30AM Special Intention (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)

Wednesday, January 11 Weekday
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)

Thursday, January 12 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, January 13 Weekday
8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)

Saturday, January 14 Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Gerald Link (Aileen &family)

Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the Parish
10:00AM Bud Zabrosky (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Lu Lessard (Mary & 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!

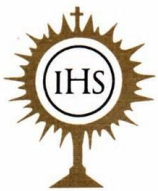
Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated in our diocese. Everyone is invited to attend. **January 11** at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak

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.** Monday, **January 9** at 9AM. 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 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.

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

thank you!

for participating in our winter raffle ticket **CHRISTMAS BASILICA BUCKS!** We appreciate and are grateful to you all! Congratulations to our winners: Kelly Hite, Terry McMullen, Stephanie Rossman, Carole Dietrich, Loretta Parrish, and Faber Eckenrode.

Legion of Mary News: Happy New Year greetings to all our parishioners from the Legion of Mary members. We resolve to further the message of Our Blessed Mother during this new year. It is up to us, our church, to ensure that future generations will come to know and love Our Lady. She is our help and comfort and will intercede to Our Lord for us. The Legion of Mary welcomes others to join us on Wednesday mornings following the 7:30AM Mass to pray the Rosary together and then to attend our meetings. For information about the Legion of Mary, or to obtain a Brown Scapular, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.



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

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

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers: Joe Stevens, Margaret Gailey, John Oklamchak, Betty Soisson, Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Luke Eckenrode, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna 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

The Knights of Columbus hoagie sale will be on Saturday, January 21. Due to supply issues, only 18" Italian hoagies are available. Hoagies are **\$12 each**. Please place your order by **Monday, January 16**, by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael School and Pro-Life activities. We appreciate your continued support!



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 9-15

ALTAR SERVERS: January 9-13

Mornings: January 9, 10, 11, 13 Kiley & Gavin Gray

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 11 6PM -7P Braden Wherry, Molly Itle

January 14-15

4:00PM Mackenzie Healy, Alexander Little, Logan Hoover

8:00AM Alivia, Alena & Elliot Nagle

10:00AM Jude Koehle, Makenna & Maddison Lee

READERS: January 14-15

4:00PM Julie Crusciel

8:00AM Julie Nagle

10:00AM Julia Wasser

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 14-15

4:00PM Catherine Foor
8:00AM Joe/Suzette Spinner
10:00AM Bob Chumrik

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 14-15

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Mike & Vicki 8AM Ashley 10AM Monica

USHERS: January 14-15

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers
8:00AM Kayden McMullen/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers



A very special thank you to all our volunteer ministers who help the whole year through!

Thank you

- **Altar Servers**
- **Extraordinary Ministers**
- **Readers**
- **Ushers**

We are so grateful to have you!

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.

December 25, 2022 + Christmas
Offertory \$9,056 Online Giving \$3,201 Total \$12,077

Thank you for your generosity

January 1, 2023 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$5,955 Online Giving \$1,273 Total \$7,228 Difference +\$428

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.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Students will have a virtual day on Monday, January 9th. The teachers will have a PLD Day.

Tuesday, January 17th marks the end of the second quarter. Reports cards will be sent home on Tuesday, January 24th.

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

***NOTE CHANGE-** Classes resume Sunday, January 15 not January 8!

Many thanks to parishioners who gifted the Religious Education program with Sacramental gifts and prayer cards for our students. The continued support of our program is unprecedented and truly appreciated! May God bless you for your generosity!