

~ 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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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

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council- Mrs. Mary Weiland 674-2631
Finance Council- Mrs. Meghan Freidhof 207-0104
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

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

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

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 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 9, 2022-BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 9	Baptism of the Lord 8:00AM Ted Yahner (Eileen & Michael Paul) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, Jan. 10	Weekday 7:30AM Helen Phister (Ron & Jen Buck family)
Tuesday, Jan. 11	Weekday 7:30AM Paul Eckenrode (Hilda Ekenrode)
Wednesday, Jan. 12	Weekday 7:30AM Ermin Wirfel (Bob & Mary Buzzella) 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan. 13	Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 14	Weekday 8:45AM Beth Ann Eckenrode Dishong (Phyllis Sheehan and Nancy McConnell family)
Saturday, Jan. 15	Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM George Grove Sr. (family)
Sunday, Jan. 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Gerald Link (Aileen Link) 10:00AM People of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Phoebe Rosensteel (Jim & Elaine Itle)

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

As we close the Christmas Season today, the month of January will be filled with numerous opportunities to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ! Here is what our parish is doing this month!!



End of Christmas / Help Needed - We will disassemble our **Christmas manger, take down trees, move flowers, etc. January 10** at 9:00 AM. Anyone free at that time is welcome to help. The retired people of the parish are especially welcome! Many hands make light work!

On **Friday Jan 21- Saturday January 22**, we mark the sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) which legalized abortion. January 22 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.

March on the Mountain at St. Francis University ~ Friday, January 21, 2022

10:30AM Rosary in front of the Chapel

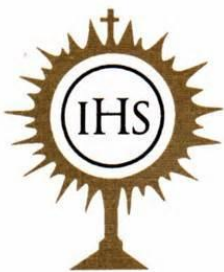
11:00AM March begins

12:00PM Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

Our next **Parish Finance Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**. We will meet at 6:30PM in the rectory.

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 (MOVED from January 23 as scheduled)**. We will meet in the Basilica Hall at 6:30PM.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2022** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Mary Weiland, chair, Julie Crusciel, Ashley Kubat (Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwasinski, Matt Kubat, Mary Lessard, Deb Hoover, Doris Scanlan, Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education), Bob Chumrik and Rick Smith. **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 **Maintenance** – Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner** - Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabagh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **LOL Hall Debt/May Days** – Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating** – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego



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 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: We ask the Blessed Mother and her son to let us welcome the challenges of this new year. For our homebound many days seem longer and harder. It is our hope and privilege to try to lighten their burdens with prayer and a friendly phone call visit. Praying the Rosary continues in our parish. All are welcome to join us and other parishioners each Wednesday evening Holy Hour, Friday afternoon at 3PM and one-half hour before the three weekend Masses. Devotion to the Blessed Mother in the Rosary besieges Heaven in a way that will be heard for all our needs. The Legion of Mary wishes all a very Happy and Blessed New Year. For information about the Legion of Mary please call Mary 814-886-5489.



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the families of Thomas Motchenbaugh and Constance Wirfel who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

PRAYER LIST: Rod Eckenrode, Ruth Zakowsky, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC, Stan Mattix, June Riner, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin



Thank you for participating in our winter ticket raffle
CHRISTMAS BASILICA BUCKS!

We appreciate and are grateful to you all!

Congratulations to our winners: Pete Berzonsky, Derek Domicica, Ray Guzic, Dale McConnell, Lois Farabaugh and Jack Farrell.

Stay connected!

The Basilica of St. Michael has an **official Facebook page!** Please follow us on Facebook to keep updated on the latest news and information! **Basilica of St. Michael-Loretto, PA**



FLOCKNOTE Please sign up for updates from The Basilica of St. Michael. You may sign up on our website under the page *NEW PARISH COMMUNICATION*

or you may text **BOSM** to 84576.

(You will see an option to set a password but it is not necessary and entirely your choice.)

You make the choice! ~ Sign up for emails or texts!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

We are so blessed to live in such a caring community. We appreciate everyone's acts of kindness at this time, giving Eric a beautiful send off. We couldn't have asked for more. Please do acts of kindness in his memory. From elementary school to college and work, everyone spoke of Eric's unselfish acts of kindness.

Thank you, *The Eric M. Baker family*

We wish to express our deep appreciation and to sincerely thank everyone for all of the prayers, food and many kind expressions of sympathy for Tom. Special thanks to Father Byrnes for celebrating the funeral Mass. The Altar and Rosary Society prepared a delicious meal for which we are grateful. Our family appreciates your thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow.

Many thanks, *The Tom Motchenbaugh family*

Please join us for **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY** at 3pm in the Basilica. 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.**

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, January 5th and 19th at 3 pm in the Basilica hall. All are invited to come stitch with us. Anyone who needs a prayer shawl please call (814) 472-9465.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held **Saturday, January 15**, 18" Italian or turkey, \$10 each. Please place your order by Monday, January 10 by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Crusciel 243- 9971. The hoagie sale is our primary fundraiser. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael Elementary School and Pro-Life activities. Please be supportive. We would appreciate any help in making and/or delivering hoagies the morning of 1/15. Preparations begin at 5:00 am.

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Happy New Year to all! Our first 2022 gathering is Saturday, **January 15** following the 4PM Mass. Our parish widows are welcome to join us for a covered dish dinner and evening of fun. We hope to have a Happy New Year. We meet at Mary Lessard's home. 814-886-5489 for more information.

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 10-16

ALTAR SERVERS: January 10-14

Mornings: January 10, 11, 12, 14 Travis & Kylie Kubat

Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 12 6PM -7P Nick & Bennett Clark

January 15-16

4:00PM Alex Krug, Billy Krug, Michael Poorman
8:00AM Logan & Ella Klatt, Kayden McMullen
10:00AM Nicholas & Bennett Clark, Ralph Baughman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS January 15-16

4:00PM Catherine Foor
8:00AM Chris Krug
10:00AM Beth Talko

READERS: January 15-16

4:00PM Amy Krug
8:00AM Monica Klatt
10:00AM Julia Wasser

MUSIC MINISTERS: January 15-16

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Choir 8AM Ashley 10AM Heidi

USHERS: January 15-16

4:00PM Matt & Alec Kubat/volunteers
8:00AM Irene Weakland/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support the basilica. By giving electronically, you can give anywhere, anytime from your computer, set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Visit our secure donation page at **basilicasm-loretto.org** to set up your online contribution.

Christmas Offertory \$6,410 Online giving Christmas \$4,000 Total 10,410

December 26, 2021 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$6,075 Online Giving \$813 Total \$6,888 Difference +\$88

Thank you for your generosity

January 2, 2022 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$6,357 Online Giving \$1,396 Total \$7,753 Difference +\$953

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2021 contributions, please call the parish office 472-8551 or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Thursday, January 13th marks the end of the second quarter. Reports cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 20th.

There will be a PLD on Friday, January 14th for teachers. The students will not have school.

ATV tickets are still available. The winners will be drawn around Valentine's Day. Call the office if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

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

Religious Education families...
Welcome to 2022!

Classes resume today, January 9!
January classes: 9, 16, 24 & 30.

Be kind! Be a blessing for someone today 🙏