

~ 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  
**Very Rev. Father John David Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector**  
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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](http://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](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)

## October 10, 2021 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Oct. 10** Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM Linda Smith (family)  
10:00AM Charles & Emma Schwab - donors of St. Michael Church - October 10, 1899 (Frank & Betty Seymour)

**Monday, Oct. 11** Weekday  
7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)

**Tuesday, Oct. 12** Weekday  
7:30AM Jeanne Seymour (family)

**Wednesday, Oct. 13** Weekday  
7:30AM Joan Mahute (family)  
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, Oct. 14** Weekday  
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)

**Friday, Oct. 15** St. Teresa of Avila  
8:45AM Ann Ansman (Celeste Stolz)

**Saturday, Oct. 16** Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM Buck Driskel -Ann. (family)

**Sunday, Oct. 17** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM People of the parish  
10:00AM Marian Stolz (MaryAnn Baker & family)

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Rita Jane Farabaugh (Francie)



October, Mary's Month of the Holy Rosary  
Respect Life Month!

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:**

Dear Parish Family,



**Month of the Holy Rosary** - I will lead our Religious Education students on a **“Rosary walk”** on our parish grounds during Religious Education time today. All students are to bring a rosary to Religious Education. St. Michael School students will be praying the rosary this month, as well as having a special **Living Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.**

**Freshmen Confirmation Retreat** - On Sunday October 24 our parish high school Freshmen will participate in their Confirmation Retreat from **8 AM to 10 AM, concluding with our 10 AM Mass.** The theme is **“Living your Baptism.”** Thank you to **Bob Sutton**, Religion instructor at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, for offering this retreat to our young people.

**Fall Clergy Conference / Schedule Changes** - On October 18/19 Monday afternoon-Tuesday I will be at the **Fall Clergy Conference** at Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA. There will be **NO DAILY MASS** on October 19, 20,22. There will be **NO Wednesday Eucharistic Holy Hour on Wednesday October 20.** Fr. Richard Davis, TOR will be providing funeral coverage.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SECOND GRADE (FIRST COMMUNION CLASS)** – The **Parents & Second Grade First Penance Retreat and Meeting** will be held **Monday evening, October 25 at 7 PM** in our St. Michael School Hall. All are to attend, as we begin to prepare for this important sacrament. It would be helpful for both parents to attend this time together. I look forward to meeting with you!

**Readers/Lectors of the Word of God** – Your Reader’s Liturgical Workbooks for the Year 2022 are available in the sacristy. Thank you for your ministry at daily and weekend Masses!

**Legion of Mary News:** Our dedicated Legion of Mary group is so thankful for our auxiliary members. Through their prayers we are aided in our work at St. Michael Basilica. We owe them a great deal of gratitude. On Friday, October 29 at 2pm, we will gather for our Annual Auxiliary Legion of Mary Mass and Rosary. Light refreshments will follow in the Basilica Hall. Auxiliary members are invited to join Fr. John Byrnes and the Legion of Mary for this special celebration. For more information, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us.

**ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS** During November, the Church will invite us in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest” (Eucharistic Prayer II). November begins with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls, and throughout the entire month we remember all the faithful departed (all souls being purified in purgatory), including the deceased members of our families. There is an envelope in your packet to list your deceased loved ones for All Souls Day. Although a donation is appreciated, it is not necessary, and all donations will be used for our parish cemetery. **Throughout the month, you are encouraged to inscribe the names of your beloved dead in the book which will be placed near the baptismal font.** “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

On **All Souls Day** (Tuesday Nov 2), Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. At Mass we welcome all parish families who have lost a loved one this year. **A candle will be lit for each parishioner who has died and been buried from our parish since November 2020.** Following Mass, there will be a light social. All are encouraged to attend this special Mass.



**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.**

**Fatima Devotions are back:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of Saint Francis University. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

**PRAYER LIST:** June Riner, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Jeanine Farabaugh, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, 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

## **LORETTO COMMUNITY**

The **Dorothy Day Outreach Center** is having their Bi-Annual Tag Sale on Saturday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Tag Sale will be located in the Stokes Auxiliary Gym at Saint Francis University. Signage will be found on campus to help locate the gym. Feel free to call (814) 419-8679 with any questions.

**Evening for Widows:** Our next gathering is Saturday evening, **October 16<sup>th</sup>** following the 4PM Mass. Plan to join us for a delicious covered dish meal at the Lessard farm. Please call Mary 814-886-5489 for information and directions.

Cinnamon Rolls at the **Loretto American Legion**. October 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and November 13<sup>th</sup>. Warm from the oven at 10:30AM until sold out. \$6.00 per pan. Thank you for your support!

**Angel Tree:** Hints of the upcoming holiday season are upon us as fall has arrived and temperatures begin to drop. Many families in our community need your help so their children may have a joyful and Merry Christmas. **The Angel Tree Committee** is currently taking names of families with children who need assistance this year. If you need support from the Loretto Area Angel Tree this year, please call Dolly Little at 814-674-5078 or Julie Little at 814-243-8925 by **November 5, 2021**. If no answer, please leave a message and we will return your call. **If you would like to make a donation to the Angel Tree**, please make checks payable to “The Angel Tree Fund” and send to Julie Little, 344 Hoover Road, Loretto, PA 15940 or Dolly Little, 969 Columbia St. Loretto PA 15940

The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a **Luminaria Veterans Day Project** on November 11, 2021 in Loretto. The glowing bags are to honor all living and deceased veterans of the community. Luminaria bags are \$5.00 each with one name per bag. The bags will be placed around Our Lady of Loretto Shrine beside the Basilica. Luminaria bags can be purchased at the Loretto Legion, from any Knights of Columbus member, or your envelope can be placed in the collection. For more information Call Mike Zabrzkeski 814-322-7990

**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: October 11-17**

### **ALTAR SERVERS: ALTAR SERVERS: October 11-15**

**Mornings:** October 11, 12, 13, 15 Meghan McMullen, Colin Beiswenger

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, October 13 6PM -7PM Braden & Mason Wherry

### **October 16-17**

4:00PM Ralph Baughman, Logan Hoover, Nicholas Clark

8:00AM Bella & Laylah Weiland, Kayden McMullen

10:00AM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Molly Itle

### **EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS October 16-17**

4:00PM Mary Lessard

8:00AM Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Vince Kalwasinski

### **READERS: October 16-17**

4:00PM Mary Lessard

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

**MUSIC MINISTERS: October 16-17** **ORGANISTS:** 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Stephanie 8AM Doug 10AM Heidi



*This week we would like to give special thanks to our musicians, cantors and choir members. Thank you for sharing your God-given talents with our congregation each week!*

**USHERS: October 16-17**

4:00PM Matt & Alec Kubat  
8:00AM Lew Klatt  
10:00AM John Risban

**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](http://basilicasm-loretto.org) to set up your online contribution.

October 3, 2021 Budget \$6,800  
Offertory \$4,981 Online Giving \$897 Total \$5,878 Difference -\$922

Thank you for your generosity

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL**

Seventh and eighth grade students will be taking a field trip to the Flight 93 Memorial on Monday, October 11th. We are extremely grateful that our busing has been paid for by the Flight 93 scholarship program.

The Saint Michael School family will be joined by the Legion of Mary every Wednesday in October to pray the Rosary. We thank Mary Lessard and the Legion of Mary for leading us in the Rosary.

**Students and faculty will participate in a “Living Rosary” on Friday, October 8th** at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine @ 12:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we honor our Mother in heaven, Mary.

The weekly winners of the Saint Michael School Football Ticket Fundraiser are posted on the school Facebook page and the school website.

**Christmas Extravaganza tickets can be reserved now.** Please call the school office at 814-472-9117 to reserve tickets. Tickets are also available through any Saint Michael School student.

The **Cougar Cash Calendar for 2022** is available for purchase from any Saint Michael School student, school office, or the rectory.

Gift Cards from our “SCRIP” program will continue to be available for purchase throughout the school year by simply phoning the school office @ 472-9117 or by contacting Viki Krug @ 330-6566; Rachel Beiswenger @ 886-2633; or Joanne Pompa @ 886-9567 to place your orders. Advance orders are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**October 10- ROSARY WALK** with Fr. John on Basilica grounds, Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine to the Chapel House/9:15am/ Prince Gallitzin’s tomb. All parishioners welcome!

**October 17-** Classes/ grades 1-11

**October 24- Freshmen “Baptism Retreat”** 8:00-11:00am- Sunday Mass included  
-Classes grades 1-11

**October 25-** Parents & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade communicants session “**Penance Retreat**” meeting 7PM St. Michael’s School

**October 31-**Classes grades 1-11

*Be kind! Be a blessing for someone today!*

**AROUND THE AREA**

**The Annual Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL) Respect Life Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 9AM** at the New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Rd. Summerhill. We are delighted to have as our speaker this year Mr. Steve Deace. He is an author, activist and talk show host. Due to almost being a victim of abortion, Steve is a staunch supporter and defender of life. Come be inspired! Tickets for the breakfast are **\$10, advance sale only. For tickets or information please call Maggie Biter 814-472-6064.**