

~ 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 17, 2021 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 17	Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Marian Stolz (MaryAnn Baker & family)
Monday, Oct. 18	St. Luke 7:30AM Dorothy Itell (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)
Tuesday, Oct. 19	Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues NO MASS (Father- Mass at Clergy Conference, Bolivar, PA for Living & deceased members of the Memorial Fund)
Wednesday, Oct. 20	Weekday NO MASS No Eucharistic Holy Hour
Thursday, Oct. 21	Weekday NO MASS
Friday, Oct. 22	Weekday NO MASS
Saturday, Oct. 23	Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Richard Mishock (Karen)
Sunday, Oct. 24	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Gerry Buck (Carol Hoover) 10:00AM People of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Ken Noel



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

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:**

Dear Parish Family,

**Fall Clergy Conference / Schedule Changes** - Early this week I will be participating in 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.

**Freshmen Confirmation Retreat** - Next 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.

**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!



**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES - LATE FALL/ADVENT**

**Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW** will present an opportunity for adult faith formation for our parish! **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother (by Edward Sri)**. An 8 part series (four weeks in **Late Fall /Advent**, four weeks in **Winter/Lent**) that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and the lives of the faithful. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the presentations will place the adult faith formation participants in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life as recorded in Scripture. See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of Catholic belief about her. Learn how she works in the lives of Christians today, drawing them closer to her Son. Let us grow in our faith together!

**Part One - Classes will be held Mondays November 22, 29, December 6, December 13  
6:00 -7:30 PM Basilica Hall There is no charge for these classes  
To register, call our Parish Office at 814- 472-8551**

**ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS** Next month, 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** (a Monday this year, and not a Holy Day of Obligation) 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.

**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.

**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!

**PRAYER LIST:** Stan Mattix, June Riner, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Jeanine Farabaugh, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koepler, 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**

Thank you to our **Bingo Volunteers** for a very successful Ticket Tournament! A profit of **\$14,310** was earned for our Community Hall. The Volunteers would like to thank all of the parishioners that attended this event and helped make it so successful!

The **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Wednesday **Oct 20** at 3:00 pm in the Basilica basement. All are welcome to come stitch with us. If anyone needs a shawl or you know of anyone who needs a shawl, please contact Barb at (814) 472-9465.

**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 or Dolly Little, 969 Columbia St. Loretto, PA.

**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.

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

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

### **Liturgical Ministries: October 18-24**

#### **ALTAR SERVERS: October 18-22**

**Mornings:** October 18, 19, 20, 22 NO MORNING MASS

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, October 20 6PM -7PM NO HOLY HOUR

#### **October 23-24**

4:00PM Alec & Travis Kubat, Colin Beiswenger

8:00AM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran

10:00AM Haley, Austin, Kiley & Gavin Gray (3)

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS October 23-24**

4:00PM Ashley Kubat

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Cindy McMullen

#### **READERS: October 23-24**

4:00PM Ashley Kubat

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Cindy McMullen

#### **MUSIC MINISTERS: October 23-24**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Mike & Vicki

8AM Ashley

10AM Children’s Choir

#### **USHERS: October 23-24**

4:00PM Ken Strittmatter

8:00AM Kayden McMullen

10:00AM Rich Clark

## **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 10, 2021 Budget \$6,800  
Offertory \$6,112 Online Giving \$1,197 Total \$7,309 Difference +\$509

Thank you for your generosity

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Saint Michael School is sponsoring a "Hoss's -Dining to Donate" event to benefit our school on Sunday, October 17th from 11am -8 pm at the Ebensburg location. Our school will receive 20% of the total group sales. Hoss's gift cards can be purchased through our SCRIP gift card program which will add to our profits. Please join us!

Our Middle States visit will begin on Monday, October 18th. We welcome Mr. Edward Tray (Chair) and the team to Saint Michael School.

Fall Picture Day will be held on Tuesday, October 19th. Students are permitted to wear dress clothes, or they may wear their school uniforms. Detailed information was sent home with students this past week. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you.

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.

We will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, October 20th. The Middle States Team will be presenting our final report. Bus transportation will be provided.

Christmas Extravaganza tickets have arrived in the school office. 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 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

Jill Zimmerman, a certified Soulcore Leader, leads a **Soulcore** Session every Sunday evening, unless otherwise noted, at **Holy Name School Gym** at 215 W. Horner St., Ebensburg. "The Soulcore **Rosary workout** integrates core-strengthening, stretching and functional movements with the prayers of the rosary." Free will offerings would be greatly appreciated from those who attend, if they are able. For more information on Soulcore, go to [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com).

**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.**

**Wine Festival at Bishop Carroll** on Saturday, **November 6th** from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. with wine tasting and sales, food samplings, crafts, and live music. Hot food will be available for purchase. No outside food or drinks permitted. Tickets for the event are \$20 pre-sale in the main office of the school or by calling (814) 472-7500. Tickets at the door are \$25. Must be 21 or older, ID is required. The cash drawing for the \$2000, \$3000, and \$20,000 will be held live that evening at 8:00 pm. Responsible drinking and the use of a designated driver is encouraged.