

~ 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. 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

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 & Tuesday 7:30AM
Wednesday 6:00PM 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 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM 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 Mrs. Lorie Ratchford 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

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 12 **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Edwin & Caroline Smithbower
Monday, Nov. 13 **St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**
7:30AM People of the parish
Tuesday, Nov. 14 **Weekday**
7:30AM Mary J. Strittmatter (family)
Wed., Nov. 15 **Weekday**
6:00PM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)
6:30 PM-9:00PM *Eucharistic Adoration*
Thursday, Nov. 16 **Weekday**
NO MASS
Friday, Nov. 17 **Weekday**
8:45AM Death Remembrance of Captain Michael McGuire (Frank & Betty Seymour)
Saturday, Nov. 18 **Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Buck Driskel - BD Remembrance (family)
Sunday, Nov. 19 **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Mary Obester (Ann Sutton)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Edwin & Caroline Smithbower (Gail Yanko)

+ November- Month of All Souls +

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

HANDMADE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM BELARUS - This weekend, November 11 and 12th after each Mass, I am delighted to welcome the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus) and their offering of handmade religious articles for purchase downstairs in our Basilica Hall. The Sisters write...”A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find God. We have workshops on the premises where we make goods with love and prayer to bring blessings to their owners. We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.”



Eucharistic Adoration / Praise and Worship Night at St. Michael Basilica **TONIGHT Sunday November 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Part of the Confirmation preparation for our young people is participating in a *Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration/Praise and Worship*. This includes our Bishop Carroll/ Penn Cambria/Central Cambria/Cambria Heights students.

I have invited the Holy Spirit Ministry, based at St. Michael Parish, Hollidaysburg, to our parish for a lively, beautiful, and prayerful evening. The prayer group will lead the Music Ministry, praise and worship, with witness talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. While this event is an opportunity for our teenagers, **all in the parish**, especially our faithful Wednesday Adorers are invited to this special night of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **Have you ever participated in Praise and Worship?** Now is the time to experience it!

November 13 Parish Safety Meeting - For the past several years **The Fatula Group** has offered threat preparedness, workplace violence, human trafficking, and active shooter training for a variety of faith-based groups and businesses, including our St. Michael School. Bubba Fatula has graciously offered to hold a **SAFETY TRAINING SESSION** for our parish to be held in the Basilica of St. Michael on the evening of **Monday, November 13 at 6:30PM-8:30PM** This **SAFETY SESSION** would be helpful to all interested in learning how to react in a crisis. This training allows you to keep yourself and others safe in crisis situations. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Adult Faith Education - Late Fall/ Advent Classes - Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will offer “**When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God**”

This video series, with insights by Dr. Edward Sri, mines the riches of Catholic Spirituality and the Catholic tradition of prayer. Drawing from Scripture and the example of the saints, this series will help participants cultivate a fruitful life of prayer that leads to an ever-deeper encounter with God and a profound conversion, so that you can give God your entire heart. This series will assist us to prepare for our celebration of Christ’s birth and the call of Advent to be a time of prayerful anticipation. **Sessions will take place in the Basilica Hall Mondays November 20, 27, December 4, 11** from 6-8 PM or at the Incarnation Center (9 -11 AM) Textbook for the Class **When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God** \$16 **Call the Parish Office to register!**

Parish Council - Our Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for **SUNDAY November 19 at 6:30 PM in Basilica Hall**.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2023** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Julie Little (2025), chair, Bob Chumrik (2024), Ashley Kubat (2024), Rick Smith (2024), Monica Klatt (2025), Lizbeth Talko (2025), Chris Krug (2025), Bonnie Paronish (2025), Bridget Yahner (2025), Diane Coposky (2026), Melissa Clapper (2026) Alex Krug (Youth Representative), Logan Krug (Youth Representative), Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education).

The following parishioners will take responsibility in the following areas of parish life. They will make a report to the parish Council, as needed, with regard to their activities.

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, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **Special Projects for Hall and School/May Days** – Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating** – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego



Thanksgiving Day Mass - will be celebrated at **9 AM on November 23**. There will be no collection taken on this day, but I would ask that everyone bring a non-perishable canned good (fruit, soup, vegetables, etc.) or dry good which will be placed in baskets at the altar **during the offertory**. All offerings will be taken to the **Dorothy Day Center**. The Dorothy Day Center is always in need of boxed goods such as cereal, pasta, skillet meals (Hamburger Helper), macaroni & cheese, etc. Condiments are also very useful. Cake mixes, dessert mixes and cookie mixes are good to include with holiday selections.

***After Mass on this day we will need help carrying the collection of food to the parish garage. What great exercise for Thanksgiving Day! We will greatly appreciate any helping hands!**

Legion of Mary News ~ During November, the month dedicated to all souls, we pray for all our deceased loved ones. It is good, also, to remember that our homebound parishioners have not only suffered the loss of family and friends, but they live with the loss of good health, suffer loneliness and the ability to be present at our Basilica Masses, and live in the community. The Legion of Mary regularly visit our homebound. This time of prayer and conversation is rewarding to these parishioners and to our Legion of Mary members. We invite others to join us in our efforts to uplift their spirits, include them in our parish life and share in and encourage their prayer life. For information about the Legion of Mary or to become a member please call Mary 814-886-5489.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers:

Caroline Wilks, Karen Zabrzeski, Rose Ann Servinsky, Carol Myers, Ed & Janet Zabrosky, Michael Behe, Ann Sutton, Dave Owens, Barb Bender, Luke Francisco, Betty Soisson, Paul Hanlon, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Marco J. Jardina, Rod Eckenrode, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Dale Zakowsky, 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 Loretto Fire Company will hold a Chicken BBQ on November 12th, 2023. 11AM till sold out. The dinners will be \$10 each and will have ½ chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. You can pre order your dinners by calling the Fire hall at 472-9160 please leave a call back number when leaving order. **ALL PRE ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 11am and NOON. IF NOT THE DINNER WILL BE SOLD.** As always, we thank you for your support.

Extending your DAILY PRAYER LIFE: Did you know ... We should consider daily Mass, even once a week. With the addition of a 6:00 Wednesday evening Mass, we no longer must wait until after we retire to make attending a weekday Mass a regular sacrifice of our time, a habit. Yes, with most adults making the commute to work in the mornings, it is difficult to get to Mass with our other commitments. Thankfully, there is an opportunity to do more now. Life is short. We only get a limited number of opportunities to participate in the Mass and to receive Holy Communion in this life. Masses that we personally attend, most likely benefit us even more than Masses said for our intention after we die. This is because we, ourselves, are actively participating in the worship and sacrifice. Consider making good use of these precious gifts, and not missing out on our chances to apply the infinite merits of Jesus to ourselves and those we love. The more Masses we attend during our lives, the more opportunity we have to receive His graces. Don't wait for retirement, Advent, or Lent to add additional time in church. The time is now to add an additional Mass, the very highest form of prayer.

Luminary Project – this Saturday- NOVEMBER 11th 2023 - Please put one name of a family member, friend, who was a veteran on each bag. Bags may recognize Veterans that are still alive or deceased. Then put the money into the bag and deposit it in the box provided. The bags will then be lined along-around the Legion's Memorial Wall. Then luminated at night/ dusk. Donation of \$5.00 per bag. Please make any checks payable to: Knights of Columbus #11196



Angel Tree - The Angels are hanging on Christmas Trees at the front of the Basilica and Smithmyer's Superette. If taking an angel, please purchase your gifts for the child and return them to either location by December 4th with the Angel tag attached to the outside. Also, we would like to add an item to each child's gifts that signifies the religious reason why we celebrate Christmas. If you want to donate an item that demonstrates the Christian reason, please purchase an item and place it unwrapped under the Tree. We will select an age-appropriate item and add it to each child's gift. Some suggestions: Coloring Book and Crayons of the Nativity or Bible stories, Veggie Tales or other children's storybooks/movies, Chain with a medal or cross, prayer cards or prayer books, etc. If you would like to donate to the Angel Tree Fund, please make checks payable to "The Angel Tree Committee" and send to Julie Little: 344 Hoover Road, Loretto, PA 15940, Or Dolly Little: 969 Columbia St Loretto, PA 15940. Without your generous support, The Angel Tree Committee could not support the families that we do. Thank you!

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 Our next covered dish dinner and time together will follow the 4PM Saturday evening Mass, on November 18. It will be a Thanksgiving meal at Mary Lessard's home. We plan on giving thanks for the gift of our departed spouses. We invite our parish widows to join us for the consolation and enjoyment of the evening together. For directions or questions please call Mary 814-886-5489.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: November 13-19

ALTAR SERVERS: November 13-15

Mornings 7:30AM November 13, 14 Zac Krug, Alexander Little

Evening Mass: November 15 **Wednesday 6PM** Elliot, Alena & Alivia Nagle

November 18-19

4:00PM Nicholas Bradley, Alexander Little, Logan Hoover

8:00AM Bella & Laylah Weiland, Zac Krug

10:00AM Molly & Emily Itle, Bennett Clark

READERS: November 18-19

4:00PM Karen Mento
8:00AM Joan Krug
10:00AM Kevin McConnell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 18-19

4:00PM Makala Smith, Julie Little, Catherine Foor
8:00AM Joan Krug, Nick Byrne, Janet Hogue
10:00AM Nick Clark, Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski

MUSIC MINISTERS: November 18-19 ORGANISTS: 4PM Max 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Heidi 8AM Mike & Vicki 10AM Stephanie

USHERS: November 18-19

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers
8:00AM Rick Smith/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 5, 2023	Goal \$6,800	All Souls Day \$220
Offertory \$5,434	Online Giving \$1,879	Total \$7,313 Difference +\$513

Thank you for your generosity



We welcome newly baptized Dean Elliott McElheny into our parish family. Dean is the son of Adam and Kaitlin (Rieg) McElheny. We also welcome Ace Michael Nelson and Cadence Marie Nelson, the children of Cody Nelson and Erica Chenoga. Congratulations!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We wish to thank OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS, and FRIENDS of Saint Michael School who assisted by selling tickets, donating desserts and/or baskets, and giving of their time for set up, clean up and working the event. The sharing of talents from so many made our “Christmas Extravaganza” a success! We especially are grateful to Rachel Beiswenger for all her hard work and purchasing all the prizes, Becky Seymour & Joyce Krug for preparing the delicious meal, Gene Pietrowski for his DJ Services, Shea Lego, Lois Stoltz and all the bingo workers for selling tickets, and for Viki Krug assisting with many of the behind-the-scenes tasks before, during and throughout the event. We want to thank all volunteers who made the event such a success. **Thank you to our Saint Michael Family for a job well done!**

“iGiveCatholic” Event: From November 13 – November 28, St. Michael School is teaming up with the national organization, #iGiveCatholic, to inspire faithful stewards to “Give Catholic” and support our school directly. This is an online fundraiser for St. Michael School in which online donations are accepted. The proceeds will be put towards installation of LED lighting throughout the school.

***To give, go to iGiveCatholic.org and search for “St. Michael School.” Whether it be financial or even sharing our Facebook posts about the event, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

***If you would rather not donate online, we are accepting cash donations that will be put toward the need listed above. Contact Principal Rhonda Seymour at 814-472-9117 with questions.**

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will be visiting Bishop Carroll on Friday, November 17th for the fall Junior High Visit. We thank Mr. Nagy for organizing this day for our students.

Our RADA Cutlery fundraiser is underway. If anyone is interested in purchasing any items, please contact any school family or the school office @ 472-9117 for assistance.

Let us help you with your Christmas shopping! 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

November 12 - Grades 1-8 (9:00am-9:55am)

* **DOROTHY DAY THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION** (Boxed Items Requested)

November 12 - Grades 9-12 PRAISE & WORSHIP -EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION beginning at 6:00PM in the Basilica. ~ CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ~ All Parish Families Welcome!

November 19-All Religious Education classes canceled (Fall Flake Dance)

November 26-Thanksgiving Vacation

December 3-Class resume

AROUND THE AREA

THE CINCH TOURNAMENT – St. Monica Church will hold the monthly Cinch Tournament **Sunday, November 12th** and held the second Sunday of each month. Dinner at 12 Noon and cards start at 1:00. Get a team of three together for a day of good food and fun. Cost is \$10.00 each. To sign up call Dan at 814-932-4430.