

~ 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

November 14, 2021 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 14 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Living, deceased and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary

Monday, Nov. 15 Weekday
7:30AM Marian Stolz (Frank & Marian Wyland)

Tuesday, Nov. 16 Weekday
7:30AM Captain Michael McGuire 1793 Death Rem. (Prince Gallitzin Historical Society)

Wednesday, Nov. 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Nov. 18 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)

Friday, Nov. 19 Weekday
8:45AM Betty Cadwallader (Marianne & Ken Borlie)

Saturday, Nov. 20 Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
4:00 PM Gertrude Callan (Catherine Foor)

Sunday, Nov. 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:00AM Buck Driskel -BD (family)
10:00AM People of the parish
6:30 PM Eucharistic Praise and Worship with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Stanley and Irene Grata (family)

+ November -The Month of Prayer for All Souls +

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

I invite you to an evening of Praise and Worship! 6:30 PM 11/21/21

The **FALL Confirmation Session/Praise and Worship/Eucharistic Adoration** will be held next **Sunday November 21**. Our teenagers preparing for Confirmation (Bishop Carroll and Religious Education students) will attend their **FALL SESSION (5:30 PM -6:30 PM)**



Following the Session, they will participate in an hour of **Eucharistic Adoration / Praise and Worship in the Basilica (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM)**

Father Stephen Mary Waruszewski TOR and SFU students will lead the Music Ministry, praise and worship, with 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!



Blessing of Basilica Doors- We have much to be grateful for this **Thanksgiving!** Bishop Mark will bless our new basilica doors at our **St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass at 10 AM on Tuesday morning November 23.**

The beautiful stained-glass quatrefoils on the doors are images of the *Litany of Loretto*, the *Mercy Cross* (school side door) and the *Gallitzin Coat of Arms*. In next week's bulletin, I will include a description of the location and name of each window.

Following Mass, **Bishop Mark**, our honored guest **Sr. Evangelista Strohmier RSM** and several guests will join our students for a turkey dinner in the cafeteria. **MORE TO COME!!!**

Thanksgiving Day Mass - will be celebrated at **9 AM on November 25**. 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.

We're excited to announce that we are participating in **#iGiveCatholic** on **#GivingTuesday**, our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving! This year it will be Nov 30. Your generous support makes a meaningful difference to the parish or school. Just visit iGiveCatholic.org to donate on Nov 30. Search for **Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto** or go to **St. Michael School Facebook page** to participate!



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**



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, Chaplet of Divine Mercy (All through November) at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Legion of Mary News: We, members of the Legion of Mary, can all agree that being a part of the Legion of Mary enhances and enriches our lives. It affords us the opportunity to get to know better God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as well as our blessed Mother. We invite others to enjoy this enrichment as we work in our parish. At present our efforts include phone calls to our homebound parishioners. Soon we hope to be able to, once again, visit them in their homes. At weekend Masses and on Wednesday evening Holy Hour, we join other parishioners praying the Rosary one half hour before Mass begins. All are invited to be a part of this beautiful tradition. We thank Father John for his encouragement, prayers and support for both the active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary. God Bless you, Father John. For more information, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us.

PRAYER LIST: Ruth Zakowsky, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC, Stan Mattix, June Riner, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Jeanine Farabaugh, Connie Wirfel, Zachary Karabinos, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Kogler, 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, **November 17th** at 3:00 pm in the Basilica Hall. All are welcome to come stitch and pray with us. If anyone needs a shawl or you know of anyone who needs a shawl, please contact Barb at (814) 472-9465.

Evening for Widows ~ We invite the widows of our parish to attend our next covered dish dinner/evening following the 4PM Mass **on Saturday, November 20**. A Thanksgiving meal is planned at Mary Lessard's home. Call Mary at 814-886-5489 for information and directions.

Angel Tree - After taking an angel, please purchase a gift for the child and **return to either the Basilica or Smithmyer's by December 2nd**. We would like to add an item to each child's package that signifies the religious reasons why we celebrate Christmas. If you would like to donate an item that demonstrates the Christian reason, please purchase and place unwrapped under the Tree. We will select an age-appropriate item and add it to each child's gift. Some suggestions: Coloring Book & Crayons of the Nativity or religious events, Veggie Tales or movies, Chain with a medal or cross, story books, prayer cards or prayer books etc. 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. Without your generous support The Angel Tree could not support the families that we do. Thank you.

Blood Drive ~ Thursday, **November 18th** 2:30PM-7PM at our Lady of Loretto Community Hall

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held **Saturday, November 20**, 18" Italian or turkey, \$10 each. Please place your order by Monday, **November 15** 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 11/20. Preparations begin at 5:00 am.

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: November 15-21

ALTAR SERVERS: November 15-19

Mornings: November 15, 16, 17, 19 Alivia, Alena, Elliott Nagle (2)

Holy Hour: Wednesday, November 17 6PM-7PM Hannah McMahon, La'Ryah McMahon

November 20-21

4:00PM Colin Beiswenger, Michael Poorman, Jude Koehle

8:00AM Haley, Austin, Kiley & Gavin Gray (3)

10:00AM Alex Krug, Alec & Travis Kubat

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 20-21

4:00PM Mason Beiswenger
8:00AM Chris Krug
10:00AM Vince Kalwasinski

READERS: November 20-21

4:00PM Julia Wasser
8:00AM Chris Krug
10:00AM Amy Krug

MUSIC MINISTERS: November 20-21

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Monica 8AM Mike and Vicki 10AM Children's Choir

USHERS: November 20-21

4:00PM Ken Strittmatter
8:00AM Lew Klatt
10:00AM John Risban

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 7, 2021 Offertory will be published in next week's bulletin

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 purchasing all the prizes, Becky Seymour & Joyce Krug for preparing the delicious meal, Gene Pietrowski for his DJ Services, Lois Stoltz, and bingo workers for selling tickets, Shea Lego for all of her hard work with the money tree and punch boards, and for Viki Krug assisting with many of the behind-the-scenes tasks before, during and throughout the event. Thank you to our Saint Michael Family for a job well done!

"iGive Catholic" Event: From November 15 – November 30, 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. Proceeds will be put towards installation of our water refill stations, student laptops/iPads, and a new sound system.

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 needs listed above. Contact Principal Rhonda Seymour at 814-472-9117 with questions.

Our seventh and eighth grade students will be visiting Bishop Carroll on Friday, November 19th.

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

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 14-Classes -grades 1-11

November 21-Annual Holiday Food Drive- Benefits Dorothy Day Outreach Center. Grades 1-8 bring items to school cafeteria.

November 21- 5:30PM Fall Session for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors ... then 6:30PM Praise & Worship

All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors please bring food donations to the Basilica basement

November 28-Thanksgiving vacation- No classes!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHOIR PRACTICES - Any parishioner, high school age or older, is welcome to join our choir! We are currently practicing for Christmas. Individuals of all abilities are welcome! Recordings and print music are provided. Practices are Sunday evenings, from 6 to 7:30 PM. Please speak with the music director or any choir member if you have questions. We would love to grow our numbers!

AROUND THE AREA

CINCH TOURNAMENT: Sunday, **November 14**, in the St. Monica Church Hall. Dinner at Noon. Cards start at 1:00. \$10 entry Fee. To register your 3-person team call Dan at 814-736-0265 or 814-932-4430. Come join an afternoon of fun.