

~ 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
321 St. Mary Street PO Box 10 Loretto, PA 15940-0144

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office 472-8551
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Diocesan phone 695-5579
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Bingo 471-2764

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 19, 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 19 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Mary Obester (Ann Sutton)

Monday, Nov. 20 Weekday
7:30AM Father Robine (Joe & Alice Lee)

Tuesday, Nov. 21 St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass
*8:45AM Tim Hoover (Russ & Jeanne Krug)

Wed., Nov. 22 Weekday
6:00PM Josephine & George Weiland (Shirley)
6:30 PM-9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
*9:00AM Matthew Kubat Jr (family)

Friday, Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac
8:45AM Greg Kalwasinski (Vince Kalwasinski)

Saturday, Nov. 25 Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
4:00PM Maurice Rice Sr. (Catherine Foor)

Sunday, Nov. 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Kathryn Crusciel (Betty Amigh)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Rosemary Freidhof

+ November- Month of All Souls +

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:



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 Outreach 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!**

The Parish Office is closed November 22, 23, 24, 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass- You are invited to join us for our school children's Mass at a special time on **Tuesday November 21 at 8:45 AM**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving! Expect some "Native Americans" and "Pilgrims" among our primary school children!!

"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.

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

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!**

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers: David Wyland, Benton Hancock, Caroline Wilks, Karen Zabrzski, 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank the parish community for their support and most importantly prayers during Barry's illness and our time of loss. Thank you to the parish members who helped prepare and serve the funeral dinner. A special thank you to Father Byrnes for the beautiful Mass in celebration of Barry's life.

The Barry Krug family

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.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: We have compiled a wish list of items that could be sponsored by parishioners to help offset our ever-increasing costs. It is only with the parishioners' continued support and generosity that the parish can operate and make ends meet. **Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!** If you can sponsor any amount of the following items, please send your donation into the parish office. We appreciate your consideration and generosity!

Candles

- One set of Advent Wreath candles - \$72
- Box of six floor candles - \$89
- Box of twelve back alter candles - \$80
- Easter Vigil candles - \$48
- 2024 Easter Paschal Candle - \$308

Music Ministry

- 2024 Breaking Bread Hymnals - \$3,200
- Organ annual maintenance fee - \$245
- Piano annual maintenance fee - \$100
- New digital piano for outdoor Masses (needs replaced) - \$2,000

Miscellaneous

- Monthly security bill - \$50
- 2024 parishioner calendars - \$530
- 2024 reader/lector workbooks - \$201
- Website annual fee - \$144
- Palm order - \$320
- Replacement of recessed lighting fixtures in Basilica - \$450 per light

Parish Office

- Parishioner envelopes - \$1,900
- Vanco collection fees - \$1,200
- Copy machine monthly bill - \$236
- Roll of stamps - \$144
- Box of bulletin paper - \$82

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, approximately 17% of our collections came from **online giving through Vanco**. Through the first quarter of our current fiscal year, this has increased to about 22%. Another way to help offset costs is when donating online is to select the option "I would like to cover the processing fees so 100% of my donation will benefit the cause." The fee is 1% when linked to a bank account. For example, if you donate \$10,00, taking your donation to \$10.10 would pay for the fees. Donations can be made one time or set up as recurring payments. If you'd like to participate, please see the "Online Giving" tab on the Basilica website.

Extending your DAILY PRAYER LIFE: More about the importance of staying in the moment after receiving Holy Communion... In past weeks, we talked about the wonderful prayer, Anima Christi (Missalette page 326) and how valuable it is to meditate on this prayer after receiving the Body (and Blood) of Christ. Sr. Emmanuel Maillard, who gives a monthly YouTube report from Medjugorje says, "... when you receive Holy Communion, it is the most sacred moment of your life... let Him in... speak with Him." She goes on to say, "... we become more and more the real living tabernacle of the living God, we become one with Him, we radiate Him, we radiate His love." She goes on to quote a mystic she had the pleasure of knowing who told her, "The degree of happiness in heaven will depend on the quality of our Holy Communion on earth." Keep this in mind as you receive Jesus this weekend. Don't be distracted by those around you, come to Him with a pure heart and return to your pew and continue to speak to Him and invite Him in

Have you been searching for a group of women to grow in your faith? Well, Walking with Purpose is coming to you!

~Walking with Purpose Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

~If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—Walking with Purpose is for you!

~Join Kendra Weakland for the first info session on December 3rd after the 8AM Mass in the Basilica Hall where you can meet other women from the parish and learn more about the program over coffee and brunch.

~The study will meet on Sundays at 6 PM in the Basilica Hall beginning January 14th, 2024. Contact Kendra Weakland at 217-994-6252 or at flood.kendra5373@gmail.com if you have any questions or are ready to join today!

*If childcare is a concern, please reach out to Kendra to discuss options as she too is a new mom like many of you!



We welcome newly baptized Allie Monroe Smithbower into our parish family. Allie is the daughter of Jeff and Danielle (Becker) Smithbower. Congratulations!



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the family of John Pifko, Eleanor Strittmatter, and Frances Borlie who passed away recently. May God grant them eternal rest and give their families the comfort and peace that they seek.

EVENING FOR WIDOWS We invite other parish widows to join us this Saturday, after the 4PM Saturday Mass, November 18. For information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

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.**

LORETTO COMMUNITY



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!

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!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: November 20-26

ALTAR SERVERS: November 20-24

Mornings 7:30AM November 20, 21 and 24 (8:45AM) Will Corcoran, Bennett Clark

Evening Mass: November 22 **Wednesday 6PM** Kiley & Gavin Gray **Thanksgiving Morning 9AM** Travis & Kylie Kubat

November 25-26

4:00PM Travis & Kylie Kubat, Ralph Baughman

8:00AM Logan & Ella Klatt, Colin Beiswenger

10:00AM Kayden McMullen, Thomas & Will Corcoran

READER: THANKSGIVING MORNING

9:00AM Chris Krug

READERS: November 25-26

4:00PM Ashley Kubat

8:00AM Monica Klatt

10:00AM Amy Dietrich

EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS THANKSGIVING MORNING

9:00AM Ashley Kubat, Joe & Suzette Spinner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 25-26

4:00PM Ashley Kubat, Diane Cposky, Darlene Shuagis

8:00AM Monica Klatt, Nick Clark, Barb Sherry

10:00AM Mary Weiland, Jeff & Beth Talko

MUSIC MINISTERS: November 25-26

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Adult Choir

8AM Ashley

10AM Bella & Laylah

USHERS: November 25-26

4:00PM Ken/volunteers

8:00AM Lew Klatt/volunteers

10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 12, 2023 Goal \$6,800

Offertory \$5,494 Online Giving \$1,318 Total \$6,812 Difference +\$12

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Thank
You



We would like to **THANK Joanne Watt Pompa** for her hard work and dedication to the SMS Scrip program. Joanne founded the program over 20 years ago. We sincerely appreciate her dedication and support of our school over the years. Joanne, we appreciate all the work that you did with the Scrip program and giving of your time to Saint Michael School - Loretto, PA

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. All orders and payments are due to the office on or before November 29, 2023.

Saint Michael School will have picture re-takes on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Saint Michael School second grade students will make their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 AM.



From our Saint Michael School Family to yours, we wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

A special “thank you” to all our parishioners who contribute to the support of our school through the weekly collection. Your donations are greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for your support of Catholic education. Thank you for being a blessing to our students!

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Anyone looking for a chance to win some money? The Cougar Cash Calendar is available for purchase. The calendar will be for the entire 2024 year. A chance to win 20,000.00 in cash prizes. Calendars will be available at the rectory, school office, and any Saint Michael’s student.

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

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Wishing you a blessed day
with family and friends!



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

November 26-Thanksgiving Vacation

December 3-Classes resume

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Happy Thanksgiving! From the Music Department

Music Director Jonathan Nagy

jnagy@dioceseaj.org

814-244-1876

AROUND THE AREA

HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TRIP – On Saturday December 30th All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a bus trip to visit historic churches in our region. Pick up locations include Boswell and Central City. The bus pilgrimage will visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Altoona, Queen of Peace in Patton, and Mass at the historic St. Joseph Mission Church (weather permitting) near Carrolltown. At each stop, Professor Nicholas Will will play two great organ pieces and Father Aron Maghsoudi will offer a brief tour. The price includes a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, stuffing, coleslaw, vegetable, Italian Wedding Soup, and homemade cream puffs. The price is \$65.00 per person. To register, please contact All Saints office, 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Small Business Saturday Sale! Get your Holly Jolly on and start your Christmas shopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop Small Business Saturday Sale! Save 20% off the ENTIRE store Nov. 25th including nativities, flags, home décor, cards, gifts, and much more! The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg and the shop hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. With any questions, please call 814-695-3802 or message us on Facebook at “The Friar's Nook Gift Shop”. (CLOSED BLACK FRIDAY – 11/24)

Pilgrimage to Rome June 2025: Visitation Parish is in the process of organizing a pilgrimage to the Eternal City, Rome, during the great year of Jubilee, 2025. **THIS IS AN INVITATION TO JOIN FR. JOHN SLOVIKOVSKI, PhD,** pastor of the Church of the Visitation, who lived in France and who has traveled to Italy almost a dozen times. Working with Peter's Ways tours, who have received an A+ from the Better Business Bureau for a great number of years, we have arranged an exciting pilgrimage that will acquaint you with the best that Rome and its environs have to offer. We will visit the cities of Rome and Assisi. We will Visit the Vatican and the other three major basilicas of Rome, saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and Saint Pual outside the walls where Fr. John celebrated Mass in 2013, the Year of Faith. We will visit the other minor basilicas of Rome and have an Audience with the pope. We will also have the opportunity to visit Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Stairs, and other parts of the city on our own. We will be able shop at Vatican City, either in the second-floor gift shop in the Vatican, or on the streets of the city of Rome Proximate to the Vatican where many art treasures are to be found. We will celebrate mass every day and Fr. John will be available for celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation each day, by arrangement. We will also visit the beautiful little town of Assisi and the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Claire. How exciting, we will share most breakfast and Dinners together ; however, lunchtime is an opportunity to discover the many culinary treasures of Italy on our own. We will stay in 4/5-star hotels for the entire trip, and we will have a native Italian guide with us through out all of our pilgrimage. This is truly the experience of a lifetime, which by comparison is being offered at a reasonable price (by consideration of other tour/pilgrimage companies at the cost of \$4595 per person (other arrangements will modify the cost.) If you are at all interested and outside the parish, please contact Visitation Parish Information to inform us of your interest and your contact information. We may be reached at 814-536-6110 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday through Friday (if you need to call at a later time, please leave a message on the Secretary line, and she will return your call. And ask for the secretary or Father John. Note: there will be no commitment prior to the beginning of 2024 (most likely February). We would love for you to join us on our pilgrimage. It may just change your life.

ADVENT – THE TWO COMINGS OF CHRIST: Wednesdays Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th

Each Advent, we celebrate a new beginning. Although we enter into these four weeks as a time of preparation for Christmas and recalling the birth of the Lord, the Scriptures of the season begin by calling to mind the end time and the return of Christ. This is also part of Advent—to help us prepare for the return of Christ in glory. It's not a matter of either/or but both/and.

Join us for our Advent Reflections as we explore the Sunday Scriptures. Beginning on Wednesday, November 29 and on each of the Wednesdays of Advent we will reflect on the Scriptures for the coming weekend. By anticipating the Scriptures and themes for each, you will have a greater appreciation for them and, hopefully, have a more fruitful and spiritual Advent.

The first 30 registrants will be assigned to the Daytime Advent Reflections which will begin at 10:00 AM and include a reflection on the Scriptures, the celebration of Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. This workshop will be \$20 per class or \$60 for the four-week series. If there is enough demand, we will host an Evening Advent Reflections which will begin at 6:30 PM and include a reflection on the Scriptures and a prayer service. The evening class will be \$10 per class or \$30 for the four-week series.

All classes will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register for the workshop, please send your payment to: Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. For questions, please call 814-695-3802. We look forward to seeing you!