

~ 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 - 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 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 20, 2022 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Buck Driskel - BD Remembrance (family)

Monday, Nov. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM Tricia Noll (Theresa, Kathy, Ann)

Tuesday, Nov. 22 St. Cecilia/ St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass
*8:45AM Leo Noll (family)

Wednesday, Nov. 23 Weekday
7:30AM Ray Sutton (family)
NO 6:00 EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
*9:00AM Matthew Kubat Jr (family)

Friday, Nov. 25 Weekday
8:45AM Jimmy Gillespie (George & Betty Soisson)

Saturday, Nov. 26 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00PM People of the parish

Sunday, Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM Scott Hanlon (family)
10:00AM Lynn Farabaugh (Crippen & Ruth Taylor)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for John Yanko (Gail & family)



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the final Sunday of the **Year of Grace 2022**, and consecrate ourselves again to Jesus Christ the King! I thank our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Council for their support and guidance.



Thanksgiving Day Mass - will be celebrated at **9 AM** on **November 24**. 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. Thank you to Celeste & Kevin Stolz for coordinating our November student/parish collections to the Dorothy Day Center!

There is **NO EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23**.

The Parish Office is closed November 23, 24, 25, 28 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 22 at 8:45 AM**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving! Expect some "Native Americans" and "Pilgrims" among our primary school children!!

"iGiveCatholic" Event: From November 14 – November 29, 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 our Principal, Rhonda Seymour at 814-472-9117 with questions.**

Advent Communal Anointing of the Sick - As Advent approaches, I will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to our homebound parishioners. A Communal Anointing of the Sick Service will be offered in church the **Second Sunday of Advent (December 3- 4)** for anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament. For your convenience, I will offer the Sacrament following Sunday Masses. The service will include a brief Liturgy of the Word followed by Anointing of the Sick. You are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) prior to anointing (Saturdays at 11:30 AM).

When ? Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Saturday evening, **December 3** at 5 PM (immediately following 4PM Mass) Sunday Morning **December 4** at 9 AM and at 11:00 AM (immediately following 8 AM Mass and 10:00 AM Mass).

Who may be anointed?

1) Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. 2) Elderly people who have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present. 3) Before surgery 4) Those who have been anointed recently if their condition continues. 5) Those who suffer from chronic illnesses or mental illnesses at any age.

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES - LATE FALL/ADVENT

Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW presents adult faith formation for our parish!

"A Biblical Walk through the Mass" Continues this Monday at 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Basilica

PREPARING FOR ADVENT – Use Advent Well

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Instead, why not use this year's season of Advent to prepare for Christmas? Look beyond what your eyes can see to focus on your inner preparations.

Keep watch. Jesus is coming. We know that because we celebrate his coming every Christmas. He will also come again in glory but we don't know when that will be. Advent reminds us to always be prepared for the coming of Christ. *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Matthew 3:3)*

Give the gift of yourself. This year prepare the one gift for Jesus that he truly wants: YOU. Jesus thought each of us was worth love and his life. To him we are a gift from the Father (John 17:24) Prepare yourself during Advent so that when he unwraps your gift on Christmas morning, it is the very best you have to offer-your love.

Break down barriers. Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or companion who is a poor influence. Take the opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when he comes.



Why do we light candles on wreaths during Advent?

Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition and are rich in symbolism. The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory, in this case, paying tribute to Christ's victory over sin. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he – like his everlasting love for us - has no beginning and no end. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches, symbolizing everlasting life. Traditionally, the four candles (three violet, one rose) represent the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ. Each week an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scriptural meditations and prayers. The three violet candles stand for the prayers, penances, and good works we do to prepare for Christ's coming. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent as a reminder to rejoice, because it tells us the season is almost over. Finally, the progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the light of Jesus' arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin.

Parish Council - Our Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM in the Basilica Hall.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2022-23** 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), 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 **Youth Representative** – TBA **Maintenance** – Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner** - Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabagh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **Special Projects for Hall and School/May Days** – Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating** – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego

Legion of Mary News: During this somber month of November, we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us to Our Father. The Legion of Mary members become very aware of the losses our homebound parishioners have endured as we visit them both in person in their homes and by phone calls. We encourage and share prayers with them, especially to Our Blessed Mother for help in their daily lives. A consoling time is possible for these brothers and sisters when the image of Our Lady of Fatima is placed in their homes for a period. The prayers we offer with our homebound include those following the Blessed Mother's instruction to pray for peace in their families, in our country, and in the world. We invite all parish families to share in this beautiful tradition. For information call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us.

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

Margaret Gailey, John Oklamchak, Barb Bender, Betty Soisson, Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Fr. Bob Hiltz, TOR, Luke Eckenrode, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Zach Mento, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, our Military, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

LORETTO COMMUNITY

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 Light Up Night Sunday, December 4th! An invitation to all! The event will begin at 4pm with the lighting to take place at approximately 5pm. All are invited to join in an evening full of **Christmas carols**, seasonal hot chocolates and coffees from **Biddle's Brewing**, **photos with Santa**, and a **tree lighting ceremony**. **Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping Services** will be displaying fresh wreaths and swags available for purchase. **Tis the season!** Location: in the Biddle's Brewing Parking Lot across from Smithmyer's Superette

EVENING FOR WIDOWS Our next gathering of our parish widows is **November 19th**, following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. This special evening will be a meal of thanksgiving ~ turkey and all the trimmings. The food will be delicious but best of all is the pleasure we have of being together. We invite our parish widows to share this time one Saturday evening each month. We meet at Mary Lessard's home to enjoy the covered dish meal and companionship. Please call 814-886-5489 for information and/or directions. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: November 21-27

ALTAR SERVERS: November 21-25

Mornings: November 21, 22(8:45AM), 23, 24(9AM), 25(8:45AM) Kylie Kubat, Elliot Nagle

Holy Hour: Wednesday, November 23 6PM -7PM NO HOLY HOUR

November 26-27

4:00PM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Alexander Little
8:00AM Josh, Thomas, Will Corcoran
10:00AM Jude Koehle, Michael Poorman, Ralph Baughman

READER: November 24

9:00AM Monica Klatt

READERS: November 26-27

4:00PM Carol Hines
8:00AM Julie Crusciel
10:00AM Julia Wasser

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 24

9:00AM Ashley Kubat

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 26-27

4:00PM Carol Hines
8:00AM Nick Byrne
10:00AM Barb Sherry

MUSIC MINISTERS: Novmber 26-27

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Doug 8AM Mike & Vicki 10AM Stephanie

USHERS: November 26-27

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers
8:00AM Lew Klatt/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 13, 2022 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$3,718 Online Giving \$781 Total \$4,499 Difference -\$2,301

Thank you for your generosity



We welcome newly baptized Evan McElheny into our parish family. Evan is the son of Mark McElheny and Kelly DeGol Congratulations!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS-We congratulate the following students on earning High Honors for the first nine-week grading period: Colin Beiswenger, Molly Itle, Alex Krug, Logan Krug, Lilyann Strait, Nicholas Dziabo, Bella Weiland, Ella Beiswenger, Katie Bradley, Ava Itle, Logan Klatt, Erin Statler, Laylah Weiland, Nick Bradley, Ella Klatt, and Alexander Little. Students earning Honors for the first nine-week grading period are: Belle Eckenrode, Vincent Seymour, Liam Statler, Will Corcoran, Krista DellaValle, Izabella Eckenrode, Emma Hoover, Ava Hoover, Evan Hoover, Mina Lego, Carter Stoltz, Gavin Cole, Alexzander Eckenrode, Kaleb Freidhof, Owan Hoover, Gabriel Kolarczyk, Giuliana Riccella, and Rory Weakland. Keep up the great job!

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!

Saint Michael School will have picture re-takes on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

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CAPS FOR CASH – SMS will be partnering with Mainline Pharmacy. After each prescription vial is empty, collect the cap and turn it in to SMS or one of the students. SMS will receive 0.25 for each cap collected. If your prescriptions do not come in a vial, cut off the top part of the RX label that contains the logo and store info and turn that in instead.

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 20 Classes grades 1-11

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for the generous food donations for the food drive!