

~ 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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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
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Liturgical Music-Mr. Jonathan Nagy 244-1876
Altar&Rosary Society- Mrs. Maggie Biter 472-6064
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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
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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 21, 2021 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Nov. 22 Saint Cecilia
7:30AM George & Josephine Weiland (Shirley)

Tuesday, Nov. 23 St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass and Blessing of Basilica Doors
*10:00AM Dorothy Itell (Phyllis Sheehan)

Wednesday, Nov. 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
7:30AM Tom Zabrosky (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)
NO 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day
*9:00AM Matthew Kubat Jr. & Scott Hanlon (Kubat family)

Friday, Nov. 26 Weekday
8:45AM Kenneth Noel (family)

Saturday, Nov. 27 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM Lu Lessard (Mary & family)

Sunday, Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Greg Kalwasinski (Vince Kalwasinski)

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Kenneth Noel

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the final Sunday of the **Year of Grace 2021**, 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. A major blessing this year was the establishment of a scholarship fund for our school, and the installation of our new Basilica doors. This week, I offer you the description of their design, from artist **Heidi Baut**, of the **Baut Studios**.

“The *Litany of Loreto* images for the doors of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, PA

In researching Fr. Gallitzin for this project, one biographer noted his great devotion to the Blessed Mother. Also, that Fr. Gallitzin prayed the Litany of Loreto daily. It seemed most fitting to use symbols from this prayer that Fr. Gallitzin loved to beautify this Basilica. The overall design of the new aluminum doors is meant to complement the wooden doors that were replaced.

Because of the intricacy of the designs in the structural stained-glass areas, anodized champagne or light bronze aluminum was used. The champagne metal provides a very nice contrast to the glass areas in the panels. To resemble the old wooden doors, the frame is a special powder coated finish. Metal with the same finish was routed as an overlay to highlight the design areas and add the quatrefoil design element that was in the wooden doors and is featured throughout the Basilica. To add an elegant touch, each design area is mounted in the door panels with gold anodized stops. The gold coordinates well with the brass handles.

The pairs of doors have six design areas and the ADA door has 3 design areas.”

The Main Entrance A features

Mystical Rose
Mirror of Justice
Queen of Patriarchs
Queen of Apostles
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary
Our Lady Queen of Peace

The Side Entrance B features

Queen of Confessors
Virgin Most Merciful
Queen of Virgins
Mother of Good Counsel
House of Gold
Mother of Christ

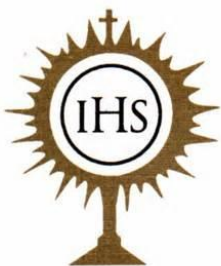
The School Side Entrance C

Help of Christians
Gate of Heaven
Mercy Cross, to honor Venerable Catherine McAuley
Morning Star
Refuge of Sinners
Seat of Wisdom

Winter Chapel Entrance D

Gallitzin Coat of Arms to honor Servant of God, Fr. Demetrius Gallitzin
Tower of David
Vessel of Honor

I invite you to an evening of Praise and Worship! 6:30 PM TONIGHT



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 teenage Confirmation candidates, **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- Bishop Mark will bless our new basilica doors at our **St. Michael School Thanksgiving Mass at 10 AM on Tuesday morning November 23.**

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
Begins tomorrow Monday evening at 6:00 PM in Basilica Hall
Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW presents adult faith formation for our parish!
“Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother”

There is **NO EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24.**

The Parish Office is closed November 24, 25, 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 on the **Third Sunday of Advent (December 11- 12)** 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 11** at 5 PM (immediately following 4PM Mass) Sunday Morning **December 12** 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.

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.

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.



“CHRISTMAS BASILICA BUCKS” Winter fundraiser!

Check your mail please as you should have received your ticket! \$20 each We have extra at the parish office; if you would like more just call the office! 814-472-8551

We will gladly take back any unsold tickets, please just send back right away so someone else may have the chance to purchase! **Six days - \$500 winner each day! Thanks for participating 😊**

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 Koegler, 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: November 22-28

ALTAR SERVERS: November 22-27

Mornings: November 22, 23, 24, 25 (9AM), 26 Gavin & Kiley Gray
Holy Hour: Wednesday, November 24 6PM -7PM NO HOLY HOUR

November 27-28

4:00PM Nicholas & Sam Wirfel, Ralph Baughman
8:00AM Alena, Elliot & Alivia Nagle
10:00AM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 25

9:00AM Ashley Kubat

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS November 27-28

4:00PM Diane Coposky
8:00AM Barb Sherry
10:00AM Nick Byrne

READER: November 25

9:00AM Bob Chumrik

READERS: November 27-28

4:00PM Diane Coposky
8:00AM Julie Nagle
10:00AM Nick Byrne

MUSIC MINISTERS: November 27-28

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Choir 8AM Ashley 10AM Heidi

USHERS: November 27-28

4:00PM Braden Wherry
8:00AM Kayden McMullen
10:00AM Rich Clark

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 7, 2021 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$5973 Online Giving \$1,239 Total \$7,212 Difference +\$412

November 14, 2021 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$3,493 Online Giving \$984 Total \$4,477 Difference -\$2,323

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

“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.

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!

On November 23, 2021, we will gather for a very special Thanksgiving Mass. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and bless the new doors on the Basilica. All are welcome to attend.

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 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 Basilica basement

Happy Thanksgiving!!

November 28-Thanksgiving vacation- No classes!