

~ 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 Prince Gallitzin Chapel House and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies



A parish of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
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PARISH DIRECTORY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter/Spring

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Summer- Memorial Day to Labor Day

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM

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

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 - Ms. Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction - Holy Hour 6:00PM Wednesdays

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions- June 23 - 24 2019

Rosary for Vocations - 20 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

EDUCATION

St. Michael School Mrs. Renee Phister 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 www.ajdiocese.org

Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681

Diocesan Family Life Office 886-5551

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

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council- Mrs. Mary Weiland 674-2631

Finance Council- Mr. Nick Byrne 419-9593

Liturgical Music-Mr. Jonathan Nagy 244-1876

Altar&Rosary Society- Mrs Maggie Biter 472-6064

Catholic Fraternal Organizations

Legion of Mary-Mrs. Janet Zabrosky 472-6097

Knights of Columbus-Mr. Bob Crusciel 243-9971

Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS INTENTIONS

**Please note the Mass intentions as they have been changed/moved due to our Mass schedule change. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sunday, Nov. 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:00AM Mary Motchenbaugh (Ron & Audrey Lee family)
10:00AM People of the parish

Monday, Nov. 26 Weekday
7:30AM George & Josephine Weiland (Shirley)

Tuesday, Nov. 27 Weekday
7:30AM Charlie Wirfel (Ed & Renee Phister)

Wednesday, Nov. 28 Weekday
7:30 AM Gerald Link (Ron & Audrey Lee family)
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Nov. 29 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, Nov. 30 Weekday
8:45AM Patsy Beck Ellis (Beck & Lee families)

Saturday, Dec. 1 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00PM Barbara Byers (Adam & Jean Thur)

Sunday, Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Ed McMullen (Cindy & family)



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the final Sunday of the **Year of Grace 2018**, and consecrate ourselves again to Jesus Christ the King! This has been a year of growth for our parish. I thank our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Council for their support and guidance.

Advent Communal Anointing of the Sick NEXT SUNDAY - 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 **First Sunday of Advent (Dec. 1 -2)** 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 1** at 5 PM (immediately following 4PM Mass) Sunday Morning **December 2** 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.

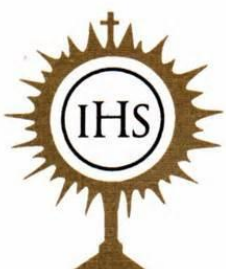
Break down barriers. Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or companion who is a poor influence. Take the opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when he comes.



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.



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, rosary at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Legion of Mary – Our membership continues to grow! Meetings will be held **AT A NEW TIME!**
WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY MORNING 7:30 AM MASS at Our Lady of Hope Meeting Hall in the home of Janet Zabrosky (251 St. Elizabeth St).

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive “Making Christ A Home In Your Heart”- continues in our parish and all parishes throughout our diocese. Our **target** this year is **\$22,300. So far we have received \$16,182 towards our target goal. We are in need of \$6,118 to meet our goal.** Last year we raised over \$19,000. **I invite your generosity** to this drive which focuses on a select group of ministries which funds care for the poor through Catholic Charities, Marriage preparation and Family Life, education of future priests and seminarians’ formation, and youth programs such as Camp Timothy and Camp Zacchaeus. I ask that those families and individuals who have registered recently in the parish join our long-time parishioners in helping support the **2018 Catholic Ministries drive.**

PRAYER LIST Edna Eckenrode, Annette Farrell, Mary Lureen Scanlan, Ken Snowberger, Robert Ruffing, Betty Pryce, Emanuel Ruffing, Dorothy Knopp, Olivia McConnell, Jack McConnell, Toots Volk, Valerie Thomas, Luke Eckenrode, Edna McConnell, Christopher Ruffing, Tina Ruffing, 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: Nov. 26-Dec.2

(R) November 26, 27, 28 Sister Marilyn, CCW

(EM) November 26, 27, 28 (if deacon is present, he assists)

ALTAR SERVERS: November 26-30

Mornings: November 26, 27, 28, 30 Nicholas Clark, Giovanna Canineu

Holy Hour Wednesday, November 28 6PM-7PM Meghan & Connor McMullen

December 1-2

4:00PM Hanna Taddy, Dane Van Horn, Billy Krug

8:00AM Molly Itle, Matt Byrne, Trevor Fahr

10:00AM Haley, Austin & Kiley Gray

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION December 1-2

4:00PM Catherine Foor, Barb Sherry

8:00AM Joe & Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Betty Soisson, Maggie Biter

READERS: December 1-2

4:00PM Julie Nagle

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Maggie Biter

MUSIC MINISTERS: December 1-2

ORGANISTS: Please see schedule from Jonathan

CANTORS: Please see schedule from Jonathan

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

November 18, 2018

Offertory will be published next week

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

Classes will resume on **Tuesday, November 27th**

Practice for members of our **Children’s Christmas Choir** will be held on **Tuesday, November 27th from 3:15pm-4:30pm.** Thank you to all the students who have volunteered to participate!

Students in our **third and fourth** grades will be attending a special science lesson on **Wednesday, November 28th** @ the library located on the Saint Francis University Campus. We thank Ms. Renee Hoffman for coordinating this event with Dr. Stephanie Ivory and her education students. We appreciate their partnership.

Thursday, **November 29th** marks the **mid-point** of the second nine-week grading period. Mid-term reports will be sent home with students in grades fourth through eighth, Monday, December 3rd.

The **eighth-grade** class will be sponsoring an **Advent fruit basket service project** to reach out to those in need, the sick, elderly, and homebound members of our parish and school community. We are asking your help by providing us with names of individuals so that we can be a blessing to them during the Christmas season. Fruit baskets will be **delivered** on **Wednesday, December 5th**. Please phone the school office @ 472-9117 with the recipient’s name and address. Thank you for your 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. We are pleased to announce that **Taco Bell (\$10 Cards)** has been added to our inventory for your convenience. 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 NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: Mary, Queen of Sorrows, Pray for us!

December 9 - Classes (Grades 1-11)

December 13 - Thursday 7pm Advent Parish and Religious Education Penance Service/ grades 3-11 required

December 15 - **SATURDAY Celebration of First Penance (Confessions) 10am** (Reception to follow in St. Michael's School Hall)

December 16 - Classes (Grades 1-11)

December 23 & 30 (NO CLASSES, Christmas Vacation) Students participate in Christmas Liturgies with their families.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHOIR PRACTICE - We have begun preparing for Christmas! Choir practices are Sunday evenings at 6 PM. We will not practice on Sunday, November 18 due to the Praise and Worship Night. There is still plenty of time to join the choir for Christmas. Come for at least one practice and see if you like it!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The third annual Basilica Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 28 at 7 PM. The concert will feature the Saint Michael School choir, La Bella Musical String Quartet, and the Basilica choir, singing a compilation of Christmas arrangements. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

Blood Drive at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Thursday, **December 6th** 2:30-7PM

The Basilica PRAYER SHAWL Ministry will meet on Wed Nov 28 at 3:00pm in the Basilica Hall. Everyone interested in stitching or quilting shawls for the elderly, the ill, babies or anyone who knows of someone who needs or wants a shawl is welcome to join us to stitch and pray. Call 472-9465

St. Michael BINGO - Our Lady of Loretto Hall 471-2764 - \$20 Admission both nights **Tuesday** -Doors open at 5:30 Games begin at 7PM **Friday** -Doors open at 6:30 Games begin at 8pm. 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.



The **Loretto Angel Tree** committee has placed an Angel Tree in the church and also one at Smithmyer's Superette. Please select a girl or boy angel from the tree. Purchase a gift for the child and return by **December 2nd** with the angel securely attached to the gift wrapped package. The Angel Tree benefits children in the Loretto - Munster Community.

*Cash donations to the Angel Tree Organization would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to Dolly Little (674-5078) 969 Columbia St., Loretto or Julie Little (243-8925) 344 Hoover Road, Loretto. Please make checks payable to "Angel Tree Organization." Thank you for your generosity.

AROUND THE AREA

White Christmas in Concert at Saint Francis University - Based on the beloved, timeless film starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney, this heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs and a book by David Ives and Paul Blank. White Christmas is an uplifting musical for all ages! The event will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the John F. Kennedy Auditorium in Loretto. Ticket price: Adults \$20.00; Students \$7.00. Reserve your seat at <http://stage.francis.edu/sfuconcertseries/>