

~ 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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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

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

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

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

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 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, Nov. 28 | First Sunday of Advent 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Greg Kalwasinski (Vince Kalwasinski) |
| Monday, Nov. 29 | Advent Weekday 7:30AM Al and Kathleen Smith (family) |
| Tuesday, Nov. 30 | Saint Andrew 7:30AM Patsy Beck Ellis (Lee & Beck families) |
| Wednesday, Dec. 1 | Advent Weekday 7:30AM Rita M. Farabaugh (family & friends) 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday, Dec. 2 | Advent Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM) |
| Friday, Dec. 3 | Saint Francis Xavier 8:45AM Bud Zabrosky (Ed & Janet Zabrosky) |
| Saturday, Dec. 4 | Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent 4:00 PM Bob & Peggy Sutton (family) |
| Sunday, Dec. 5 | Second Sunday of Advent 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM James McDermott (family) |

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Fred Bradley Sr. (Carolyn)



Advent 2021

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

The **Year of Grace 2022** begins today with the First Sunday of Advent. **Advent** has a two-fold character. It invites us to prepare for Christmas when Christ's **first coming** to us is remembered, and is a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's **second coming** at the end of time. It is a time of quiet, joyful expectation. The **lighting of the Advent wreath** is a custom which originated in Germany a few hundred years ago. The **evergreen wreath** is an ancient Roman symbol of victory, which was taken on by Christians to proclaim the victory over sin and death, which Christ's birth signifies. **Four candles, three violet and one rose**, are attached to the wreath to mark the passing of the four Advent weeks and to show the increasing light as Christmas draws near.

Advent Spiritual Reading - All are welcome to pick up a free copy of **Five Minutes with the Word – Advent 2021** from the entrances of the basilica. They are compliments of an anonymous parishioner.



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES - LATE FALL/ADVENT
Continues 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”

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.

I invite you to receive the Sacrament of Penance this Advent by making a good confession before Christmas. Our **Parish Advent Penance Service** is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 12. Listed below are a variety of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament!

Special Advent Confession Schedule

Thursday, December 16 St. Michael Basilica Advent Penance Service at 7 PM

9 priests will join me in offering Confessions during our Parish Penance Service.

This is a Religious Education event. **All Religious Education students are expected to attend.**

Saturday, December 11 First Reconciliation Penance Service at 10 AM

(2 priests) Second Grade parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament for the first time today. Family members will also celebrate the sacrament.

Friday, December 17 St. Michael School Students Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service at 10 AM



CHRISTMAS CONCERT- On behalf of our Director of Sacred Music, Jonathan Nagy, I invite you **The Basilica Christmas Concert** which will be held on **Wednesday, December 29 at 6 PM,** featuring the Saint Michael Children's Choir and the Basilica Choir.



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 or Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Legion of Mary News: Our Legion of Mary members wish all of our parish brothers and sisters a very Happy Thanksgiving. We especially remember, prayerfully, our homebound parishioners.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, make my life, day by day
A song of Thanksgiving,
An offering of praise,
A celebration of your love
And your amazing grace.

Author unknown

For information about the Legion of Mary, please call Mary 814-886-5489



“CHRISTMAS BASILICA BUCKS” Winter fundraiser!

We have extra tickets 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! \$20 each **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

LORETTO COMMUNITY



Angel Tree - 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 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.**



Evening for Widows: A wonderful and thankful evening was spent at our recent gathering. We invite other widows to join us December 18, following the 4:00PM Mass. The holiday meal is planned at Mary Lessard’s home. Please call 814-886-5489 for information and directions. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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 29-December 5

ALTAR SERVERS: November 29-December 3

Mornings: Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 3 Logan & Zac Krug

Holy Hour: Wednesday, December 1 6PM -7PM Bella & Laylah Weiland

December 4-5

4:00PM La’Ryah & Hannah McMahan, Logan Hoover

8:00AM Logan Klatt, Connor & Meghan McMullen

10:00AM Logan & Zac Krug, Billy Krug

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS December 4-5

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Joan Krug

READERS: December 4-5

4:00PM Cindy McMullen
8:00AM Amy Dietrich
10:00AM Joan Krug

MUSIC MINISTERS: December 4-5

ORGANISTS:

4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS:

4PM Stephanie

8AM Doug

10AM Monica

USHERS: December 4-5

4:00PM Matt & Alec Kubat
8:00AM Irene Weakland
10:00AM John Risban

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support the basilica. By giving electronically, you can give anywhere, anytime from your computer, set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Visit our secure donation page at basilicasm-loretto.org to set up your online contribution.

November 21, 2021 Offertory will be posted in next week's bulletin

Thank you very much!!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

A beautiful Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated with Bishop Mark and our school family as we gave thanks to the many blessings that we receive. Bishop Mark blessed the new doors on the Basilica during this Mass. The students all shared their blessings by giving food donations for the Dorothy Day Center.

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 30, 2021.

Saint Michael School second grade students will make their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 11th at 10:00 AM.

Anyone looking for a chance to win some money? The Cougar Cash Calendar is available for purchase. The calendar will be for the entire 2022 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



NOVEMBER 28- No Classes, Thanksgiving Vacation!

Wishing you a season of bountiful blessings, sharing and caring for one another!

AROUND THE AREA

BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TOURS - Families with interest in Bishop Carroll Catholic High School are invited to schedule a tour on Saturday, December 4 between 9 AM and 1 PM, during Ebsburg's Dickens of a Christmas celebration. Tours will be by appointment only by calling (814) 472 – 7500, or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org by Friday, December 3. Tours can also be scheduled for any time and day by using the same contact information. Please mark Wednesday, February 2 at 6 PM for the annual Bishop Carroll Catholic High School open house!