

~ 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  
Very Rev. Father John David Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector  
Deacon Richard T. Golden  
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## PARISH DIRECTORY

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[jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org)  
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Bingo 471-2764

## 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

## 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

## 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](http://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](http://www.optionline.org)  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255  
Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## DECEMBER 30, 2018 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Bob Haid (Dolly & family)
Monday, Dec. 31	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM) Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) 4:00PM Charlie Wirfel (Betty Peters)
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day) 8:00AM Clare Noll (family) 10:00AM People of the parish
Wednesday, Jan. 2	SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 7:30 AM Charles Illig (Ken & Ann) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Jan.3	Christmas Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)
Saturday, Jan. 5	Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00PM People of the parish
Sunday, Jan. 6	The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00AM Desty Sherry (Al & Kim Byrne) 10:00AM Rose Mary McDermott (family)



## Christmas Feast of the Holy Family 2018

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

**Happy Feast of the Holy Family!** We are now enjoying the beauty of the Christmas Season, which continues until January 13, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we continue to rejoice in Christ's birth, let us give thanks to God for the Christmas favors already received.



**The Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) is A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for this year of 2019. Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Eve at 4 PM and at **8:00 AM** at **10:00 AM** on Tuesday January 1, 2019. There is no better way to begin 2019 than by uniting with our Blessed Mother in prayers of peace and joining in her Son's Eucharist. Join in the Mass on New Year's Day!

**ALTAR SERVERS** - You are welcome to pick up your Christmas candy in the sacristy following Mass. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**Votive Candles** – intended to be lit as an act of Christian prayer, are available near our **Shrine of St. Therese** and the **Shrine of Our Lady of Loretto!** You are welcome to light your own candle, with the wooden tapers at each shrine. Offering is \$3. If you would like a **weekly** (or **yearly**) candle offering, please call Sherri in the parish office at 472-8551.

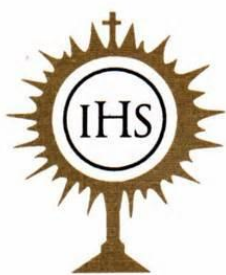
**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD, OUR LADY OF LORETTO, LEAD US TO JESUS!**



Let us begin this new year of 2019 with a prayer.

*"Remember us, O God; from age to age, be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever. Amen."*



**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**

**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**

(R) January 2 Ann Sutton

## **Liturgical Ministries: December 31-January 6**

(EM) January 2 (if deacon is present, he assists)

### **ALTAR SERVERS: December 31-January 4**

**Mornings:** January 2, 4 Connor & Meghan McMullen

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, January 2 6PM-7PM Thomas & Josh Corcoran

### **January 5-6**

4:00PM Dane Van Horn, Levi Baker, Maya Baker

8:00AM Alena, Alivia & Elliot Nagle

10:00AM Nicholas & Sam Wirfel, Matt Byrne

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 5-6**

4:00PM Stewart Van Horn, Diane Coposky

8:00AM Nick Byrne, Chris Krug

10:00AM Bob Chumrik, Mary Lessard

### **READERS: January 5-6**

4:00PM Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Nick Byrne

10:00AM Mary Lessard

### **MUSIC MINISTERS: January 5-6**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Joel 8AM Joel 10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Doug 8AM Carol 10AM Monica

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Online Giving is available at [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org)

December 16, 2018

Offertory \$7,628 Online Giving \$762 Total \$8,390 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference+\$1,590

December 23 and Christmas 2018

Offertory will be published next week

## **ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

We extend our **gratitude** to **Mr. Sherdan**, our music teacher, all our **faculty members**, and of course **our students** who worked so very hard in making our annual Christmas Program a success! **The sharing of their time and talents is greatly appreciated!** Thank you to all our school families, friends, relatives and community members for attending and supporting our Christmas program. **Saint Michael School is very blessed to be a part of a community that supports Catholic education!**

We congratulate **Ray Williams** on winning the Nativity set and **Shirley Strittmatter** on winning the 50/50 at our Christmas program.

**Thank you** to all our students who made our **Christmas Children's Liturgy** so very beautiful! Your willingness to volunteer as participants in the Mass ministries, singing in the choir and participating in the reenactment of the Nativity added to the beauty of the Mass. We also thank **Mr. Jonathan Nagy** for sharing his musical expertise in providing the music accompaniment, **Ashley Kelly** for directing the choir, and **Abby Kelly** for sharing her musical talents in providing bell accompaniment. In addition, we thank **Father Byrnes** for supporting all our efforts and encouraging our students to be active participants in the liturgy. Together, you all made the celebration of Christ's birth a beautiful and memorable experience!

**We wish everyone a very Happy & Prayerful New Year** Classes resume on **Thursday, January 3, 2019.**

Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week will be here before we know it. We will be having a **"Kindergarten Visitation Day"** on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. All children who will be **five** years of age by **August 31, 2019** are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office @ 472-9117 to register so that a personal invitation can be sent to all prospective students.

Reflecting on this past year, we wish to extend a **sincere, heartfelt THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who support Saint Michael School through prayer, financial contributions, and participation in our fundraising efforts throughout the year. You are an everyday special blessing to our school. Thank you again for helping us continue the tradition and mission of Catholic education!

It's a sweetheart of a deal! Our school council is sponsoring their annual recreational vehicle raffle. This year's ticket features the winner's choice of a **Textron Altera 570 EPS Four-Wheeler** or an **Arctic Cat Lynx 2000 ES Snowmobile**, or **\$6000 cash** determined by the **February 14<sup>th</sup> First Pick 4 EVENING** drawing. **New this year, a second prize, a \$100 Gas Card will be awarded based on the February 14<sup>th</sup> First Pick 4 DAY** drawing. Tickets are **\$10** each and can be purchased from any school family or by phoning the school office @ 472-9117.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEAM!  
WISHING YOU A SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS 2019!**

## **NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

*Happy New Year from the Basilica of St. Michael Music Department!*