

~ 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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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

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 Cruscil 243-9971
Secular Franciscans-Mrs. Betty Soisson 472-4667

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

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 10	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Richard Mishock (Karen & family)
Monday, Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes /World Day of the Sick 7:30AM Kenneth Noel (Ann Barber)
Tuesday, Feb. 12	Weekday 7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley Hogue)
Wednesday, Feb. 13	Weekday 7:30AM James McDermott (family) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Feb. 14	St. Cyril and Methodius NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Feb 15	Weekday 8:45AM Rita Farabaugh (Phil & Sharon Hanlon)
Saturday, Feb. 16	Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Gerald Link (Aileen & family)
Sunday, Feb. 17	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Blaine & Nancy Baker (family) 10:00AM People of the parish

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

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Looking Ahead / The Season of Lent 2019 - Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at **8:45AM** and **7 PM** on Wednesday, March 6. Our **Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be held each Wednesday evening at **6 PM**. **Confessions** will be offered on Lenten Wednesday evenings (after Holy Hour) at **7 PM** and Saturday mornings at **11:30 AM**. **Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Friday evenings at **7 PM** followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration. **Children's Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Friday afternoons of Lent at **2 PM** with our St. Michael School Students.



Our **4th Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto** will be held from March 31–April 5 at **7PM Mass** each evening, Monday thru Friday. **Father Michael Caridi**, pastor of St. Ann Parish, Pittsburgh, will be the Mission Director and Homilist each night. **Bishop Mark Bartchak** will be our celebrant for the opening of the Mission (Prayers, Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Confessions with 8 priests) on Sunday evening March 31!!



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.

Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

Arise Together in Christ - LENT 2019! We are very much in need of an opportunity for spiritual and pastoral renewal in our parish and diocese. What more could we desire in our diocese than parishioners with a **greater understanding of our faith** and a **stronger relationship with the Lord**, participating more fully in parish life and inviting others to join in? To accomplish this, Bishop Mark has requested our participation in **Arise Together in Christ**, beginning in 2018 and continuing into 2020.

*Please join us for **SIGN UP SUNDAY** with **coffee and donuts** on **February 16 and 17th** after each Mass. If you cannot make it to our sign up we have slips in the bulletin that you may complete and return to the collection basket. ~**Thank You**, Bob Chumrik, Arise Coordinator for Saint Michael the Archangel. 505-2735

REGISTRATION FORM

ARISE Together in Christ – Small Faith Sharing Groups – Lent 2019

Name:	Parish:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

Please mark your first (1) and second (2) choice for Option Day/Time Selections for Group Gatherings

Monday evenings: Fred & Diane Coposky
Tuesday evenings: Bob Chumrik
Wednesday evenings: Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski
Thursday evenings: Betty Soisson
Saturday after 4PM Mass: Mary Lessard (Widows and Widowers)
Sunday afternoon: Ashley Kubat (Youth Group)

*groups meet in the Basilica Hall except Mondays (Fred Coposky's home, Ebensburg), Thursdays (Betty Soisson's home, Loretto), and Sunday's (school cafeteria).

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: February 11-17

(R) February 11, 12, 13 Sister Marilyn, CCW

(EM) February 11, 12, 13 (if deacon is present, he assists)

ALTAR SERVERS: February 11-15

Mornings: February 11, 12, 13, 15 Jude Koehle, Billy Krug

Holy Hour Wednesday, February 13 6PM -7PM Nicholas Clark, Giovanna Canineu

February 16-17

4:00PM Nicole Barnett, Maddison & Makenna Lee

8:00AM Mia Wyland, Matt Byrne, Hanna Taddy

10:00AM Joshua & Thomas Corcoran, Nicholas Clark

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 16-17

4:00PM Donna Schenk, Dick Mullen

8:00AM Carol Hines, Diane Coposky

10:00AM Mary Lessard, Stewart Van Horn

READERS: February 16-17

4:00PM Donna Schenk

8:00AM Carol Hines

10:00AM Mary Lessard

MUSIC MINISTERS: February 16-17

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Folk Choir 8AM Ashley 10AM Jonathan

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

We are sending contribution reports upon request. If you would like a copy of your 2018 contributions please call the parish office or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

February 3, 2019

Offertory \$6,059 Online Giving \$562 Total \$6,621 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$179



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the family of Agnes (Charlotte) Biter who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS



Tickets are still available... 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 14th First Pick 4 EVENING** drawing. **New this year, a second prize, a \$100 Gas Card will be awarded based on the February 14th 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.

We cordially invite the parents and grandparents of our **fourth-grade** students to their special lunch on **Monday, February 11th @ 11:30 am**. We are looking forward to serving and spending time with our special guests.

We wish the best of luck to our **Mathcounts** team who will be competing **Saturday, February 16th, at UPJ**. The following students will represent Saint Michael School at the competition: **Josh Corcoran, Hudson Farabaugh, Austin Gray, and Mark Mento**. We thank **Miss Steinbugl** for sharing her time and talents in preparing our students for the competition.

The Altoona Johnstown Diocese proudly announces the **FIRST ANNUAL *Divinely* inspired ART SHOW** featuring art created by the students of the Altoona Johnstown Diocese Catholic Schools. The event will take place **February 15th through the 25th** at the **Johnstown Bottle Works** located at 411 Third Avenue. An awards ceremony will take place on **Sunday, February 24th from 1-4pm**. All are invited to attend. There will be music, free refreshments, and of course great art to enjoy! For more information, visit www.bottleworks.org

Registration for kindergarteners and new families for the 2019-20 school term will be held on **Tuesday, February 19th** from 8:30am – 11:00am and 12:00pm- 3:00pm. Students registering for kindergarten must be **5 years of age by August 31, 2019**. Please bring the following information with you for registration: birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if not baptized at the Basilica) child's social security card, and current immunization record. If you have any questions or are interested in registering your child, please call the school office @ 472-9117. We will be happy to assist you.

Re-registration for students currently enrolled at Saint Michael School (K-8) will begin on **Wednesday, February 20th**. Re-registration forms will be sent home with your child next week.

GIFT CARDS from numerous retailers, restaurants, and grocery stores are readily available through our SCRIP Program. If you would like to purchase GIFT CARDS during the week or need information pertaining to our SCRIP program please call the school office @ 472-9117.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: *St. Valentine, fill our hearts with love! Love protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. Love never fails.*

February 10- Classes (grades 1-11)

February 17- NO CLASSES! Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend

February 23- Junior "FIRESTARTER" retreat @ St. Francis University/ Junior Confirmation candidates

February 24- Classes (grades 1-8)

February 24- CONFIRMATION SPRING SESSIONS- Grades 9-11/All Confirmation candidates
9-11:30a.m./ Bob Sutton, Session Presenter

***Service hour form** is found on the Basilica's website @ www.basilicasm-loretto.org due April 28, last day of class.

***Confirmation Data Form** is due March 1. A Sponsor Eligibility Certificate is required if the sponsor is not a member of the Basilica. Any questions regarding the data form, please call Celeste Stolz @472-9808.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Adult choir practices will resume on **Sunday, February 10th at 6 PM**. We will be preparing for Lent, the Parish Mission, Easter, Confirmation, First Communion, and the Fatima Devotions. If you have been considering joining, now is the time! We will be going over new music and could always use more voices. Please join us for a practice and see how much fun it can be to praise God in song!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

Loretto Baseball and Softball sign up will be held on the following days at the Loretto Firehall.

Saturday February 2 from 5:00-6:00 and Sunday February 3 from 9:00-12:00

Saturday February 9 from 5:00-6:00 and Sunday February 10 from 9:00-12:00



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual **Men's Dinner** will be held **Sunday, March 17th 2019**



The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **February 16th 18th** Italian style or turkey **\$9**. Please place your order by **February 11th** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Cruscini 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated.

St. 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet during **February** on **Wed the 13th and Wed the 27th** in the Basilica Hall at 3:00 pm. All are invited to come stitch and pray with us. Anyone needing a prayer shawl please call 472-9465.

AROUND THE AREA

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Saturday, **February 23** ~ Doors open at 6PM ~ Dinner at 6:30PM. Game begins at 7:30PM ~ open to anyone 21+ ~ \$25 a person ~ Team can be as large or as small as desired! ~ Register by calling 472-7500 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org by February 18th. Prize money for first and second place will be donated to the charity of your choice. Raffle chances and 50/50 tickets will be available

