

~ 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
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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 Cruscziel 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 3, 2019 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Cliff Yahner (family) 10:00AM Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Kathleen Smith family
Monday, Feb. 4	Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Tuesday, Feb. 5	St. Agatha NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Wednesday, Feb. 6	St. Paul Miki & Companions NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Feb. 7	Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, Feb 8	Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Saturday, Feb. 9	Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Joe Strohmiere (family)
Sunday, Feb. 10	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Richard Mishock (Karen & family)

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

February 2019

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

I will offer the traditional individual **Blessing of Throats** in commemoration of the feast of St. Blaise **this weekend following all Masses**. We will follow the **French custom** and enjoy a piece of hard candy after the blessing...in thanks to God for the gift of taste, breath and speech!

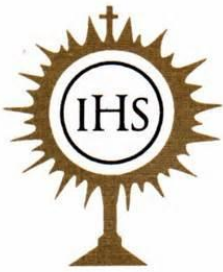
Thank you to all who attended our **Winter Parish Council Meeting** last Sunday!

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. Our **4th Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto** will be held from March 31–April 5 at **7PM** each evening. **Father Michael Caridi**, pastor of St. Ann Parish, Pittsburgh, will be the Mission Director. **Bishop Mark Barchak** will be our celebrant for the opening of the Mission on Sunday evening March 31!!

Members of the Saint Michael Family,

A huge thank you to every one of you! Thank you to all who prayed for me, my fellow students, and all of the young people attending SEEK 2019! A special thanks to all of you who graciously donated monetary contributions to our trip! The money went to very good use, helping not only myself, but the other 15 students traveling with me, to make it safely to Indianapolis and back, contributing also to our registration and housing fees. The conference was amazing, turning out about 20,000 Catholic college students. It was not only an opportunity to more deeply encounter our Lord, but also an opportunity to grow in friendship with other students and Catholic organizations. Again, a huge thank you to all of you for your prayers and support!

God Bless, Vince Byrne



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.

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).

PRAYER LIST Jack Farrell, Annette Farrell, Edna Eckenrode., Mary Lureen Scanlan, Ken Snowberger, Robert Ruffing, Betty Pryce, Emanuel Ruffing, 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: February 4-10

February 4, 5, 6 NO Morning Mass

ALTAR SERVERS: February 4-8

Mornings: February 4, 5, 6, 8 No Morning Mass

Holy Hour Wednesday, February 6 6PM -7PM Haley & Kiley Gray

February 9-10

4:00PM Alena, Alivia & Elliot Nagle
8:00AM Ashley, Alec & Travis Kubat
10:00AM Levi & Maya Baker, Mark Mento

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 9-10

4:00PM Jeff & Beth Talko
8:00AM Chris Krug, Nick Byrne
10:00AM Betty Soisson, Cindy McMullen

READERS: February 9-10

4:00PM Julie Nagle
8:00AM Chris Krug
10:00AM Ashley Kubat

MUSIC MINISTERS: February 9-10

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Mike/Vicki 8AM Doug 10AM Monica

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 rectory or email skrug@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

January 27, 2019

Offertory \$5,267 Online Giving \$512 Total \$ 5,779 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$1,021

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS



We congratulate the following students on attaining **HIGH HONORS** for the second report card period: Haley Gray, JoAnna Hoover, Trevor Fahr, Briette Hite, Belle Eckenrode, Molly Itle, and Lilyann Strait. We also congratulate the following students on attaining **HONOR ROLL**: Maya Baker, Nicholas Clark, Jude Koehle, Michael Poorman, Jimmy Beiswenger, Josh Corcoran, Alec Kubat, Abby Lee, Mark Mento Alaina Toth, Riley Diehl, Hudson Farabaugh, Austin Gray, Phister, Declan Schrock, Gage Spielvogle, Isaac Strittmatter, Levi

Baker, Tommy Corcoran, Allie Dziabo, Travis Kubat, Hannah McMahan, Alena Nagle, Alivia Nagle, Jackson Rice, John Seymour, Colin Beiswenger, Gigi Canineu, Emma Freidhof, Kiley Gray, Alex Krug, Logan Krug, Blake Seymour, and Liam Statler.

Our Catholic Schools Week **Opening Mass, Open House, and Potluck Dinner** were well attended. Thank you to all our school families, grandparents, and parishioners for celebrating the “**Good News**” in Catholic education with us as a faith community. We also extend our gratitude to Father Byrnes for his beautiful and profound homily and for being such an integral part of Saint Michael School.

We thank **ALL** our **parent and grandparent volunteers** that assisted with the activities that were planned throughout Catholic Schools Week. We thank **Heather Strittmatter** for organizing the Home School Student Appreciation Day Luncheon and everyone who assisted in making the day so special for our students. Our **volunteers** are the “**heart of our school!**”

Thank you to our **faculty** and **staff** for going above and beyond to ensure a successful Catholic Schools Week! Your **dedication** and **love** for our Saint Michael School family is evident in all that you do!

Students will be dismissed at **1 pm** on **Friday, February 8th** due to a **teacher in-service**.



There is still time to purchase tickets for our recreational vehicle raffle that will be held on February 14th. If you would like to purchase tickets please phone the school office at 472-9117.

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. Blaise, Patron of Protection of the Throat, Pray for Us!*

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 ups 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 on 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 Crusciel 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