

~ 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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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
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

MARCH 10, 2019 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10	First Sunday of Lent 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Jeffrey Wyland (Mag & Dave Weiland)
Monday, March 11	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Paul Eckenrode (Hilda & family)
Tuesday, March 12	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM James Biter (Lori & Darrell Ruzi)
Wednesday, March 13	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Special Intention (Judy Monohan Salvano & Frank Salvano) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions at 7 PM
Thursday, March 14	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@9:30AM)
Friday, March 15	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (Phil & Sharon Hanlon) 2PM Children's Stations of the Cross 7PM Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 16	Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)
Sunday, March 17	Second Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Chick Yahner (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.

LENT 2019

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

LENT 2019 - Included in our bulletin this week is another copy of our *Calendar for the Season of Lent 2019*. As we have entered into this holy season, please refer to it for a schedule of the Lenten prayer, education and service opportunities within our parish!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION /RCIA Today at 2 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, we joyfully celebrate the RITE OF ELECTION with **our new parishioners** who are declaring their formal decision to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 20. This celebration marks the official naming of these people as members of the faith who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist (Catechumens) and those who are already Baptized (Candidates) and asking to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church through Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Our Catechumens are: **Cody Aaron Taddy** and **Evan Tate Waldron**. Our Candidate is **Jonathan Paul Loxley**. We ask for your prayers for them as they continue to prepare to celebrate the Initiation Sacraments here at our Basilica parish!

The 57th annual Men's Turkey Dinner is March 17th 2019

11AM-3PM This is a long-standing tradition for our Parish! Our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers have worked this fundraiser for our church. And now it's our turn to carry the torch! Please see the list of areas below where help is needed for the busy weekend.



Friday, March 15 5:30-8PM Preparing the turkeys for early morning roasting

Saturday, March 16 8AM-3PM The work on this day is done in shifts and if you are able to work a few hours in the morning or afternoon that would be helpful

Sunday March 17 7AM-4PM Dining room servers and kitchen help is needed the entire day

Sunday, March 17 2:30PM-? Kitchen clean up help is needed. This is perfect if you are only able to give a few hours for the weekend.

If you are able to help and have any questions please feel free to contact one of the committee members:

Kitchen/cooking and prep

Greg Farabaugh 414-2230

Takeout Dinners

Mark Poorman 381-6003

Dining Room and Sunday Dinner

Bob Crusciel 243-9971 or Steve Hogue 312-3361

We are asking for **help from the parishioners** to make **bread, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies**



If possible, please put your cookies in serving size baggies of 2 or 3 so that they will stay fresh and can be placed in the takeout dinners with ease.

Basket Raffle

The Basilica Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring the Basket Raffle at the Men's Dinner this year. **All proceeds will go towards the funding of the new sidewalks around the school. Please consider donating a basket! The baskets may be dropped off at the parish office (Tuesday through Friday) or taken directly to OLOL Hall on Sunday, March 17th by 9AM.**



Our 4th Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto will be held from Sunday March 31 – to Friday April 5, the Fourth Week of Lent. Our mission director/homilist will be **Father Michael Caridi**, from St. Anne Parish, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

A reminder that All Religious Education Students are required to attend the opening prayers of the Mission on Sunday March 31 at 7 PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be our celebrant for the opening of the Mission (Prayers, Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) and will be present with **7 other priests** to hear confessions following the Sunday Mission Prayers, homily and Benediction. This will serve as our Religious Education penance service. All in the parish are invited to receive the sacrament.

Mass with Mission Prayers will be held each evening, **Monday through Fri at 7 PM. Eucharistic Adoration** will begin each day at **6 PM Monday through Friday. Confessions** will be available each evening at **6 PM**. I encourage your full, active participation in this annual parish Lenten Retreat!

The next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 24th at 6:30PM** in the basilica hall.

All parishioners are welcome to attend! All **Council members** and **Committee Chairs** are to attend. **Committee Chairpersons** will offer a brief report on their committee's work and projects. In this way, we see all that is happening in our parish and work in an orderly way.

Members of our **2018-2019 Parish Council** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Mary Weiland, chair, Sherry Lokesak, secretary, Bob Chumrik, Donna Schenk, Cindy McMullen, Michele Poorman, Sharon Biter, Joan Krug, Julie Crusciel, Ashley Kubat (High School/Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwasinski, Jenny Strittmatter, Renee Phister (ex officio St. Michael School Principal) and Committee Chairs (**Finance** – Nick Byrne, **Stewardship** – Theresa Lysic **Maintenance**- Craig Weiland **Liturgy** – Jonathan Nagy **Christian Service** – Celeste Stolz **Education & Evangelization** – Deacon Golden **Outdoor Mass** – Steve Hogue **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Frank & Betty Seymour **Life & Family** – inactive

Parish Expenditures - I want to inform you of two major parish improvements/purchases.

*First, we must purchase a **new commercial lawn mower** for maintaining our grounds and cemetery. After years of repairs, a new mower is needed. The maintenance committee has received several bids and we will be purchasing before the mowing season begins....*Secondly, we will begin work on our sidewalks around the school property. Our liability insurer has strongly urged replacing them and we must take action this year.

The cost of these projects/purchases is expected to exceed **\$40,000**. We are hoping to use profits from the Men's Turkey Dinner and other regular fund raisers towards this work. We are working with the Finance Council and Maintenance committee for the best possible solutions and are working through bids. If you would like to **donate directly** to a visible and worthy cause within the parish, please contact the office at 472-8551 or simply send in your donation. Your help is greatly valued and appreciated!

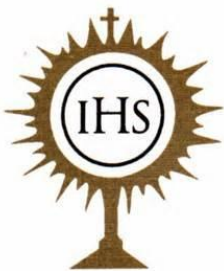
Lenten Spiritual Reading - Near the doors of the basilica, you will find a help to your Lenten prayer- a book of meditations, *Five Minutes with the Word- Lent 2019*. These booklets are provided for your personal prayer in the home or at Eucharistic Adoration. Please offer a copy to those that are homebound. They are compliments of an anonymous parishioner. You are also welcome to look over our **Catholic Lighthouse Media kiosk** which features low cost CDs, DVDs and books on a variety of topics on the Catholic faith.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting. There is a limit of one full meal/light eating on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. Those with serious health problems are not required to fast.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total abstinence from meat.

Days of Abstinence: All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



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.

Lent - CONFESSIONS FOLLOWING HOLY HOUR AT 7 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 11-17

(R) March 11, 12, 13 Celeste Stolz

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

ALTAR SERVERS: March 11-15

Mornings: March 11, 12, 13, 15 Michael Poorman, Colin Beiswenger

Holy Hour Wednesday, March 13 6PM -7PM Billy Krug, Mark Mento

March 16-17

4:00PM Ashley, Alec & Travis Kubat

8:00AM Kayden McMullen, Maddison & Makenna Lee

10:00AM Alena, Alivia & Elliot Nagle

READERS: March 16-17

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Julie Nagle

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 16-17

4:00PM Cindy McMullen, Mary Lessard

8:00AM Suzette & Joe Spinner

10:00AM Nick Byrne, Janet Hogue

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 16-17 **ORGANISTS:** 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Joel & Monica 8AM Ashley 10AM Jonathan

PRAYER LIST: Cory Hall, 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 TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

March 3, 2019

Offertory \$4,770 Online Giving \$612 Total \$5,382 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$1,418

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We thank **Mr. Nagy and the Bishop Carroll students** and **SFU athletes** for sharing their valuable time reading to our students in celebration of “**Read Across America**” commemorating Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Pictures from their visits can be found on our school website www.st-michael-school.org.

On March 14th, Saint Michael School will celebrate “National PI Day” (3-14) with our **Fourth Annual Pi(e) in the Face Fundraiser**. Faculty and staff members including Father Byrnes have graciously volunteered to be “**Pied**” in the spirit of almsgiving for our Lenten campaign for the Missionary Childhood Association.

Students will be attending **Mass @ 8:45 am** and **Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 pm** Friday, March 15th. All are welcome to join us!

Junior High Youth Day will be held on **Sunday, March 17th** at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. The day will begin at 11:00 am and will end after the 4:30 pm Liturgy celebrated with Bishop Mark. The following students will partake in a day full of faith, fun, and friendship: **Maya Baker, Haley Gray, JoAnna Hoover, Jude Koehle, Alec Kubat, Austin Gray, and Connor McMullen**.



Save the date! Saint Michael School Council is sponsoring an “Applebee’s” fundraising event to benefit Saint Michael School on **Sunday, March 24th** from 11am -9 pm at the **Ebensburg** location. Our school will receive **15%** of the total group sales. **Applebee’s gift cards** can be purchased through our SCRIP gift card program which will add to our profits. Please join us as we “**Dine to Donate.**” **Please present the flyer in this week’s bulletin to your server when paying your check.**

COUGAR LOTTO is here! **WEEKLY DRAWINGS** for 10 weeks, beginning **Monday, April 15th** through **June 17th 2019**. Each ticket contains two sets of numbers. Prizes are awarded for the **EXACT NUMBER** (\$100), **ONE NUMBER ABOVE** (\$25), and **ONE NUMBER BELOW** (\$25). Winning numbers are based upon the Monday evening PA PICK 3 LOTTERY daily number. **Tickets cost \$25**. Only 500 tickets sold! All Proceeds benefit Saint Michael School. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, please contact any Saint Michael School Family or call the school office at 472-9117. Thank you in advance for your continual support.

Registration for kindergarteners, new families, and re-registration for students currently enrolled at Saint Michael School (K-8) is underway. Students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2019. 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.

Information concerning **FACTS** financial aid applications for the 2019– 2020 school year was sent home earlier this month. We strongly encourage everyone to apply. Many of our families have and continue to be awarded grant monies to assist with tuition. To apply for financial aid, visit online.factsmtg.com/aid. **The deadline for submitting the application is March 15th.**

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: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." Psalm 91:1-2



The Lenten journey has begun. Give your heart and soul to the Lord! Be humble, spend precious time in Adoration of our Lord.

March 17 - No classes! Men's Turkey Dinner - Opportunity for service hours!

March 17 - Junior High Youth Day - 2019 @ Bishop Carroll/ Grades 6-8

March 24 - Classes (Grades 1-11)

March 31 - FOURTH ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO - NO

CLASSES! Replaced by 7pm Opening of Mission Prayers/Benediction. Attendance by ALL grades required! Confessions for Religious Education students following services.

***CONFIRMATION DATA FORM IS DUE!** A Sponsor Eligibility certificate is required if the Sponsor is not a member of the Basilica. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to Box 84, Loretto, PA. 15940. Any questions regarding the DATA FORM, call Celeste Stolz @ 472-9808.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Lent has begun! As such, we will be following church tradition of abstaining from any extra music. The only music that will be heard is anything accompanied by singing. Once the hymn is over, the music will stop. As we abstain from other things during Lent, the absence of music can have a profound effect on all of us. Additionally, as a Basilica, we have special ties with the Vatican. We again will be using the Latin Chant setting for all Masses. Let this be a reflective and meaningful Lent!

LORETTO COMMUNITY



Annual Men's Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 17th from 11AM to 3PM.

This is the 57th year that the parish men will prepare and serve a roasted turkey dinner with all of the trimmings and dessert! Eat in -Adults \$10, Takeout \$11 and Children 10 and under \$6.

Come and enjoy a delicious turkey dinner and Basket Raffle!

Our Knights of Columbus Council is asking all parish families to participate in "40 Cans for Lent", a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. All food that is collected will be donated to the Dorothy Day Outreach Center at Saint Francis University. Please drop off your non-perishable food donation in the far back of the church.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS - Sponsored by: Loretto Legion Post 748 & Auxiliary Unit 748

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) \$9.00 TO GO ONLY

Fried Haddock, Baked Mac & Cheese or French Fries, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Roll, Butter & Dessert

Comfort by candlelight ~ an evening with Kathy Troccoli. She will sing-she will share. One inspiring night... of Encouragement, Hope, Laughter and Love. **Monday, March 18** at 7PM. Doors open at 6:15PM. Saint Francis University Immaculate Conception Chapel. 472-3172 Denise Farabaugh

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

receptions, social events and smaller occasion.



Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall is available for dances, more. The St. Michael School Hall can also be rented for a **Call Katie ~ 886-4619.**

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet during **March** 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

Attention all recent brides and brides-to-be! The Bishop Carroll Lady Huskies soccer team is sponsoring a bridal resale event on Sunday, April 7 from noon to 3 pm at the BC school cafeteria. Sell your new or like-new wedding decorations and supplies like centerpieces, fabric, ribbon, lights, vases, candles, flowers, dresses, shoes, table numbers and coverings, cookie trays, etc. or buy your decorations and supplies at a fraction of the cost of new! Sellers can reserve a space for \$20 which includes a 12 x 10 area with a table and 2 chairs. The admission fee for shoppers is \$5. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Carol at kcschallfam@yahoo.com.

St. John the Beloved Young Adult Group: Come and join the newly formed St. John the Beloved Young Adult Group (ages 20 - 40) for Adoration and fellowship every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, March 14th**. Adoration will start at 7pm in St. Benedict Church followed by Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction at 7:45pm. Pizza and fellowship to follow at the St. John Paul II Center on the St. Benedict Parish Campus. For more info reach out to Fr. Peter Crowe (Phone: 814-266-9781 Ext. 507, Email: pcrowe@dioceseaj.org) or Patrick Roy (Phone: 814-270-4191, Email: proyjmj@gmail.com). St. Benedict Parish is located on 2310 Bedford St, Johnstown, PA 15904.

Indoor Book & Bake Sale Saturday, **March 23** 8AM-1PM St. Nicholas Church Hall, Nicktown.

Paperback .50 Hardcover \$1.00 Bag \$5.00 Food and drinks available for purchase.

BRAVERY Boys Retreat April 26-28, 2019 ~ Prayer, Talks, Sports and games! Presented by local priests and laymen. Friday 6PM-1PM Sunday. Please register by Monday, April 21 by contacting Sister Jacinta 886-4459.