

~ 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- 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM 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. Julie Little 243-8925

Finance Council- Mrs. Meghan Freidhof 207-0104

Liturgical Music 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-Vince Kalwasinski 241-1712

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 419-8695

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 12, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 12	Third Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Sis Driskel (Mag & Dave Weiland) 10:00AM People of the Parish
Monday, March 13	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Amanda Koenigsberg (Rob)
Tuesday, March 14	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Ed & Janet Zabrosky – for the health & well being (Ray & Phyllis Sheehan)
Wednesday, March 15	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Scott Hanlon (Bill & Jean Ann Hanlon) 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30PM - 9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, March 16	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, March 17	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM Tricia Noll (Ann)
Saturday, March 18	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Ordination Anniversary of Father Gallitzin (March 18, 1795)
Sunday, March 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Chick, Putsy & Cliff Yahner (family) 10:00AM People of the Parish

Sunday Mass posted to **FACEBOOK** at 11:15 AM

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Kenny Grove (Leah & Ron)

Lent 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



The annual **Men's Turkey Dinner** is **TODAY**, March 12 as a **drive-thru/take out ONLY dinner**. **11AM-3PM or sold out. Each dinner \$14.00**



Our **Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto** will be held **NEXT WEEK** from March 19–23 at **7PM** each evening, Sunday thru Thursday. **Rev. Fr. Michael A. Caridi, STL, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Diocese of Pittsburgh**, will be the Mission Director and Homilist each night.

A reminder that **All Religious Education Students are required to attend the Opening Prayers of the Mission and Confessions on Sunday March 19 at 7 PM.** This 7 PM Service is **NOT A MASS**.

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be present with **8 other priests** to hear confessions following the Sunday Mission Prayers, homily and Benediction. **This will serve as our Parish/ Religious Education Penance Service. All in the parish are invited to receive the sacrament of penance at this convenient time.**

***Mass with homily and Mission Prayers** - will be held each evening, **Monday through Thursday at 7 PM.**

***Eucharistic Adoration** will begin each day at **5:30 PM to 7 PM, Monday through Thursday.** No 6:30 to 9 PM Wednesday Adoration.

***Confessions (2 priests)** will be available each evening at **6 PM.**

***Prayer intentions** may be placed in the box near the statue of Our Lady of Loretto.

I encourage your full, active participation in this annual parish Lenten Retreat!

***BASILICA POT-LUCK**

To celebrate a spiritually successful mission, we welcome all to have a “pot luck” gathering in Basilica Hall following the final night (Thursday). There will be sign-up sheets located at all three entrances to the Basilica.

Please keep in mind, it may be around ~8:15 that we gather, so snack-type items would be perfect, i.e. fruit, veggie or cracker & cheese trays, etc. Your contribution does not need to be elaborate but we will have outlets available for warming, if need be. **Please** take all dishes, utensils, leftovers, home with you afterwards for ease of clean-up.

For questions, please contact Monica Hogue (814) 931-4912. Thank you and we look forward to a blessed mission week!



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND MEETING - March 16 – As I mentioned at Mass, we are reorganizing our Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Homebound. **Current Ministers**, and **those who would like to help in this most important ministry** are to attend a meeting **Thursday March 16 at 6:30 PM** in Basilica Hall. Extraordinary Ministers must be fully initiated faithful Catholics, 18 years of age or older, and participate regularly in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Spiritual Formation and Training will be provided. What a great way to serve your homebound brothers and sisters, and perform a work of mercy, in the Eucharistic Revival!

Eucharistic Adoration - the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar from 6:30 PM to 9 PM on **Wednesday evenings**. All are welcome to “come and go” over these hours and spend time in contemplative prayer. **We will have sign-up sheets at the basilica entrances to ensure that two people are always before the Blessed Sacrament.** Let us grow our participation and love for Jesus. The rosary will be prayed at 6:45 PM. - **Join in the Year of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival!** **Please sign up for times (6:30 pm – 9PM) on the schedule at the basilica entrances.**

33 Days to Morning Glory..is a retreat which concludes with a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this Mother's Day!

Sessions (DVD and book- The book contains a manageable few pages to read daily and in addition, we offer weekly meetings, where we will watch a 30-minute video by Father Gaitley and share small group discussion.)

will be April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8 at 6 PM in Basilica Hall (The book may also be used as a “do -it -yourself retreat”) St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa knew the quickest way to holiness is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary to Jesus! Join us for the 33 Days to Morning Glory Small Group Retreat. Please call the Parish office to reserve your book and/ or seat by Monday, March 20.

Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – **TOGETHER WE SERVE** 1

Today is Commitment Sunday

During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. **Our target goal is \$32,886.**

The **Annual Catholic Ministries Drive** supports 14 ministries through which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons in our diocese who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and your help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope. **Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend’s offertory.**

The year 2023 is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can best serve our Church, and taking part in our Catholic Ministries Drive is a great way to start, because TOGETHER WE SERVE. **Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries.**

Children’s Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday afternoons of Lent at **2 PM** (except March 17) with our St. Michael School Students.

Scriptural Stations of the Cross - will be celebrated each Wednesday of Lent at 6- 6:30 PM. No Stations during the Parish Mission.

“40 Cans of Lent” The Loretto Knights of Columbus are asking parishioners to donate one can or box of non-perishable food for each day of Lent. All donations will be given to the Dorothy Day Center Food Pantry. Thank you for your participation. Vince Kalwasinski 814-241-1712

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** originally scheduled for Feb. 26, will be held on **Sunday, March 26, 2023.** We will meet in the Basilica Hall at 6:30PM

Bishop Dispenses Obligation to Abstain from Meat on Saint Patrick’s Day – The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, **Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, is granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick.** Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor. Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts., Saint Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland and is the patron saint of that country. His feast day is one of celebration in the Catholic Church and throughout secular culture.

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.

Legion of Mary News: This Lent, our Legion of Mary members and other Catholics will engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving more intently. This path to a growth in holiness means that we take up our own crosses and follow Him. Our Legion members set aside time to share what we have received from Our Lord and the Blessed Mother by visiting our sick and homebound. We invite others to join us in our mission of mercy to these special parishioners. For information or to join us please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us!



As work continues on the new bathroom and baby room upstairs, we would like to let you know that downstairs in the Basilica Hall progress is being made. Our clean-up efforts are proceeding, and we have had four newly installed comfort height, water-efficient toilets in the ladies' room.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers:

Ann Sutton, Special Intention. Dave Owens, Barb Bender, Luke Francisco, Nathan McCloskey, Joe Stevens, John Oklamchak, Betty Soisson, Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Zach Mento, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

LORETTO COMMUNITY



We welcome newly baptized Dominic Joseph Link into our parish family. Dominic is the son of Clayton Link and Maria Schiller.

The Knights of Columbus hoagie sale will be on Saturday, March 18. 18" Italian hoagies are available for \$12 each. Please place your order by Monday, March 13, by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael School and Pro-Life activities. We appreciate your continued support!

Please join us for PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY at 3pm in the Basilica on Fridays. We pray the Divine Mercy and the four mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary for the intentions of the protection, healing and safety of our country. All are invited to join us and pray all or part of our hour of prayer.



We would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of generosity, love and support for Barry Krug's benefit. We saw the work of God being done through people's time, talent and treasure. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community that comes together when people are in need. We truly are humbled and appreciate the graciousness show to us. We are touched beyond words. God Bless you. *Barry & Cathy Krug and family*

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Our parish widows next gathering is Saturday evening, March 8th at Mary Lessard's home. The covered dish meal and time together begins following the 4PM Saturday Mass. We look forward to including other widows to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph. The prayers of St. Patrick that concludes with, "Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand", has special meaning for all widows. For directions and information please call Mary 814-886-5489.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 13-19

ALTAR SERVERS: March 13-17

Mornings: March 13, 14, 15, 17 Will Hegemann, Alex Krug

Stations: Wednesday, March 15 6PM -6:30PM Logan & Ella Klatt, Larissa Clapper

March 18-19

4:00PM Alaya Stager, Logan & Zac Krug

8:00AM Will Hegemann, Nicholas & Bennett Clark

10:00AM Alivia, Alena, Elliot Nagle

ALTAR SERVERS: March 19-23 2023 ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 19 7PM Colin Beiswenger, Alex Krug, Zac Krug

READERS: March 18-19

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Nick Byrne

10:00AM Julie Nagle

READERS: March 19-23 ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 19 7:00PM Amy Krug

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS March 18-19

4:00PM Joan Krug

8:00AM Nick Byrne

10:00AM Jeff Talko

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 18-19

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Adult Choir 8AM Ashley 10AM Jonathan

USHERS: March 18-19

4:00PM Braden/volunteers
8:00AM Kayden/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 5, 2023 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$4,573 Online Giving \$1,747 Total \$6,320 Difference -\$480

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Students will not have school on Friday, March 17th. The teachers have a Professional Learning Day.

St. Michael School would like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Who is ready for an AWESOME turkey dinner?? Don't forget to come and show your support for the annual **Men's Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 12th**. The dinner will be drive through and take out only this year and begins at 11:00.

The end of the 3rd marking period is on Wednesday, March 22nd. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, March 28th.



If you know of any student who would like to **check out Saint Michael School**, please have them call the school office for a visit. **We welcome visits in any grade level.**

Tickets are available for our March Money Madness event that will occur on Saturday, March 25th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Please call the school office to reserve your tickets today.

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

March 12- NO CLASSES! MEN'S TURKEY DINNER-Service Hours opportunity for our Religious Education Program! Please contact one of the committee members

March 19-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 students and parishioners. (8 priests available).

March 25- Sophomore Retreat/ School Cafeteria/ Noon to 5:00pm. Includes Sunday Mass obligation.

March 26- Classes (grades 1-11)

AROUND THE AREA

Life in the Spirit Seminar - There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar presented by Holy Spirit Ministry, on Saturday, March 25th, 2023, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. The retreat, which focuses on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, will include dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies by Fr. Nathan Malavolti T.O.R., Fr. Alan Thomas, Andre McCarville, Fr. Brad Baldwin T.O.R. and others. It will also include celebration of Mass, Spirit-filled praise and worship, and small group faith sharing. Lunch and dinner is provided. Adults \$25 (\$20 if registered by February 25th), students are free of charge. To register call 814-931-0192 or e-mail auroares4@gmail.com . Registration deadline is March 12th.

SQUARE DANCES will be held on March 18 and April 1 from 7 to 10 PM in the New Germany Grove Hall. The cost is \$10 a person, children 6 and under \$5 which includes food, drinks, & dancing with the band Klassic Kountry. Proceeds benefits: Pro-Life.