

~ 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 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 - Ms. Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction - Holy Hour 6:00PM Wednesdays
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. Mary Lessard 886-5489
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
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 15, 2020 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15	Second Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Sis Driskel (Mag & Dave Weiland) 10:00AM Charlie Wirfel (Constance Wirfel)
Monday, March 16	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Dan Biter (Bob & Thelma Biter)
Tuesday, March 17	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Tricia Noll-Ann. (Ann)
Wednesday, March 18	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Gallitzin (Prince Gallitzin Historical Society) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, March 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, March 20	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM Charolotte Biter (Bob & Thelma Biter) 2PM Children's Stations of the Cross 7PM Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 21	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Rita Rodgers (Elaine & Jim Itle)
Sunday, March 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Chick Yahner (family) 10:00AM People of the parish

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Our 58th annual Men's Turkey Dinner is TODAY! 11AM-3PM! Come and enjoy a great turkey dinner along with a Basket Raffle! I will see you there!



Our 5th Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto begins next Sunday Evening! Father Joseph Sioli, pastor of St. Louise Parish, 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 (No Mass, all are to attend Sunday Mass earlier) on Sunday March 22 at 7 PM. Bishop Mark Barchak 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 Benediction. **This will serve as our Religious Education/Parish 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!

Thank you to all parishioners who have already responded to the **2020 Catholic Ministries Drive - Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission.** Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

New Altar Server training – We will be speaking to our children (beginning with current Third Grade going in to Fourth Grade Fall 2020)) about the ministry of Altar Server. **Permission slips** will be distributed at St. Michael School during the week of March 22 and on 3/29/20 at Religious Education. Parents are to sign the permission slips and return. **Practices will be scheduled for May and June.** Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to serve. Our new Servers will be installed and blessed, with the participation of the **Cambria County Serra Club, this summer.** Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to serve!

40 CANS FOR LENT- Please join the Knights of Columbus along with the Basilica of St. Michael in collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Dorothy Day Food Bank. Collection boxes are in the back of the basilica.

DIOCESE OFFERS LENTEN VIDEO SERIES - Are you looking to enrich your faith during Lent? The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Communications is offering a series of daily video reflections throughout the season. Presenters will offer brief thoughts on topics including prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The presenters include Bishop Mark L. Barchak; Father Matthew Reese, Pastor of Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish-Lilly and Diocesan Director of Vocations; Father Neil Dadey, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish-State College; Father Jude Brady, OSB, Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish-Carrolltown; Sister Joachim Anne Ferenchak, O. Carm., Administrator of Garvey Manor Nursing Home-Hollidaysburg; Andre McCarville, Director of Missions and Family Life for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; and Jeanne Thompson, Coordinator of Christian Initiation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The reflections will be posted daily on the Diocese Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Also, the Very Reverend John Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel and Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will offer weekly Lenten reflections on Proclaim! TV, which airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WATM ABC 23.

Stations of the Cross are being celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7 -7:30 PM. Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at 7:30- 8:00 PM. As these are two separate forms of prayer, you are welcome to participate in either Stations, Adoration or both services. They are placed together on Friday evenings for your convenience. I encourage the parents of our Religious Education students to bring your children to these beautiful devotions throughout Lent. **Children's Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Friday afternoons of Lent at **2 PM** with our St. Michael School Students.

DIOCESE LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOOL - Staying connected to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is now as easy as having your smart phone handy. The diocese is pleased to launch a new communications tool that allows the faithful to sign up for text messages and alerts from the diocese. **To register, text daj to 84576.** It is the most convenient way to stay in touch with your Catholic faith. Sign up today!

Legion of Mary-By our Baptism we have a previous faith to share. Working for others can give new meaning in your life. We invite our parishioners, both men and women, to join us at the Wednesday morning 7:30AM Mass, then for our meeting immediately following. We know the Blessed Mother is at our side as we visit the homebound, the newly Baptized and assist with the Rosary. For information please call Mary 886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

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, Confessions following.



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.



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the families of Daniel Biter and Gertrude "Toots" Volk who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

PRAYER LIST: Ruth Biter, Blake White, Dorothy Itell, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, Chrissy Zernick, Fred Bradley, Cyril Itle, Kennedy Spaid, Sue Maul, Fr. John Byrnes, Amanda Koenigsberg, Leona Noel, Joe Lysic, Barb Sherry, Harriet Stevens, Betty Pryce, Edna McConnell, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood Cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

Sanctuary Lamp- The red Sanctuary Lamp is placed before the tabernacle as a sign that the Lord is present; continuously burning and symbolizing God's eternal presence. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one please call the parish office. The offering is \$10 for one week.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is lit for John & Antoinette Coposky from Fred Coposky.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 16-22

(R) March 16, 17, 18 Sister Marilyn, CCW

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

ALTAR SERVERS: March 16-20

Mornings: March 16, 17, 18, 20 Mason & Braden Wherry

Holy Hour: Wednesday, March 18 6PM -7PM Billy Krug, Nicholas Clark

March 21-22

4:00PM Nicholas Clark, Logan Krug, Kayden McMullen

8:00AM Brenna Phister, Bella Weiland, Logan Hoover

10:00AM Haley, Austin, & Kiley Gray

ALTAR SERVERS: 5th ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 22 7PM Michael Poorman, Josh, Tom & Will Corcoran

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 21-22

4:00PM Joan Krug, Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Suzette & Joe Spinner

10:00AM Bob Chumrik, Dick Mullen

READERS: March 21-22

4:00PM Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Ashley Kubat

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

READER: 5th ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 22 7:00PM Ashley Kubat

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 21-22

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10:00AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Folk Choir 8AM Ashley 10:00AM Stephanie

ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION March 22

7PM Children's and Adult Choir/Jonathan

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

March 8, 2020	Budget \$6,800			
Offertory \$7,285	Online Giving \$957	Total \$8,242	Difference +\$1,442	

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

Several of our students will be attending **Junior High Youth Day** on Sunday, **March 15th**. This is an awesome opportunity for them to enrich their faith. Our attendees include: Alec Kubat, Abby Lee, Austin Gray, Connor McMullen, Brenna Phister, Thomas Corcoran, Allie Dziabo, Travis Kubat, Hannah McMahon, Meghan McMullen, Alena Nagle, Alivia Nagle, and John Seymour. We thank Suzanne Kubat and Miss Steinbugl for serving as chaperones.

Parents and grandparents of our **sixth-grade** students are cordially invited to attend a special luncheon in their honor on **Monday, March 16th**. Lunch will be served at 11:30am. We are looking forward to visiting with our guests.

On Friday, **March 20th** students in second through eighth grades will participate in a **Lenten Penance Service @ 10am. Stations of the Cross** will be held @ **2:00pm**. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The following students will represent Saint Michael School at the **Diocesan Regional Forensics Competition** that will be held on Friday, **March 20th** at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School: Colleen Barnett, Braden Wherry, Hudson Farabaugh, Austin Gray, Briette Hite, Brenna Phister, Declan Schrock, Levi Baker, Allie Dziabo, Travis Kubat, Hannah McMahon, Alena Nagle, Alivia Nagle, John Seymour, Belle Eckenrode, Kiley Gray, Molly Itle, Liam Statler, and Lilly Strait. We wish all our team members much luck and success! We thank Miss Steinbugl for all her hard work in preparing our students for the competition. We also thank DJ Gray, Crystal Wherry, Becky Seymour, and Heather Strittmatter for volunteering their time to serve as judges.

Registration for kindergarteners, new families, and re-registration for students currently enrolled at Saint Michael School (K-8) is underway. Re-registration forms were sent home last week. Tuition assistance is available for all qualifying families! Students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2020. The following documentation will need to accompany new registrations: 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March 15 NO CLASSES! Men's Turkey Dinner, Enjoy!

March 22 NO CLASSES! Replaced by Fifth Annual Lenten Mission of Our Lady of Loretto. Services begin at 7PM with Mission Prayers/Benediction. Attendance by all grades required. Confessions for students and parishioners.

March 29 Dorothy Day Outreach Center Food Drive ~Classes grades 1-11/ New altar server inquiry & training is scheduled.

Find peace in prayer during this Lenten season!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Choir Practices are Sunday evenings at 6 PM. . Consider joining us and lifting your voice in song to God!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet during March on Wednesday the 11th and 25th at 3pm in the Basilica Hall. All are welcome to pray and stitch with us. Anyone needing a shawl or lap robe please call 472-9465.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **March 21st** 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please **place your order by Monday, March 16th** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 886-4290, or Bob Cruscicel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated

Loretto Legion Lenten Dinners 2/28 – 4/10 - 5:00 PM–9:00 PM or until sold out ~ Eat-in or Take Out 814-472-9966 ~ **Deep Fried Haddock \$8.00** w/ mac-n-cheese or fries, coleslaw or stewed tomatoes, roll & butter and desert (cake or pie) ~ **Shrimp Basket \$7.00** Six breaded butterfly shrimp, fries, coleslaw and cookies ~ **Fish Sandwich \$5.50 (add .25 for cheese)** comes with fries, coleslaw and cookies

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!!

AROUND THE AREA

Diocesan Employment Opportunities:

- Our Lady of Victory Elementary School, State College: Principal
- St. Michael Elementary School, Loretto: Principal

For a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply online go to: www.dioceseaj.org/careers.

Basket Social - The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will hold a Basket Social on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances. Complimentary desserts provided. Doors open at 12 noon with the raffle starting promptly at 1:30pm.