

~ 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**  
**Deacon Richard T. Golden**  
 321 St. Mary Street PO Box 10 Loretto, PA 15940-0144

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office 472-8551  
 Parish FAX 471-4959  
 Parish email [basilicasm@dioceseaj.org](mailto:basilicasm@dioceseaj.org)  
 Parish website [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org)  
 Parish Administrative Assistant- Mrs. Sherri Krug  
 Parish Office Hours:  
 Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM  
**Father John Byrnes** email  
[jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org)  
 Our Lady of Loretto Hall Rental 886-4619  
 Bingo 471-2764

## 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](http://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](http://www.optionline.org)  
 National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255  
 Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## MARCH 17, 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00AM Chick Yahner (family) 10:00AM People of the parish
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> 7:30AM Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Gallitzin 3-18-1795 (Prince Gallitzin Historical Society)
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b> 7:30AM Walter & Rose Zabrosky family (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> 7:30AM Brad Weakland (family) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions at 7 PM
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> 8:45AM William & Renilda (Kaylor) Lilly (Frank & Betty Seymour) 2PM Children's Stations of the Cross 7PM Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	<b>Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent</b> 4:00PM Sis Driskel (Mag & Dave Weiland)
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Kenneth Noel (Joe & Sharon Biter)

\*\*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,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! **The 57<sup>th</sup> 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!



**The 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive "Be A Good Shepherd. Give Help. Build Hope"**- launches today in parishes throughout our diocese. This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on care for the poor through Catholic Charities, families, youth, seminarians and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives in the mail this week and return your pledges in next weekend's offertory or anytime during these weeks of Lent. I ask that those families and individuals who have registered recently in the parish join our long-time parishioners in helping support the **2019 Catholic Ministries drive**. We will speak briefly about this next weekend.



**Our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday at 7 PM. Eucharistic Adoration** will begin each day at **6 PM Monday through Friday. Confessions** will be available each evening at **6 PM**. Prayer intentions may be placed in the box near the statue of Our Lady of Loretto beginning next Sunday. I encourage your full, active participation in this annual parish Lenten Retreat!

The next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Cruscziel, 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

**Stations of the Cross** - will be 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.

**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 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

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



*Our Deepest Sympathy* Please remember in your prayers the family of Joann Hoover Edwards and Raymond Crilley Sr. who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

**Liturgical Ministries: March 18-24**

(R) March 18, 19, 20    Sister Marilyn, CCW

(EM) March 18, 19, 20    (if deacon is present, he assists)

**ALTAR SERVERS: March 18-22**

**Mornings:** March 18, 19, 20, 22 Kayden McMullen, Molly Itle

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, March 20 6PM -7PM Nicholas & Sam Wirfel

**March 23-24**

4:00PM Jude Koehle, Briette Hite, JoAnna Hoover

8:00AM Michael Poorman, Molly Itle, Giovanna Canineu

10:00AM Haley, Austin & Kiley Gray

**READERS: March 23-24**

4:00PM Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Ashley Kubat

10:00AM Betty Soisson

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 23-24**

4:00PM Barb Sherry, Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Pennie Wyland, Chris Krug

10:00AM Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski

**MUSIC MINISTERS: March 23-24**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Joel

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Mike & Vicki

8AM Carol

10AM Children's Choir

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Online Giving is available at [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org)

March 10, 2019    Offertory \$6,632    Online Giving \$742    Total \$7,374    Weekly Goal \$6,800    Difference +\$574  
Ash Wednesday \$852 – this will be sent to our sister diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

We thank Father Byrnes and all our faculty and staff members who willingly volunteered to participate in our “Pie in the Face” contest to commemorate National PI Day! We also thank the students for purchasing the pies for such a worthy cause. All proceeds will be donated to the Missionary Childhood Association.

We welcome Ms. Nicole Farabaugh from the Cambria County Farm Bureau on Monday, March 18th. She will read to our kindergartners and our first and second graders on behalf of The Ag Literacy Program. We look forward to her visit!

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will be attending a junior high Lenten Retreat hosted by Bishop Carroll Catholic High School on Thursday, March 21st. We thank Bishop Carroll for affording our students this opportunity.

The Prince Gallitzin Quadrant Forensics Competition will be held on Friday, March 22nd at Holy Name. This competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 8. This year, twelve of our students have chosen to take part. We wish the best of luck to: Maya Baker, Haley Gray, JoAnna Hoover, Jude Koehle, Colleen Barnett, Alaina Toth, Braden Wherry, Austin Gray, Briette Hite, Brenna Phister, Gage Spielvogle, and Isaac Strittmatter. Students who place in their category will then move on to the Diocesan Forensics meet on Friday, March 29th, at Bishop Carroll High School. We thank Miss Sarah Steinbugl and Mrs. Amber Shaw for coaching and preparing our students for competition. We wish all our participants the best of luck!

Students will be attending Mass @ 8:45 am and Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 pm Friday, March 22nd. All are welcome to join us!

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." Our flyer announcing our participation can be found on our school website, @ [www.st-michael-school.org](http://www.st-michael-school.org) under the "Support Our School-Fundraisers" (Dining to Donate) tab or stop by the school office and we will provide one for you. This flyer must accompany your check when paying for our school to receive credit. Thank you for supporting us! We look forward to dining with you!

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.

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 please call the school office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**WEEKLY REFLECTION:** "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Psalm 27:1



What have you done for the Lord, lately? "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brother, you do unto me." Consider spending time in Adoration of our Lord; he'd love to see you!

**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.

**April 6** - Parents & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Gathering/Banner-making event 10AM @ St. Michael School

## 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

**Legion of Mary**- Our parish group of men and women meet every Wed. morning immediately following the 7:30AM Mass, at Our Lady of Hope in the home of Janet and Ed Zabrosky. We invite you to come and see, meet new friends and join in prayer. Dedicated to the Blessed Mother, we try to visit the elderly, ill, and those in nursing homes with our prayerful service. You are welcome to join us for reciting the rosary 30 minutes before the weekend Masses. Please call Fran 886-8440 Mary 886-5489 or Janet 472-6097. God Bless you.

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.

Join the sisters of Phi Lambda Psi as they host the 12th annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and Basket Raffle to support Autism Awareness and Dreams Go On. The event will be held on Monday, **March 25th** in the JFK Student Center from 4pm-7pm. Tickets will be \$5 for pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert, or \$10 for all-you-can-eat and an arm's length of tickets. All proceeds will go to Dreams Go On to provide therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with special needs.

**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.**

## AROUND THE AREA

Carmelite Community of the Word offers Sunday Sabbath - Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually! Sunday **March 24** I Can Only Imagine This movie will encourage people in a whole new way. The inspiring, incredible and unknown true story behind the group MercyMe's beloved song is the basis for this movie. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer and reflection. A free will donation will be welcomed. Pre-registration is required by March 21- call 814-886-4098