

~ 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
Very Rev. Father John David Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector
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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 19, 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM Chick, Putsy & Cliff Yahner (family) Rosemary Freidhof (Gary & Karen Ahlers)
10:00AM People of the Parish & Francis & Mildred Ite (Mary & family)
7:00PM Opening Prayers of Our Lady of Loretto Mission/ CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 20 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00PM Joe Lysic (Dick & Marie Boland) & Putsy & Cliff Yahner (family)

Tuesday, March 21 Lenten Weekday
7:00PM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family) & Scott Hanlon (Mike & Cindy Hanlon)

Wednesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday
7:00PM Jack Calandra (Joe & Alice Lee) & Barb Hailer (Catherine Foor)

Thursday, March 23 Lenten Weekday
7:00PM Lynn Farabaugh (family) & Kathryn Crusciel (Betty Amigh)

Friday, March 24 Lenten Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Saturday, March 25 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Blaine & Nancy Baker (family)

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM People of the Parish
10:00AM Theresa Mullen (family)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Anthony Day (PJ & Suzie Stevens)

Lent 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Our **Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto** is **THIS WEEK** from March 19–23 at **7PM** each evening, Sunday thru Thursday.

Please welcome **Rev. Fr. Michael A. Caridi, STL, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Diocese of Pittsburgh**, who 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. **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 – 7 PM Monday through Thursday. No Wednesday 6:30 to 9 PM Adoration.**

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

**Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto* booklets are provided for your use by the doors of the basilica. Please return them there each night after the services.

***Collection** – You are welcome to make a donation towards the expenses of our Mission. A basket is placed in the back of the basilica, which you may use for a contribution on any night.

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

***BASILICA POT-LUCK**

To celebrate a spiritually successful mission, we welcome all to have a “potluck” 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, Jackie Kalwasinski (814) 421-7171 or Shea Lego (814) 242-9375. Thank you and we look forward to a blessed mission week!

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

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

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. 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.**

Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend’s offertory.



“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 caring!
Vince Kalwasinski 814-241-1712



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.**



Thank you to our Men's Dinner committee: Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabaugh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman and Jeff Talko. We are so grateful for your dedication and hard work!

Many thanks to all who donated money, helped with the preparation, and purchased dinners! 61 years and going strong thanks to everyone involved! It is wonderful that we are able to continue this parish tradition.

Parish Council - Our Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for **Next Sunday, March 26 at 6:30 PM in the Basilica Hall.**

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2023** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Julie Little (2025), chair, Bob Chumrik (2024), Ashley Kubat (2024), Rick Smith (2024), Monica Klatt (2025), Lizbeth Talko (2025), Chris Krug (2025), Bonnie Paronish (2025), Bridget Yahner (2025), Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education),

The following parishioners will take responsibility in the following areas of parish life. They will make a report to the parish Council, as needed, with regard to their activities.

Liturgy - Jonathan Nagy **Finance/ Parish Fundraising –** Meghan Freidhof **School Finance/School Fundraising -** Rhonda Seymour **Education/Evangelization/Christian Service Projects–** The Legion of Mary, The Knights of Columbus **Outdoor Mass –** Steve & Monica Hogue **Youth Representative –** TBA **Maintenance –** Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage –** Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner -** Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabaugh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **Special Projects for Hall and School/May Days –** Theresa Lysic **Flowers/Seasonal Decorating –** Michele Poorman **Life & Family-** Shea Lego

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.

DIocese Sponsoring Men's Conference - An inspiring Catholic priest and a nationally recognized author will headline the 2023 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown men's conference **STRENGTH IN CHRIST – Be Not Afraid**. The conference is scheduled for **April 29** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Speakers will be Father Joe Freedy, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Gary Zimak, a Catholic evangelist and author who is recognized as the leading speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. The day will also include brief presentations from local parishioners to inspire men to put their faith into action at the parish level. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, and lunch will be provided. **Registration is required by April 14.** The cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for college and high school students. **Register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a registration form at any parish in the diocese.**

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!

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

Help for our parishioners, Barry and Cathy Krug - So many people have graciously offered to help Barry and Cathy that we thought it would be helpful to set up an online community to enable friends to sign up for specific times on a needs calendar. If you are interested in helping, please go to lotsahelpinghands.com and click on Join a Care Team. Then type in "Help for Barry and Cathy in the community box and click search. Everyone will have to be approved prior to being scheduled. If you have any questions, feel free to call Renate at 814-322-5334. Thank you!

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.**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Our parish widows next gathering is this weekend, Saturday evening, **March 18th** 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 19-26

ALTAR SERVERS: March 19-23 2023 ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 19 7PM Colin Beiswenger, Alex Krug, Zac Krug
March 20 7PM Alexzander Eckenrode, Will Hegemann, Michael Poorman
March 21 7PM Alec, Travis & Kylie Kubat
March 22 7PM Nick & Bennett Clark, Nicholas Bradley
March 23 7PM Haley, Austin, Kiley & Gavin Gray

ALTAR SERVERS:

March 25-26

4:00PM Emily & Molly Itle, Alex Krug
8:00AM Alec, Travis, Kylie Kubat
10:00AM Maddison & Makenna Lee, Iris Snyder

READERS: March 19-23 ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION

March 19 7:00PM Amy Krug
March 20 7:00PM Julie Crusciel
March 21 7:00PM Ashley Kubat
March 22 7:00PM Amy Dietrich
March 23 7:00PM Monica Klatt

READERS: March 25-26

4:00PM Amy Krug
8:00AM Ashley Kubat
10:00AM Karen Mento

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS March 25-26

4:00PM Catherine Foor
8:00AM Ashley Kubat
10:00AM Mary Lessard

LENTEN MISSION ORGANIST: Jonathan

LENTEN MISSION CANTORS: 3/19 Choirs **3/20** Stephanie/Adult **3/21** Children's **3/22** Doug/Adult **3/23** Monica/Adult

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 25-26 ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Max 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Mike & Vicki 8AM Ashley 10AM Monica

USHERS: March 25-26

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers
8:00AM Matt & Alec/volunteers
10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 12, 2023 Goal \$6,800
Offertory \$3,984 Online Giving \$1,363 Total \$5,347 Difference -\$1,453

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We thank Mr. Nagy and the Bishop Carroll students for sharing their valuable time reading to our students in celebration of "Read Across America" commemorating Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Many of our students will be actively participating in our Annual Parish Lenten Mission, (March 19th – March 23rd) through the ministries of gift bearers, readers, and banner carrier. We thank our students for their willingness to volunteer and their parents for supporting their child's participation!

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

Students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 23rd at 10 AM during a special Lenten Penance Service.

Students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade will be attending the Chrism Mass that will be held on Monday, April 3rd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful prayerful, opportunity to begin the holiest of weeks in our Catholic faith.

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 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)

***First Communion Banners** due April 1 to Celeste.

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 auroraes4@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.