

~ 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 22, 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 22 Second Sunday of Lent
Television Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak ABC 23 WATM at 11:00 AM
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- People of the Parish, Chick Yahner (family), Rita Rodgers(Elaine & Jim Itle)

Monday, March 23 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Matthew Kubat Jr (family)

Tuesday, March 24 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Bill & Renilda Kaylor Lilly (Frank & Betty Seymour)

Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Living and Deceased members of the Zabrosky family (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)

Thursday, March 26 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Jeanne Seymour(family)

Friday, March 27 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Cletus Long (Monica & Steve Hogue family)

Saturday, March 28 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Health of the Sick from Coronavirus (Fr. Byrnes)

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Television Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak ABC 23 WATM at 11:00 AM
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass - People of the parish, Theresa Mullen (family), Pat & Dan McDermott (family)

LENT 2020

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

This is a time unlike any other in our lives. Our job right now is to keep each other healthy and use social distancing to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Our job right now is to keep our faith alive! Please keep in contact with elderly friends and family members through calls...brighten their day and pray with them. Make sure they have enough food and are well. I will be praying for you and celebrating Mass each day privately with the previously scheduled intentions. I may be reached at the parish at 814-472-8551.

The Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, will be open every day from 8 AM until 6 PM for **private prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament. **Confessions will continue to be offered every Saturday at 11:30 AM.**

Monday thru Friday (March 23-27) this week I will offer Confessions in my confessional each afternoon at 5 PM. Please keep distance in line and wipe the screen of the confessional after you have received the Sacrament of Penance. This week, you are welcome to pray the **Devotions to Our Lady of Loretto**, in lieu of our public Mission. Please return the booklets to the basket. I will publish future Confession times and other news as Lent/Easter continues. I will publish a **short printed version** (like this) of the bulletin each week. The bulletin will also be on-line on our website, basilicasm-loretto.org

Although public Masses are not being celebrated, we are committed to using technology to bring spiritual resources. **Bishop Mark will celebrate Sunday Mass each week at 11 AM on ABC 23 WATM.** Daily Mass will be offered on Facebook from Prince of Peace Parish, Northern Cambria at 6:30 PM. EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) also will offer a full schedule of spiritual resources. Magnificat magazine is offering free on-line access for all. (www.magnificat.com/free).

When we are unable to receive the Eucharist, I invite you to make this Spiritual Communion. Stay healthy!
Fr. John

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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!

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. Bartchak; 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.

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

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Robert J. Wasser from Diane Coposky.