

~ 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 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, March 30 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Pat Shuty (Kevin Stolz)

Tuesday, March 31 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Eleanor Strittmatter 100th Birthday (family)

Wednesday, April 1 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Modestus (Desty) Sherry (Mr.&Mrs. Ray Sherry)

Thursday, April 2 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Jeanne Seymour(family)

Friday, April 3 Lenten Weekday
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Russ Hoover (family)

Saturday, April 4 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass- Health of the Sick from Coronavirus (Fr. Byrnes)

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Television Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak ABC 23 WATM at 11:00 AM
Fr. Byrnes' private Mass - People of the parish, Erdean Krise (family), Bernadette Little Carns (friend)

LENT 2020

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Stay Healthy! 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. We (our parish **Legion of Mary**) and I have been making phone calls to our home bound Communion Call parishioners. 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**

Groceries Delivery - Parishioner **Jennifer Spielvogle** (814-471-0478) has volunteered to pick up groceries for homebound elderly. Thank you Jennifer!

The Basilica of St. Michael will be open every day from 8 AM until 6 PM for **private prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament.

OUTDOOR Confessions - will continue to be offered every Saturday at 11:30 AM. I will be in my maroon RAV4 by the rectory garage. Just pull up in your car at a safe distance (or walk up at a safe distance ...1.5 meter away). This is working well!

Television Mass - Bishop Mark will celebrate **Sunday Mass each week at 11 AM on ABC 23 WATM**. 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).

Internet /Facebook Mass- Daily Mass and Sunday Mass are available online! GO TO <http://www.popnc.net> Mass will be offered on Facebook from Prince of Peace Parish, Northern Cambria on Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri @8 AM Tuesday @ 6:30 PM and Saturday @5PM and Sunday @9 AM. I am unable to livestream Masses from the Basilica due to weak Wi-Fi!! Thank you Fr. Baum! I hope to get a video up soon!!!

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.

Parish Stewardship/Contributions — During this pandemic, the financial support of our Basilica Parish is very important. With many people released from work, families may not be able to sustain their current level of giving. As a parish we will need to make adjustments. **Please continue your contributions to St. Michael Basilica** during this crisis. You may mail your envelope to PO BOX 10 Loretto PA 15940. You may drop your envelope in the SECURE MAIL SLOT at the BACK ENTRANCE PORCH (NOT FRONT OFFICE DOOR) by the outdoor statue of **ST. THERESE!** **On-Line Giving** is available on our parish website. **The Parish Office will be closed to the public until further notice.**

Blessed Palm Branches- will be available on Palm Sunday after my Private Mass. Palm will be placed at all entrance doors of the Basilica!

Our Children- I miss seeing our St. Michael School Students and Religious Education Students! All students, please offer 1) One Our Father 2) One Hail Mary 3) One prayer of your own choosing ...for all suffering from coronavirus and all health care workers throughout the world.

PRAYER LIST: For all suffering from coronavirus, For all health care workers around the world, Ruth Biter, Blake White, Dorothy Itell, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, Chrissy Zernick, Fred Bradley, Cyril Itle, Kennedy Spaid, Sue Maul, 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 deceased members of the Coposky Family (Fred Coposky)