

~ 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  
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## PARISH DIRECTORY

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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

## 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)

## 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

## MARCH 31, 2019 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00AM People of the parish & Our country 10:00AM Theresa Mullen (family) & Modestus & June Sherry (William & Donna Shingle)
Monday, April 1	Lenten Weekday 7:00PM Frank, Catherine, Ken & Frances Noel (family) & Tricia Noll (Ann)
Tuesday, April 2	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM John Strittmatter (Vicky & Kevin Eckenrode family) & Leo Noll (family)
Wednesday, April 3	Lenten Weekday 7:00PM Gertrude Callahan (Catherine Foor) & Joseph & Gabrielle Lessard (family)
Thursday, April 4	Lenten Weekday 7:00PM Bob Haid (Dolly & family) & Dorothy Knopp (family)
Friday, April 5	Lenten Weekday 7:00PM Charlie Wirfel (Curtis & Rose Krug) & Putsy Yahner (family)
Saturday, April 6	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Robyn Stead (Catherine Foor)
Sunday, April 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Living and deceased members of the Zabrosky family

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

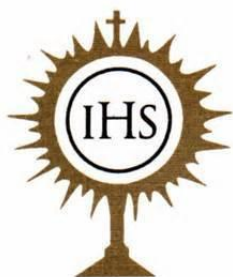


Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto is THIS WEEK! Please extend a warm welcome to our mission director, **Father Michael Caridi**, pastor of **St. Anne Parish and St. Winifred Parish**, Diocese of Pittsburgh. I look forward to a prayerful week!

Our *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. You are welcome to submit your prayer intentions for the Mission and place them in the box near the Our Lady of Loretto shrine in the church sanctuary. Please keep in your prayers all of our homebound parishioners who are praying with us. I encourage your full, active participation in this annual parish Lenten Retreat!

See you at our **7 PM Mass Monday to Friday!**

**Mission / Confessions** - A reminder that All Religious Education Students are required to attend the **Opening Prayers of the Mission TONIGHT at 7 PM. Bishop Mark will be our celebrant.** This is a session of religious formation and attendance will be taken. **8 priests** (including Bishop Mark) will be present to offer confessions following the Mission prayers, homily and Benediction. All are invited to receive the sacrament of Penance, tonight following devotions, or any other night of the mission (Mon-Fri) at **6:00 PM.**



**Mission / Eucharistic Adoration-** We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day of the Mission beginning at **6:00 PM.** If you have not yet been a part of our weekly Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration, this would be a fine week to begin.

**Why come to Eucharistic Adoration?** As St. John Vianney counsels, *“If we really love the good God, we will find it a joy and happiness to spend some time near him, to adore him, and to keep company with so good a friend. He is there in the tabernacle. What is Jesus doing in this sacrament of love? He is loving us.”*

**Mission/ 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.

**Easter Visits to the Homebound-** I will be visiting all of our homebound parishioners, celebrating the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion during the upcoming Easter Season throughout May. If you know of a homebound person, not currently on our list, who would like a visit, please call the parish office.

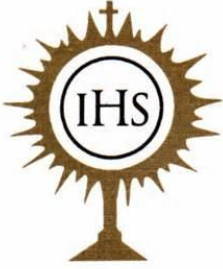
**STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN DIOCESAN NEWS** - The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has launched an on-line newspaper **Proclaim!: The Good News of Altoona-Johnstown** featuring diocesan news, information, and commentary – including happenings at parishes and schools. Visit the site at **[proclaim.dioceseaj.org](http://proclaim.dioceseaj.org)** and sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your inbox.

Be sure to turn in to **Proclaim!** on television each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on **ABC -23.** Beginning soon, monthly editions of **The Catholic Register** will be available here at the parish!!!!

**The 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive** - Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the Catholic Ministries Drive. I ask that those families and individuals who have registered recently in the parish join our long-time parishioners in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. 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.

**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 this Lent!

## 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.



*Our Deepest Sympathy* Please remember in your prayers the family of Jean Bruce and Edna Schirf who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

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

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

### **Liturgical Ministries: April 1-7**

#### **ALTAR SERVERS: April 1-5 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION**

No Morning Masses this week

March 31 7:00PM Joshua & Thomas Corcoran, Michael Poorman  
April 1 7:00PM Jude Koehle, Mason & Braden Wherry  
April 2 7:00PM Mark Mento, JoAnna Hoover, Billy Krug  
April 3 7:00PM Haley , Austin & Kiley Gray  
April 4 7:00PM Meghan & Connor McMullen, Hanna Taddy  
April 5 7:00PM Ashley, Alec & Travis Kubat

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

##### **April 6-7**

4:00PM Ralph Baughman, Billy Krug, Dane Van Horn  
8:00AM Hannah McMahan, Connor & Meghan McMullen  
10:00AM Braden & Mason Wherry, Brenna Phister

#### **READERS: April 1-5 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION**

March 31 7:00PM Ashley Kubat  
April 1 7:00PM Pennie Wyland  
April 2 7:00PM Kevin McConnell  
April 3 7:00PM Nadine Callahan  
April 4 7:00PM Bob Chumrik  
April 5 7:00PM Lisa Weakland

#### **READERS: April 6-7**

4:00PM Joan Krug  
8:00AM Chris Krug  
10:00AM Betty Soisson

#### **EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS: April 1-5 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION**

April 1 7:00PM Jeff & Beth Talko  
April 2 7:00PM Joe & Suzette Spinner  
April 3 7:00PM Mary Lessard, Maggie Biter  
April 4 7:00PM Diane Coposky, Bob Chumrik  
April 5 7:00PM Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION April 6-7**

4:00PM Joan Krug, Pennie Wyland  
8:00AM Chris Krug, Carol Hines  
10:00AM Betty Soisson, Catherine Foor

#### **MUSIC MINISTERS: April 6-7**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10:30AM Jonathan  
**CANTORS:** 4PM Mike/Vicki 8AM Doug 10:30AM Monica

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

March 24, 2019

Offertory \$4,210    Online Giving \$997    Total \$5,207    Weekly Goal \$6,800    Difference -\$1,593

### **ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Prince Gallitzin Junior High Forensics Competition on Friday, March 22nd: Maya Baker – 5th Place Impromptu, Alaina Toth – 2nd Place Persuasive, Briette Hite and Brenna Phister 4th Place -Duo Drama, Colleen Barnett – 4th Place Poetry; Gage Spielvogle – 2nd Place Pros and Haley Gray and JoAnna Hoover – 1st Place - Duo Drama. We wish all our competitors the best of luck as they move on to the Diocesan Junior High Forensics Tournament. We also extend our gratitude to Miss Sarah Steinbugl and Mrs. Amber Shaw for coaching the forensics team. We are grateful to Mrs. Amber Shaw, Mr. Jonathan Shaw and Mrs. Mary Ann Shaw for volunteering as judges.

Several of our students will represent Saint Michael School in the spring Interscholastic Reading Competitions that will be held at the Forest Hills Middle/High School. The Jr. High Interscholastic Reading Competition will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd. Members of the team include: Maya Baker, Nicholas Clark, Haley Gray, JoAnna Hoover, Colleen Barnett, Josh Corcoran, Trevor Fahr, Alec Kubat, Abby Lee, Mark Mento, Alaina Toth, and Braden Wherry. We thank Mrs. Amber Shaw for coaching our students and preparing them for the competition. We also thank Mrs. Mary Ann Shoemaker and Ms. Amy Gresh for volunteering as moderators.

The Elementary Reading Competition will be held on Thursday, April 4th. Our elementary team includes the following members: Austin Gray, Tommy Corcoran, Allie Dziabo, Hannah McMahon, Alena Nagle, Alivia Nagle, and John Seymour. We thank Mrs. Amber Shaw for coaching our students and preparing them for the competition. We also thank Mrs. Karen Mento, Mr. Matt Kubat, and Mrs. Crystal Wherry for volunteering as moderators.

Our Athletic Association is sponsoring a Marianna's Hoagie & Pizza sell to benefit our student athletic programs. Hoagies are \$7.00; pizzas are \$8.00. Orders must be placed by April 5th. Items will be delivered on Thursday, April 18th and can be picked up at the school cafeteria between the hours of 9am and noon. If you are interested in placing an order, please phone the school office @472-9117. Thank you for your support!

Students in grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to participate in a Lenten Penance Service followed by Benediction and Adoration on Friday, April 5th @ 10 am.

Our First Communicants and their parents will create a banner in preparation for their First Communion. The event will take place on Saturday, April 6th at 10 am in the school hall. Banners will be displayed in the basilica through Pentecost Sunday. We are looking forward to sharing this special occasion in the faith life of your children.

Students will be attending Mass @ 8:45 am and Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 pm Friday, April 5th. All are welcome to join us!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**WEEKLY REFLECTION:** "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Psalm 23: 1-3a



Welcome Fr. Caridi to the Basilica. Thank-you for being the director/homilist for our Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto. We look forward to meeting you!

**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! Confession for Religious Education students following services.

**April 6 -** Parents and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Gathering/Banner-making event 10am. @ St. Michael School.

**April 14-21 - (NO CLASSES, EASTER VACATION)** Students participate in Holy Week liturgies with their families.

\***RICE BOWLS** are due last day of class, **April 28.**

\***DOROTHY DAY OUTREACH FOOD COLLECTION, April 28.** Please be generous to our neighbors.

\***SERVICE FORMS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019 DUE LAST DAY OF CLASS, APRIL 28** Please note that Fr. John's signature is required on each form.

## **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**

*Thank You* The family of Raymond Hoover would like to express our gratitude for your generosity during our recent loss. Thank you for the use of the social hall and to the Altar and Rosary Society for providing the delicious food for our luncheon. Everyone's thoughts, prayers, kindness, and words of encouragement have helped us through a very difficult time.



**Blood Drive** at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall on Thursday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30-7PM

**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.



The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **April 13<sup>th</sup> 18** Italian style or turkey **\$9**. Please place your order by **April 8<sup>th</sup>** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated

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.

The **May Days** Committee is in the process of contacting all parishioners about the upcoming May Days fundraiser **May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. This Community Weekend event raises the money to make the mortgage payments for Our Lady of Loretto Hall each year. We are asking for volunteers to help with the many tasks that are needed for the May Days weekend to be successful!

**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!!

**Special Event Hall Rental** Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall is available for dances, receptions, social events and more. The St. Michael School Hall can also be rented for a smaller occasion. Call Katie ~ 886-4619.

**Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies program** caters to adult learners. Our programs are accredited and fully online. We offer affordable tuition. Check out our programs in Business, Early Childhood Education, Behavioral Science, Health Studies, and more! If you're interested in learning more you can call us at 814-472-3012, email us at [oce@francis.edci](mailto:oce@francis.edci), or by visiting our website at: [www.francis.edu/aacs](http://www.francis.edu/aacs). Become that Someone today!

## **AROUND THE AREA**

St. Joan of Arc, Frugality, PA is holding a **Roast Beef dinner - April 7**, from 11am to 3pm in the church hall. Cost: Adults - \$10; Children ages 5 to 12 -\$5; under 5—free. Take outs available, you can call for take outs @ (814) 941-3340. There will also be a basket raffle, instant bingo, 50/50 and a bake sale.

**BASKET RAFFLE Penn Cambria Pink Panthers Against Breast Cancer - Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> High School Cafeteria** Doors open at Noon Drawings promptly at 2PM Donation \$10.00 Contact person: Marge Panek 886-4696 [Margyp49@hotmail.com](mailto:Margyp49@hotmail.com)

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, **April 8, 2019**, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Jonathan St. Andre TOR, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Craft & Vendor Fair - Saturday, **April 13, 2019** - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
70+ CRAFTERS/VENDORS - \*Fresh Made Foods including: Italian Wedding Soup, Haluski, Ham Pot Pie, Pagash Pizza \*Huge Bake Sale including Cinnamon Rolls & Gobs \*Cinnamon Rolls By the Dozen Pre-order Sale- ask a BC Student. \*Kiddie Korner with Face Painting and Fun Games from 9:00 – 1:30 \*Easter Egg Hunt at 1:30 \*Easter Bunny Visit from 11-1:30-Bring Your Camera!

