

~ 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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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

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

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

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

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 5, 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 5	Second Sunday of Lent 8:00AM People of the Parish 10:00AM Jeffrey Wyland (Mag & Dave Weiland)
Monday, March 6	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Maurice Rice Sr. (Catherine Foor)
Tuesday, March 7	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)
Wednesday, March 8	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Mary Obester (Mary Ann Zakrzwski) 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30PM - 9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, March 9	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, March 10	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM Dan Wess (Jim & Mickey Maurer)
Saturday, March 11	Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Edward Roudybush (Suzanne Riley & family)
Sunday, March 12	Third Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Sis Driskel (Mag & Dave Weiland) 10:00AM People of the Parish

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Janet & Ed Zabrosky (celebration of 70th Wedding Anniversary)

Lent 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Our “Drive – Thru” Turkey Dinner is a week away! Men and Boys.... Help is needed!

Friday, March 10 4:30-8PM Preparing the turkeys for early morning roasting.

Saturday, March 11 8 AM-3PM More preparation done in shifts – any amount of time will help!

Sunday March 12 7AM-? help needed for the kitchen, take-out, and clean-up

If you are able to help or have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Bob Crusciel 243-9971, Greg Farabaugh 414-2230, Steve Hogue 312-3361, Mark Poorman 381-6003, Jeff Talko 934-1903



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND MEETING - March 16 – As I mentioned at Mass, we are reorganizing our Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Homebound. **Current Ministers, and those who would like to help in this most important ministry** are to attend a meeting **Thursday March 16 at 6:30 PM** in the Basilica Hall. Extraordinary Ministers must be fully initiated faithful Catholics, 18 years of age or older, and participate regularly in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Spiritual Formation and Training will be provided. What a great way to serve your homebound brothers and sisters, and perform a work of mercy, in the Eucharistic Revival!

Eucharistic Adoration - the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar from 6:30 PM to 9 PM on **Wednesday evenings**. All are welcome to “come and go” over these hours and spend time in contemplative prayer. **We will have sign-up sheets at the basilica entrances to ensure that two people are always before the Blessed Sacrament.** Let us grow our participation and love for Jesus. The rosary will be prayed at 6:45 PM. - **Join in the Year of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival!** **Please sign up for times (6:30 pm – 9PM) on the schedule at the basilica entrances.**

Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – **TOGETHER WE SERVE** launches today throughout our Diocese. 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.**

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. Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend’s offertory. The year 2023 is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can best serve our Church, and taking part in our Catholic Ministries Drive is a great way to start, because **TOGETHER WE SERVE**. **Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries.**



Our Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto will be held from March 19–23 at 7PM each evening, Sunday thru Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Michael A. Caridi, STL, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Diocese of Pittsburgh, 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 following the Sunday Mission Prayers, homily and Benediction. **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 to 7 PM Monday through Thursday.** No 6:30 to 9 PM Wednesday Adoration.

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

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

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

***BASILICA POT-LUCK** To celebrate a spiritually successful mission, we welcome all to have a “pot luck” 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!

Our next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** originally scheduled for Feb. 26, will be held on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**. We will meet in the Basilica Hall at 6:30PM

Children’s Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday afternoons of Lent at **2 PM** (except March 17) with our St. Michael School Students.

Scriptural Stations of the Cross - will be celebrated each Wednesday of Lent at 6- 6:30 PM. No Stations during the Parish Mission.

“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 your participation. Vince Kalwasinski 814-241-1712

Lenten Adult Faith Education Classes with Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW “No Greater Love Series: Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?” continues this Monday at 6 PM.

Bishop Dispenses Obligation to Abstain from Meat on Saint Patrick’s Day – The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, **Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, is granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick.** Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor. Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts.,Saint Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland and is the patron saint of that country. His feast day is one of celebration in the Catholic Church and throughout secular culture.

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.

Legion of Mary News: The Legion of Mary members are visiting our homebound and a core center now. We invite others to join us in the following prayer as we contemplate our mission. “Dear Lord, help us to remember those who might be easy to forget - those who go unnoticed, and unloved. Let us take the time to see, to smile, to hug, to hold a hand, or just sit quietly in prayer, and to be there. We ask that we can be a comforting reminder that Our Lord and His Mother care. Amen.” For information or to join us please call Mary 814-886-5489.

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

The Knights of Columbus hoagie sale will be on Saturday, March 18. 18" Italian hoagies are available for **\$12 each**. Please place your order by **Monday, March 13**, by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael School and Pro-Life activities. We appreciate your continued support!

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Our recent (and heartfelt) evening was both delicious and delightful! We welcome other parish widows to join us for our **March 18th** covered dish gathering. All are welcome! For information please call Mary 814-886-5489. We meet following the Saturday 4PM Mass.

Loretto Legion Lenten Dinners-serving Fridays 2/24 through 4/7 from 4PM until 7PM or sold out eat-in or takeout (.50 extra for take-out) 814-472-9966

*Deep fried haddock w/mac-n-cheese, fries or haluski, coleslaw or stewed tomatoes, roll & butter, dessert \$14

*Shrimp Basket: 8 breaded butterfly shrimp, fries, coleslaw & dessert \$16

*Fish sandwich w/ fries & coleslaw & dessert \$12 (add .50 for cheese)

Additional sides: \$1.50 for mac or fries; \$1.00 for slaw or stewed tomatoes; \$2.00 for haluski

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 6-12

ALTAR SERVERS: March 6-10

Mornings: March 6, 7, 8, 10 Nicholas Bradley, Colin Beiswenger

Stations: Wednesday, March 8 6PM-6:30PM Alivia & Alena Nagle, Iris Snyder

March 11-12

4:00PM Nicholas Bradley, Jude Koehle, Mackenzie Healy

8:00AM Logan & Ella Klatt, Kayden McMullen

10:00AM Joseph Strittmatter, Connor & Meghan McMullen

READERS: March 11-12

4:00PM Vince or Jackie Kalwasinski

8:00AM Monica Klatt

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS March 11-12

4:00PM Vince or Jackie Kalwasinski

8:00AM Joe or Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Barb Sherry

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 11-12

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Doug

8AM Heidi

10AM Monica

USHERS: March 11-12

4:00PM Ken/volunteers

8:00AM Lew Klatt/volunteers

10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Why didn't I get my envelopes this month? Church Budget, our envelope company, called and informed us that they did not mail the Feb/March envelopes due to a paper shortage. **We are so sorry for the inconvenience!** If giving, please simply write your name (and number if you know it) on an envelope from home and we will make sure that your contribution is recorded. You may also use our Vanco online giving if you would like. We did ask if the April/May envelopes will be printed and delivered, and they assured us that they will. **Thank you for your understanding!**

February 26, 2023 Goal \$6,800

Offertory \$3,339 Online Giving \$1,034 Total \$4,373 Difference -\$2,427

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Kindergarten/New Student Registration was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. If you were unable to make it, please call the school office at 814-472-9117 to make arrangements for another time.

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 5-Classes (grades 1-11)

March 12- NO CLASSES! MEN'S TURKEY DINNER-Service Hours opportunity for our Religious Education Program! Please contact one of the committee members

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)

*NOTE-March 19- Junior High Youth Day (grades 6-8) at Bishop Carroll beginning at 11:00am-3:30pm. Should you choose to attend the JHYD Retreat inform Celeste for registration information no later than March 5!

AROUND THE AREA

Looking for a rewarding career in a faith-filled environment? Locations throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese have current openings in a variety of fields. For a complete listing and full details go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>