

~ 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 8, 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8	Second Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Leonard Hogue (family) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, March 9	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Jeffrey Wyland (Mag & Dave Weiland)
Tuesday, March 10	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Jeanne Seymour (family)
Wednesday, March 11	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Jimmy Biter (Bob & Thelma Biter) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, March 12	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, March 13	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM Charlie Wirfel -BD (family) 2PM Children's Stations of the Cross 7PM Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 14	Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent 4:00PM People of the parish
Sunday, March 15	Third Sunday of Lent 8:00AM Sis Driskel (Mag & Dave Weiland) 10:00AM Charlie Wirfel (Constance Wirfel)

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

I am pleased to announce that we raised **\$790** for the poor in our sister **Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica** through the **Ash Wednesday Collection**. These funds will go a long way to assist the Church in hands-on care of the poor. Thank you to all who contributed!

Stations of the Cross are being celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7 -7:30 PM. Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at 7:30- 8:00 PM. As these are two separate forms of prayer, you are welcome to participate in either Stations, Adoration or both services. They are placed together on Friday evenings for your convenience. I encourage the parents of our Religious Education students to bring your children to these beautiful devotions throughout Lent. **Children's Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Friday afternoons of Lent at **2 PM** with our St. Michael School Students.

Our 58th annual Men's Turkey Dinner is NEXT WEEKEND March 15th, 2020. 11AM-3PM Adults \$11, Children 10 and under \$6 and Takeout \$12.



This is a long lasting tradition for our parish. Our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers all worked this fund raiser for our church. And now it's our turn to carry the torch. Please see the list of areas below where help is needed.

Friday, March 13 5:30-8PM Preparing the turkeys for early morning roasting

Saturday, March 14 8AM-3PM Morning or afternoon assistance would be helpful

Sunday March 15 7AM-4PM Dining room servers and kitchen help is needed the entire day

Sunday, March 15 2:30PM-? Kitchen clean-up help is needed. Many hands make less work!

If you are able to help or have any questions please feel free to contact one of the committee members. **Greg Farabaugh 414-2230, Mark Poorman 381-6003, Bob Crusciel 243-9971 or Steve Hogue 312-3361**



We are asking for **help from the parishioners** to make **bread, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies**



If possible, please put your cookies in serving size baggies of 2 or 3 so that they will stay fresh and can be placed in the takeout dinners with ease.

The Basilica Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring the **Basket Raffle** at the Men's Dinner. All proceeds will go towards paving the school parking lot. Please consider donating a basket! The baskets may be dropped off at the parish office by **March 10, after that they must be taken directly to OLOL Hall on Sunday, March 15th by 9AM.** *Thank you!*



Our **5th Annual Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto** will be held from March 22-27 at **7PM** each evening, Monday thru Friday. **Father Joseph Sioli**, pastor of St. Louise Parish, 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 (No Mass, all are to attend Sunday Mass earlier) on Sunday March 22 at 7 PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be our celebrant for the opening of the Mission (Prayers, Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) and will be present with **7 other priests** to hear confessions following Benediction. **This will serve as our Religious Education/Parish Penance Service. All in the parish are invited to receive the sacrament.**

Mass with Mission Prayers will be held each evening, **Monday through Fri at 7 PM. Eucharistic Adoration** will begin each day at **6 PM Monday through Friday. Confessions** will be available each evening at **6 PM.** I encourage your full, active participation in this annual parish Lenten Retreat!

Thank you to all parishioners who have already responded to the **2020 Catholic Ministries Drive - Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission.** Please **join them** in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 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.

40 CANS FOR LENT- Please join the Knights of Columbus along with the Basilica of St. Michael in collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Dorothy Day Food Bank. Collection boxes are in the back of the basilica.

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.

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!

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, Confessions following.



College Seminary Discernment Weekend

Any young man who is a high school junior or older and is seriously considering applying to seminary is encouraged to attend the College Seminary Discernment Weekend April 4-5 at St. Mark College Seminary in Erie. The weekend is designed to assist young men to discern whether they might be called to diocesan priesthood, to familiarize them with the basic goals of seminary formation, and to help each individual determine whether he is ready to move forward with the application process. There will be presentations by seminary faculty and seminarians, informal interaction with seminarians, a tour of Gannon University in Erie, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, confession and Palm Sunday Mass. Accommodations and all meals are at no cost. For further information and/or to register for the weekend, contact Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at 814-317-2681 or vocations@dioceseaj.org or speak with me at any time!

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.

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, Deacon Rick Golden. The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood Cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

Sanctuary Lamp- The red Sanctuary Lamp is placed before the tabernacle as a sign that the Lord is present; continuously burning and symbolizing God's eternal presence. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one please call the parish office. The offering is \$10 for one week.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Kenny Grove Jr.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: March 9-15

(R) March 9, 10, 11 Sister Nancy, CCW

(EM) (if deacon is present, he assists)

ALTAR SERVERS: March 9-13

Mornings: March 9, 10, 11, 13 Levi Baker, Logan Hoover

Holy Hour: Wednesday, March 11 6PM -7PM Nicholas Wirfel, Sam Wirfel

March 14-15

4:00PM, Hannah & La'Ryah McMahan, Molly Itle

8:00AM, Mia Wyland, Billy Krug, Dane Van Horn

10:00AM Josh, Tom & Will Corcoran

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 14-15

4:00PM Cindy McMullen, Mary Lessard

8:00AM Janet Hogue, Pennie Wyland

10:00AM Catherine Foor, Betty Soisson

READERS: March 14-15

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Betty Soisson

MUSIC MINISTERS: March 14-15

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel

8AM Joel

10:00AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Ashley

8AM Doug

10:00AM Monica

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

March 1, 2020	Budget \$6,800	Mandeville Collection \$790
Offertory \$4,000	Online Giving \$837	Total \$4,837
		Difference -\$1,963

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday, March 13th we will be attending Mass @8:45am and Stations of the Cross @ 2:00pm. Third grade will be assisting with the Mass ministries. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

In anticipation of "National PI Day" (3-14), we will hold our "4th Annual Pie in the Face Contest." Saint Michael School faculty and staff members, including Father Byrnes, have graciously volunteered to be "Pied" in the spirit of almsgiving for our Lenten campaign for the Holy Childhood Association. Every dollar makes a difference in providing food, shoes, medical care, and clothing for impoverished children.

Information concerning Simple Tuition Solutions financial aid applications for the 2020– 2021 school year was sent home in January. We strongly encourage everyone to apply. Many of our families have and continue to be awarded grant monies to assist with tuition. To apply for financial aid, visit <https://app.simpletuitionsolutions.org/register> Our school code is: 20441. The deadline for submitting the application is March 15th.

Registration for kindergarteners, new families, and re-registration for students currently enrolled at Saint Michael School (K-8) is underway. Re-registration forms were sent home last week. Tuition assistance is available for all qualifying families! Students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2020. The following documentation will need to accompany new registrations: birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if not baptized at the Basilica) child's social security card, and current immunization record. If you have any questions or are interested in registering your child, please call the school office @ 472-9117. We will be happy to assist you.

Gift Cards to numerous restaurants, retail, and grocery stores can be purchased daily by phoning the school office (472-9117) during school hours. After hours, you may phone Joanne Pompa @ 886-9567; Viki Krug @ 330-6566; or Rachel Beiswenger @ 886-2633 to place an order. Many local businesses support our program by contributing a percentage of their profit from gift card sales to our school. Any questions? Please ask. We are happy to explain our program and how it works! Thank you to the many parishioners and school families that use our SCRIP Program regularly. It all adds up, equaling many opportunities for our students!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March 8 Classes for grades 1-11. Visit with Legion of Mary.

March 15 NO CLASSES! Men's Turkey Dinner, Enjoy!

March 22 NO CLASSES! Replaced by Fifth Annual Lenten Mission of Our Lady of Loretto. Services begin at 7PM with Mission Prayers/Benediction. Attendance by all grades required. Confessions for students and parishioners.

March 29 Dorothy Day Outreach Center Food Drive ~Classes grades 1-11/ New altar server inquiry & training is scheduled.

Find peace in prayer during this Lenten season!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Choir Practices are Sunday evenings at 6 PM. We are always welcoming new members. Consider joining us and lifting your voice in song to God!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet during March on Wednesday the 11th and 25th at 3pm in the Basilica Hall. All are welcome to pray and stitch with us. Anyone needing a shawl or lap robe please call 472-9465.

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **March 21st** 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please **place your order by Monday, March 16th** by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 886-4290, 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

Loretto Legion Lenten Dinners 2/28 – 4/10 - 6:00 PM–9:00 PM or until sold out ~ Eat-in or Take Out 814-472-9966 ~ **Deep Fried Haddock \$8.00** w/ mac-n-cheese or fries, coleslaw or stewed tomatoes, roll & butter and desert (cake or pie) ~ **Shrimp Basket \$7.00** Six breaded butterfly shrimp, fries, coleslaw and cookies ~ **Fish Sandwich \$5.50 (add .25 for cheese)** comes with fries, coleslaw and cookies

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.

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!!