

~ 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
 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

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
 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
 National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
 Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or www.masstimes.org

APRIL 28, 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 8:00AM Linda Smith ((Rhonda & Bill Criste) 10:00AM Eleanor Keane (JoAnn Setecka)
Monday, April 29	Saint Catherine of Siena NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Tuesday, April 30	Easter Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Wednesday, May 1	Easter Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM) 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 2	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, May 3	St. Athanasius 8:45AM Raymond & Florence (Sutton)Seymour (Frank & Betty Seymour)
Saturday, May 4	Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter 4:00PM Charlie Wirfel (Bill & Joyce Krug)
Sunday, May 5	Third Sunday of Easter 8:00AM Kevin Goldian (Colleen & Rick Riner) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 10:00AM People of the parish

Father John will say a Mass for the People of the Parish on 4/28/19

+ EASTER SEASON 2019 +

Divine Mercy Sunday

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, an invitation for us to place our trust in the mercy of God and become more merciful ourselves. Devotion to Jesus under this title was promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska and in recent years, has become very popular throughout the world. You are welcome to join in the **Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour** with the chanting of the **chaplet of Divine Mercy TODAY at 2:30 PM** here at the basilica. Deacon Golden will be the presider and homilist. Many in our parish pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy each day. **Jesus, I Trust in You!**

Today is the final day of class for our **2018-2019 Religious Education Program**. Many thanks to our Director of Religious Education, **Celeste Stolz**, and our **catechists** for an outstanding ministry this year!

New Altar Server training – We will be speaking to our children (beginning with fourth grade) about the ministry of Altar Server. **Permission slips** were distributed at St. Michael School on 4/5/19 and will be distributed TODAY 4/28/19 at Religious Education. Parents are to sign the permission slips and return. I will hold a first meeting for new Altar Servers on **Sunday May 19 at 9:00 AM** in church. **Practices will be scheduled for May and June**. Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to serve. Our new Servers will be installed and blessed on Monday evening, June 24, with the participation of the **Cambria County Serra Club**, at our **Annual 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions. More to Come!!** **All Altar Servers** - There is a gift of Easter candy for you in the sacristy.

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.

Spring Cleaning of the Cemetery- As stated in the cemetery guidelines, no artificial flowers or decorative items are to be placed on the graves. The decorations are a hindrance to the mowers, and hazardous to personnel. Please remove, and take with you, all decorative items by 5/19/19 or they will have to be disposed of by our maintenance staff. Also, the only area where live flowers may be planted is up to six inches from the front of the monument. All others plants will be removed. We appreciate your help in this matter as we have a **very large cemetery** to keep maintained by weed eating and mowing.

The summertime Shrine Masses will begin Memorial Day weekend and conclude Labor Day weekend. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up for each Mass. The set-up begins at 5:30p.m. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Shrine Team, call Celeste Stolz @ 472-9808 for more information.

PICNIC



The 3rd Annual St. Michael's Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 28, 2019.....

will be a way for us to simply “be together”to get together, have some fun, enjoy good food and each other's company. **This is not a fundraiser, but rather an opportunity to gather as a parish family in Christ.** We will begin with a **picnic buffet** (chicken provided by the parish from **Route 53 Catering!**, sides and desserts from parishioners) in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hallindoor/outdoor games for the children (piñata, dunking booth and entertainment for the grown-ups!! My hope is to encourage our old and new parish families to get to know each other on a relaxing afternoon! The picnic would be completed early afternoon prior to our 7 PM Sunday Night Mass at the Shrine.

We will need to begin gathering a “ballpark figure” of participants. Please complete the following short form! In a few weeks, we will have a St. Michael Parish Picnic Planning Meeting! More to Come!!

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YES! I am interested in attending the 3rd Annual Basilica of St. Michael Parish Picnic 7/28/19

Name _____

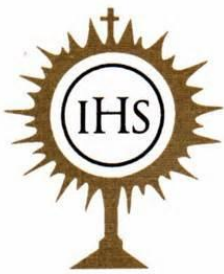
Number of guests/participants/family _____

Yes, I will bring a dessert or side-dish _____

First Communion Mass - A reminder that **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated with our Second Grade at the 10:00 AM Mass **next** Sunday May 5. As many family and friends will gather with our young people, I expect our basilica to be crowded! You are welcome to attend this Eucharist, or you may consider attending an earlier Mass. For final preparation for the Sacrament, our children will attend a practice Friday, May 3 at 7 PM in the basilica.

May, The Month of Mary - On Mother's Day, May 12, we will honor our Blessed Mother Mary with our **May Crowning** at 10:00 AM Mass. Joining in the celebration are our new **First Communicants**, our parish **Legion of Mary** and **Altar & Rosary Society**. All are welcome to bring a vase of fresh flowers (or a vase will be provided) from your yard/garden to **Our Lady of Loretto shrine in the sanctuary** throughout the month of May. Mary, Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us!

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 through Catholic Charities, 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. Our Parish share goal is **35,529**.



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.

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 and **sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your e-mail inbox! The e-mail will link you to the ON-LINE Edition of The Catholic Register which features local and international news, as always.**

The **NEW** monthly PRINT editions of **The Catholic Register** will be available here at the parish each **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month, at the entrances to the basilica. The first issue was available on Easter Sunday.

Be sure to turn in to **Proclaim!** on television each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on **ABC -23**.

PRAYER LIST: Stan Mattiix, John Ulsh, Kaitlyn Davis, 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 29-May 5

ALTAR SERVERS: April 29, 30, May 1, 3

Mornings: April 29, 30, May 1, 3 **NO MORNING MASS THIS WEEK**

Holy Hour Wednesday, May 1 6PM-7PM Nicole Barnett, Hannah McMahon

May 4-5

4:00PM Haley, Austin & Kiley Gray
8:00AM Briette Hite, JoAnna Hoover, Jude Koehle
10:00AM Madison & Makenna Lee, Hanna Taddy

READERS: May 4-5

4:00PM Vince or Jackie Kalwasinski
8:00AM Nick Byrne
10:00AM Mary Lessard

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION May 4-5

4:00PM Janet Hogue, Dick Mullen
8:00AM Nick Byrne, Barb Sherry
10:00AM Mary Lessard, Betty Soisson

MUSIC MINISTERS: May 4-5

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel 8AM Jonathan 10:00AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Heidi 8AM Carol 10:00AM Choir

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

April 14, 2019

Offertory \$4,921 Online Giving \$827 Total \$5,921 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$879
Easter Flowers \$1,130

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

Our **Week #1, Cougar Lotto** winners were James Zupon, Joey Smithmyer and Sharon Miller. **Congratulations** and **thank you** for supporting Saint Michael School!

Our **Week #2, Cougar** winners were Val Bender, Nancy White, and Janet Bender. **Congratulations** and **thank you** for supporting Saint Michael School!

We congratulate all our students who participated in our annual Spelling Bee. We are very proud of the efforts put forth by everyone. We wish our **first-place** winner **Lilyann Strait** the best of luck as she participates in the diocesan spelling bee on **May 2nd**. Our **alternate representative** is **Allie Dziabo**. **Congratulations to you both for a job well done!** We also thank **Mrs. Stevens** for all her time in preparing our students and organizing our in-house spelling bee.

We are excited to announce, our inaugural **"Cougar Dash 5K/Fun Run"** that will take place on **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at 9:00 am on the campus of Saint Francis University. Registration forms and additional details can be found on our school website: www.st-michael-school.org. All are welcome to attend! Please see this week's bulletin for our official registration form and additional information. Looking forward to having you join us! **Registration deadline is April 30th** to be guaranteed a tee shirt for race day! Students & Adults – **\$15** (Pre-registration discount on or before April 29th; **\$20** after April 30th; **\$25 DAY OF COUGAR DASH** Questions? Contact Becky Seymour 472-9117

Students in grades **kindergarten** through **second grade** will participate in creative movement, storytelling activities sponsored by Saint Francis University education students on **Monday, April 29th**. We thank Mrs. Mary Ann Shaw for coordinating this activity. We are looking forward to this event and we thank Saint Francis University for affording us this fun-filled, educational experience to benefit our students.

We will be celebrating Mass as a school family on **Friday, May 3rd @ 8:45 am**. **Sixth grade** will be assisting with the ministries. **All are welcome to join us**.

Mark your calendars! Our annual **Mini Bazaar** will be held on **Friday, May 3rd from 11am – 2pm**. Games of chance, delicious foods, prizes, and fun for all ages will be available. All proceeds will be used for the purchase of religion materials. **Everyone is welcome** to attend and enjoy the festivities!

In preparation for **First Communion**, **ALL** second graders and their parents are required to attend a practice session that will be held at **7pm** in the **Basilica on Friday, May 3rd**. **First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 5th during the 10:00am Mass. First Communion photos will be taken following Mass.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting." Psalm 118:2-4

May 3 - First Communion practice begins at 7pm. Students are to assemble in the Basilica's basement at 6:30pm.

May 4 - "Rite of Sending" originally scheduled for 4pm mass canceled due to prom preparations.

May 5 - **"First Holy Communion Mass"** Communicants are to assemble in the Basilica's basement at 9:30am. Henry's Studio will be taking photos after Mass.

May 7 - **Confirmation Rehearsal for Juniors and Sponsors** (Please be at the Basilica at 6:00PM)
Assemble in the Basement with your sponsor.

May 8 - **"Confirmation Mass"** 7PM (Please be in the Basilica Hall by 6:00PM)

NOTE Henry's Studio will take the class photo at 5:45pm. in front of the main altar.

LORETTO COMMUNITY

MAY DAYS is May 25th and 26th! 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 make May Days weekend successful! Donations of baskets, gift cards, cakes and workers are needed.

Drop off for flea market items (School Hall), baskets, and cakes (Our Lady of Loretto Hall) will be Friday, May 24th 5-8PM and Saturday, May 25th 8-10AM.

*Please note that Flea Market items CANNOT INCLUDE electronics, clothing or exercise equipment
If you have a Silent Auction item please contact Theresa Lysic 886-8677 or Mary Ann Schenk 472-5895 by May 10th.

NEW!! There will be a **CINCH TOURNAMENT** this year! Please see the website basilicasm-loretto.org for more information.

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.