

~ 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

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

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

APRIL 7, 2019 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Living and deceased members of the Zabrosky family
Monday, April 8	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Matthew Kubat Jr. BD Remembrance (Mom, Dad & kids)
Tuesday, April 9	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Bill Hines (Jean & Kittana Blackwell)
Wednesday, April 10	Lenten Weekday 7:30AM Kevin Goldian (Carmella Poloski)
Thursday, April 11	Lenten Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, April 12	Lenten Weekday 8:45AM James Biter (Joe & Sharon Biter)
Saturday, April 13	Vigil: Palm Sunday 4:00PM Richard Mishock (Karen & family)
Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday 8:00AM Clair F. Smithbower – Ann. (Mary Lou, Gina & Craig) 10:00AM People of the parish

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Our 4th ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO. What a blessed week!! I know that we were all encouraged by the fine attendance at last week's Mission. The experience was inspiring, and the faithful attendance of so many people was wonderful to behold! **Thank you** to all who made this Mission special, especially Deacon Rick Golden, Jonathan Nagy, our Director of Music, cantors and the St. Michael Basilica Choir and Children's Choir, the Legion of Mary, our St. Michael School children, faithful adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, Altar Servers and Readers. Fr. Michael Caridi truly enjoyed his time among us and I know we gained much from his spiritual insight. May this Mission continue as a new and vibrant tradition for our Basilica parish! **OUR LADY OF LORETTO PRAY FOR US!**

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** 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!!!!

Easter Triduum Schedule – Our celebration of the Easter Triduum will take place **Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM, Adoration until Midnight)** and **Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration/ Communion 2 PM)** and **Easter Vigil (Liturgy of Light, Word, Initiation Sacraments and Eucharist) at 8:30 PM Saturday night.**

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. 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.

Confessions – There are **no 7 PM confessions** following our Wednesday Eucharistic Holy Hour this week. I will be at St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin at their Parish Penance Service at 7 PM.

ABUSE CRISIS TALK: On Thursday evening, **April 11th**, Bob Sutton will be giving an open presentation entitled "How Did This Happen? The Abuse Crisis and the Catholic Church." It will start at 6:30 pm in **St. Aloysius church** immediately after the close of Eucharistic adoration, with a presentation followed by open Q & A from attendees. Bob will be talking very openly about the roots of the abuse crisis in the Church as a whole and in our diocese in particular, as well as what remains to be done in response. There is no cost to attend; the presentation is open to ALL interested adults, so feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested. I encourage your attendance.

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! Thank you to those who have contributed!

PRAYER LIST: 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 8-14

(R) April 8, 9, 10 Sister Nancy, CCW

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

ALTAR SERVERS: April 8-12

Morning: April 8, 9, 10, 12 Colin Beiswenger, Nicholas Clark

Holy Hour Wednesday, April 10 6PM-7PM Braden & Mason Wherry

April 13-14

4:00PM Belle Eckenrode, Trevor Fahr, Kayden McMullen

8:00AM Nicole Barnett, Joshua & Thomas Corcoran

10:00AM Levi Baker, Maya Baker, Mark Mento

READERS: April 13-14

4:00PM Janet Hogue

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Stewart Van Horn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION April 13-14

4:00PM Donna Schenk, Janet Hogue

8:00AM Suzette & Joe Spinner

10:00AM Stewart Van Horn, Barb Sherry

MUSIC MINISTERS: April 13-14

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel

8AM Jonathan

10:00AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Carol

8AM Ashley

10:00AM Adult Choir

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

March 31, 2019

Offertory \$4,442

Online Giving \$592

Total \$5,034

Weekly Goal \$6,800

Difference -\$1,766

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We congratulate the following students who placed at the **Diocesan Junior High Forensics Tournament** that was held on **Friday, March 29th**: **Haley Gray and JoAnna Hoover** (1st - Duo Drama); and **Briette Hite and Brenna Phister** (4th - Duo Drama). Thank you to everyone who participated and gave it their best! We thank **Liz Phister** for serving as a judge. We also extend our appreciation to **Miss Steinbugl** and **Mrs. Shaw** for preparing our students for competition.

We cordially invite the parents and grandparents of our **seventh-grade** students to their special lunch on **Monday, April 8th @ 11:30 am**. We are looking forward to serving and spending time with our special guests.

Our **eighth-grade** students will be attending **career fair** on Wednesday, April 10th at Holy Trinity School in Altoona. This opportunity will allow our students to explore various careers as they think about the career path they may choose to take in their very near future.

Students will be attending **Mass @ 8:45 am** and **Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 pm** Friday, April 12th. All are welcome to join us!

Saint Francis University Nursing students will be visiting our fourth and fifth grade classrooms on Friday, April 12th to educate them on important health related topics. We look forward to their visit and appreciate their partnership in educating our students.

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!

COUGAR LOTTO is here! **WEEKLY DRAWINGS** for 10 weeks, beginning **Monday, April 15th** through **June 17th, 2019**. Each ticket contains two sets of numbers. Prizes are awarded for the **EXACT NUMBER** (\$100), **ONE NUMBER ABOVE** (\$25), and **ONE NUMBER BELOW** (\$25). Winning numbers are based upon the Monday evening PA PICK 3 LOTTERY daily number. **Tickets cost \$25**. Only 500 tickets sold! All Proceeds benefit Saint Michael School. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, please contact any Saint Michael School Family or call the school office at 472-9117. Thank you in advance for your continual support.

Registration for kindergarteners, new families, and re-registration for students currently enrolled at Saint Michael School (K-8) is underway. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: *"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."* Psalm 126:1-2

Please note: Letters were recently sent home to Junior candidates regarding final instructions for Confirmation. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Confirmation dates, please call Celeste Stolz @ 472-9808.

Pamphlets for Camp Timothy and Camp Zacchaeus were sent home the week of March 24. If your child is interested in attending summer camp, please contact Celeste no later than April 15.

April 14-21-NO CLASSES, Easter Vacation Students participate in Holy Week liturgies with their families.

April 28 - Last day of class!

***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

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **April 13th** 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please place your order by **April 8th** 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.

The **PRAYER SHAWL** Ministry will meet during April on Wednesday the **10th** and **24th** at **3PM** in the Basilica Hall. All are welcome to come stitch and pray with us. Anyone needing a prayer shawl please call 472-9465.

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (Paschal Festival), on **Sunday, May 5**, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall,. Please join us for an afternoon of good food, enriching, Haiti stories information on the CCW Hands & Hearts Ministry efforts, a silent auction and opportunity to purchase Haitian Art Doors open at 1:15pm Dinner and Program at 2pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. Each participant is asked to contribute an item of children's or teens new underwear or socks. For tickets or information please call 886-4098. **Ticket deadline is April 29**. All proceeds benefit the CCW Hands & Hearts Haiti Ministry.

AROUND THE AREA

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!

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will hold the twelfth annual Carrollian Gala on Saturday, **April 27**, at the school. Tickets are \$50 each. Cocktails begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. The Cornerstone and Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented following dinner. Silent and live auctions will take place all evening long, as well as the chance to win baskets and other prize opportunities. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call 472-7500 extensions 104 or 105, or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of over 150 Sacred Relics. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Theresa of Lisieux (the Little Flower), St. Francis of Assisi, a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. This will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **April 16** at 6:30PM with a presentation followed by the showing of the relics. This is truly once in a lifetime experience.

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is currently accepting applications for a Part-Time Bookkeeper with accounting and/or QuickBooks experience. The school's international program is also seeking to fill full and part time positions. Inquiries about all positions can be directed to Mrs. Lynn Weber at lweber@bishopcarroll.org or call 472-7500 ext. 101