

~ 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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## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Our Lady of Loretto Hall Rental 886-4619  
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

## MAY 12, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM For all Mothers
Monday, May 13	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Tom & Bud Zabrosky (Ed & Janet Zabrosky)
Tuesday, May 14	St. Matthias 7:30AM Cliff Yahner (family)
Wednesday, May 15	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Ella Marie Parrish (family) 6:00 PM <i>Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday, May 16	Easter Weekday NO MASS ( <i>Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM</i> )
Friday, May 17	Easter Weekday 8:45AM James Richard Anderson (James & Mary Elaine Itle)
Saturday, May 18	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter 4:00PM Joseph Strohmier-BD & Ann. (Mag & Dave Weiland)
Sunday, May 19	Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM Bill Hines (Dick Prostjarsky)

# + EASTER SEASON 2019 +

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



**Happy Mother's Day** – to my Mom and all the mothers and grandmothers of our parish! **Today** 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!

**New Altar Servers** – will have their **FIRST PRACTICE** at **9:00 AM NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19**. Future practices will be on Sunday, May 26 and June 2, 9, 16 and 24. 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!!**

**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.

**The 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive** - Thank you to all parishioners who continue to respond to the Catholic Ministries Drive. I ask all in the parish to join 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**.

**Outdoor Masses** - The summertime 7 PM 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.

**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 other 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. Thank you!

### 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**.

**Nominations to serve on the 2019 – 2020 Parish Pastoral Council** ~ tear-off forms are below. Please take the nomination home and nominate a parishioner (a Confirmed Catholic in good standing), or yourself, that you believe would be an asset to the decision –making of our Council. Please return all nominations to the parish office/ in the collection **by May 26th**. I will draw the names on the weekend of June 8/9

If you are nominated, you will be contacted in the next few weeks to request your willingness to serve. The term is for 3 years. I will **draw the names** of new Council members on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday June 8.

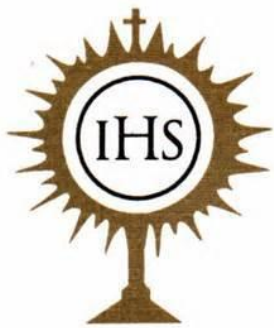
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## Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Parishioners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if known) \_\_\_\_\_



Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour 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 to the priesthood and religious life, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**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.”*

PRAYER LIST: Stan Mattix, 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: May 13-19**

(R) May 13, 14, 15 Ann Sutton

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

**ALTAR SERVERS: May 13-17**

**Mornings:** May 13, 14, 15, 17 Meghan & Connor McMullen

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, May 15 6PM -7PM Brenna Phister, Logan Krug

**May 18-19**

4:00PM Braden & Mason Wherry, Nicole Barnett

8:00AM Brenna Phister, Ralph Baughman, Nicholas Clark

10:00AM Logan Krug, Connor & Meghan McMullen

**READERS: May 18-19**

4:00PM Donna Schenk

8:00AM Nadine Callahan

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION May 18-19**

4:00PM Mary Lessard, Donna Schenk

8:00AM Nadine Callahan, Dick Mullen

10:00AM Bob Chumrik, Catherine Foor

**MUSIC MINISTERS: May 18-19**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Joel

8AM Jonathan

10:00AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Mike/Vicki

8AM Doug

10:00AM Stephanie

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

May 5, 2019

Offertory \$5,925 Online Giving \$713 Total \$6,638 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference -\$162

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

Our **Week #3, Cougar Lotto** winners were Faye Butterbaugh, Steve Owens, and David Owens. **Congratulations and thank you** for supporting Saint Michael School!

Fun was had by all in attendance at our annual Mini Bazaar on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! **Thank you** to all our **donors, faculty, staff, parent, grandparent, student and parish volunteers** who made this event possible and successful for our school. We appreciated all your generous donations and for taking time from your busy schedule to attend our annual Mini Bazaar. Your willingness to assist us was greatly appreciated.

We **congratulate** our **second-grade communicants** on their reception of their **First Holy Communion: Ella Beiswenger, Izabella Eckenrode, Jenna Eckenrode, Gavin Gray, Emma Hoover, Ava Itle, Logan Klatt, Zachary Krug, Olivia Mackovyak, Athena Oklamchak, Gage Synder, Erin Statler, Jacob Strittmatter, and Laylah Weiland.** We thank **Mrs. Emily George** for instructing and guiding our students as they continue their sacramental journey in deepening their relationship with Christ.

This month we are inviting the parents and grandparents of students in **2nd grade** to join their children (grandchildren) for lunch on **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Students and their guests will go to lunch at approximately **11:30 am.**

**Eighth grade** will be attending their field trip to Kennywood Park on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. They will participate in “Education Days” activities. We wish them safe travels and a fulfilled, educational experience.

Jude Koehle, Mark Mento, Trevor Fahr, Alec Kubat, and Austin Gray **will represent Saint Michael School at the Math 24 Challenge sponsored by our Intermediate Unit 08 on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Mount Aloysius College.** We thank Miss Steinbugl for preparing them for the competition and Mrs. Karen Mento for volunteering to serve as a proctor at the competition. We wish them all the best of luck!

**Our fourth and fifth grade students will be participating in a “Field Day” at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.** We thank Bishop Carroll for affording our students this opportunity.

**Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade** will be attending their field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo and the PPG Aquarium on **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. We wish them safe travels and a fun-filled, educational experience.



We will be celebrating Mass as a school family on **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am. Fifth grade** will be assisting with the ministries. **All are welcome to join us.**

Get ready, get set, go! Our **“Cougar Dash 5K/Fun Run”** will take place on **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at 9:00 am on the campus of Saint Francis University. There is still time to participate! **Walkers are welcome!** You may register the day of the event. Registration will be at the DeGol Arena (Stokes Building) beginning at 8am. Additional details and registration forms can be found on our school website: [www.st-michael-school.org](http://www.st-michael-school.org). All are welcome to attend! Looking forward to having you join us!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**WEEKLY REFLECTION:** *Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!*

The Religious Education program wants to recognize the many people who work tirelessly to support our youth here at the Basilica.

Thank you for the generous food donations for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center. The Religious Education students and St. Michael's kindergarten donated \$272 to Operation Rice Bowl. What great generosity to our neighbors locally and abroad!

Thank you to the Legion of Mary, Mrs. Frances Lee and Mrs. Janet Zabrosky, who have made beautiful rosaries for our First Communion class. You have been so generous for many years giving of your time and offering your crafts through a prayerful effort. May God Bless you!

Thank you to the Altar and Rosary Society, Maggie Biter and Barb Bender, presenting the gifts to both First Communion class and the Confirmation class. We thank you for many kind gestures throughout the years. May God Bless you!

Thank you to Mrs. Eleanor Strittmatter for generously providing the Religious Education program with numerous medals and prayer cards. Eleanor has so graciously donated many religious items for years. May God Bless you!

I would like to thank Fr. Byrnes, Deacon Rick Golden, the Religious Education team: Mrs. Bridget Yahner, Mrs. Jessica Mento, Ms. Angel Trexler, Mrs. Cindy McMullen, Mrs. Missy McMullen, Mrs. Chris Trexler, Sr. Nancy Spence, Mr. Michael Zabrzeski, Mrs. Karen Mento, Mrs. Stephanie Rossman, Bro. Kevin, Smith, T.O.R., Franciscan Friars, Mrs. Leeann Weslager, Basilica & St. Michael Staff: Jonathan Nagy, Mrs. Sherri Krug, Mrs. Viki Krug and Mrs. Renee Phister.

Together, through the efforts of many, our program is blessed. May God Bless each and every one who continues to support in many prayerful ways the Basilica's Religious Education Program!

**Happy Mother's Day!**

## **LORETTO COMMUNITY**

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>** 18” Italian style or turkey \$9. Please place your order by May 13<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.

The Basilica PRAYER SHAWL Ministry will meet during May on Wednesday the 22nd in the Basilica Hall at 3pm. All are welcome to come stitch and pray with us. Anyone needing a prayer shawl please call 472-9465.

**MAY DAYS is 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. **Please see the flyer attached to this bulletin and feel free to share wherever possible!** 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 Yard Sale items (School Hall), baskets, and cakes (Our Lady of Loretto Hall) will be Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 5-8PM and Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 8-10AM.

\*Please note that Yard Sale 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the May Days "Yard Sale" will go to the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands & Heart Haiti Mission.

NEW!! There will be a **CINCH TOURNAMENT** this year! Please see the website [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org) for more information. Call Mag Weiland to sign up: (Home) 674-2631 or (Cell) 421-2867

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, at **6:30 P.M.** at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

## **AROUND THE AREA**

Are you discerning a Religious Vocation? “COME and SEE DAY” The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm invite women age 18-40 to share a day with them on Sunday, May 26 at Garvey Manor. For more information please contact Sister Mary O’Donovan at 845-768-2303 or 518-537-5000 or [srmaryod@stmhcs.org](mailto:srmaryod@stmhcs.org)

The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This event has proven to be a fun day for all and includes a Shotgun start at 12 noon. Golf, lunch, course refreshments, casual dinner, prizes and a live auction. Casual dinner is served at 4:30PM. If you register before May 22 you will receive our *Early “Birdie” Special!* Final deadline for registration is May 31. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 886-4098 or email [communityofficeccw@gmail.com](mailto:communityofficeccw@gmail.com).