

~ 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 & Tuesday 7:30AM
Wednesday 6:00PM 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

May 14, 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 14	Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM All mothers
Monday, May 15	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Arch & Katie Fox (family)
Tuesday, May 16	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley)
Wednesday, May 17	Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord 6:00PM Maurice Rice Jr. (Catherine Foor) 6:30 PM-9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, May 18	The Ascension of the Lord 8:45AM Kathryn Crusciel (Phyllis Sheehan) 7:00PM People of the parish
Friday, May 19	Easter Weekday 8:45AM Rita M. Farabaugh (Phil & Sharon Hanlon) 6:00 PM St. Michael School 8 th Grade Graduation Mass
Saturday, May 20	Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter 4:00PM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)
Sunday, May 21	Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00AM Scott Hanlon (Celeste Stolz) 10:00AM People of the parish Sunday Mass posted to FACEBOOK at 11:15 AM

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Carolyn Smithbower (Gail Yanko)

Easter Season 2023

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** and **ALL WHO ARE MAKING THE MARIAN CONSECRATION (33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat)**. 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!

ASCENSION THURSDAY - Mass for **Ascension Thursday**, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at **6:00 PM** Wednesday evening May 17, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-9 PM. Mass for **Ascension Thursday** May 18 will also be celebrated at **8:45 AM** (with our students from St. Michael School) and again at **7:00 PM** Thursday evening.

Congratulations our 8th Grade, the Class of 2023! The following eighth grade students will graduate at Mass on Friday, May 19th, at 6:00 PM: **Colin Beiswenger, Belle Eckenrode, Madden Farabaugh, Emma Freidhof, Kiley Gray, Logan Hoover, Molly Itle, Alex Krug, Logan Krug, Junito Kutruff, Elliot Nagle, Blake Seymour, Vincent Seymour, Liam Statler, Lilyann Strait, and Matthew Zernick.** Blessings on your entrance into high school!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED -As you may know the basilica uploads a weekly Sunday Mass to **Facebook** for all to watch at home. We need **more volunteers** to help video the Masses. This would make a great service project for our high school Confirmation Students or any adult! If you would like to know more about what this entails, please call the parish office for information! No need to have a "tech" background..WE WILL TRAIN YOU!! **Thank you to Greg Clapper and Jay Smithmyer for their hard work in this ministry!!!!**

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WORKSHOP, May 20, 9:00-11:30AM at Bertschi Center, Mount Aloysius College, with Eucharistic presentations on "Beginning Again" to assist Catholics in recognizing the gift the Catholic Church has in the Eucharist as being the center of our Worship and our belief in the "Real Presence." Beginning again "will feature three priests serving in our Diocese, giving witness presentations on various parts of the Eucharist which have anchored their priestly and spiritual lives. Presenters include Fr. Clement Gardner who will speak on 'How the Homily has anchored his Priestly life and how it can anchor one's Christian Life. Fr, Jude Brady will share 'The Transforming Power of the Eucharist,' and Fr. Brian Norris's topic is 'The Mass is over, but your job has just begun.' Robert Long, Hollidaysburg native, will be with us to address how the music sung during the Eucharistic Celebration Awakens the Spirit when we pay attention to the lyrics. His Topic is: 'The SPIRIT of the song.' It's a workshop you don't want to miss. **To register go to www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again.** (You will need to type in the web site) **The cost is \$10.00** payable online with a credit card or with exact change at the door.

Adult Altar Servers – Anyone interested in becoming an adult altar server is invited to a meeting on Sunday, May 21 after 10AM Mass in the basilica.



The historic **Prince Gallitzin Chapel House**, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from **3:00 – 6:00 PM** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits:

June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20

Nominations to serve on the 2023 – 2024 Parish Pastoral Council

tear-off forms are below. **We will select 3 New Council Members!** 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 **before Monday May 15th.**

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 May 28.**

Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Parishioner's Name _____

Phone Number _____ Address _____

Email _____



THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI – The Diocese will open Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, with a Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christ at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, in Loretto, on **Sunday, June 11**, with Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession at the Basilica from 3:00 -6:30 p.m. The Historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House will be open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass at the outdoor Shine at 7:00 p.m. with Concelebrating Priests and Deacons and a procession around the Shrine following Mass which will include the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters,

Honor guards, and many others, We would like to invite the First Communion Classes of 2023 from all Parishes, to join in the Procession, wearing their First Communion Clothes and paying honor to the Eucharist which they have just received for the First Time. Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair.

MAY DAYS at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 27th and 28th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall – Live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Kathy 472-5815 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit *Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, Pickin' for Wishes, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.*

Drop off times for baskets, auction and flea market items:

- ✓ **Thursday May 25 6PM-7PM**
- ✓ **Friday May 26 6PM-7PM**
- ✓ **Saturday May 27 9AM-11AM**

Please call Theresa Lysic 886-8677 & Mary Ann Schenk: 472-5895 for additional information.

***Attached to the bulletin this week is a flyer for this fundraiser. If you can post it somewhere, please do so to help with the advertising of MAY DAYS 2023! Thank you!**

Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – **TOGETHER WE SERVE** - 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. 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.**

Legion of Mary News: The month of May is a time for honoring our Blessed Mother. It is an opportunity for increased awareness of the importance in our spiritual lives. One half hour before our weekend Masses and during Wednesday evening Adoration, the Legion of Mary members and other parishioners gather to pray the Rosary. We ask the Blessed Mother to help increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our parish and diocese. Our visits to the homebound usually include praying the Rosary with these special parishioners. We look forward, during the month of May, to our visits to St. Michael School children. We share the Rosary with them at 10AM each Wednesday. It is a rewarding and special time for all. To learn more about the Legion of Mary or to become a member, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers: Carol Myers, Ed & Janet Zabrosky, Michael Behe, Ann Sutton, Dave Owens, Barb Bender, Luke Francisco, Joe Stevens, Betty Soisson, Paul Hanlon, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Dale Zakowsky, Charlie Kogler, 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 family of John Oklamchak would like to thank everyone who participated in making the Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle a success. We truly appreciated all the support of family, friends, and the community.



Our Deepest Sympathy Please remember in your prayers the families of John Oklamchak, Camilla Burns, and Karen Bruce who passed away recently. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek.

The Knights of Columbus April hoagie sale will be on Saturday, May 20. 18" Italian hoagies are **\$12 each**. Please place your order by **Friday, May 12** 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!

Just in time for Memorial Day Weekend and the start of summer, the **Knights of Columbus is partnering with Smithmyers** to offer their frozen quarter pound burgers, with proceeds benefiting the KoC. Options include three-pound box of 12 plain or 12 Montreal-seasoned burgers for \$23, three-pound box of 12 bacon cheeseburgers at \$25, and five-pound box of 20 plain burgers for \$35. Order forms are located in the back of the church or contact KoC members Bob Crusciel 243-9971 or Vince Kalwasinski 241-1712 to place your order. **All orders must be received by Monday, May 15, to guarantee Memorial Day Weekend pick-up.**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS Our next covered dish meal and time together is **May 20th** following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. We invite our parish widows to join us for the enjoyable once a month gathering. All are welcome. We meet at Mary Lessard's farmhouse. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: May 15-21

ALTAR SERVERS: May 15-16

Mornings 7:30AM May 15, 16 Will Corcoran, Alexander Eckenrode

May 18 The Ascension of the Lord

6:00PM Vigil – May 17 – Haley & Austin Gray
8:45AM St. Michael School Students
7:00PM Alec & Travis Kubat

May 20-21

4:00PM Nicholas Bradley, Nicholas & Bennett Clark
8:00AM Molly & Emily Itle, Will Hegemann
10:00AM Alexander Little, Ralph Baughman, Kayden McMullen

READERS: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 18

6:00PM Vigil Mass May 17 Nick Byrne
8:45AM St. Michael School Students
7:00PM Cindy McMullen

READERS: May 20-21

4:00PM Julia Wasser
8:00AM Lisa Weakland
10:00AM Makala Smith

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 18

6:00PM May 17 Vigil Nick Byrne, Joe & Suzette Spinner
8:45AM Rhonda Seymour, Sarah Steinbugl, Mary Lessard
7:00PM Ashley Kubat, Cindy McMullen, Barb Sherry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS May 20-21

4:00PM Jackie & Vince Kalwasinski, Catherine Foor
8:00AM Monica Klatt, Chris Krug, Nick Bryne
10:00AM Julie Little, Makala Smith, Bob Chumrik

MUSIC MINISTERS: May 20-21

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Doug 8AM Ashley 10AM Heidi

USHERS: May 20-21

4:00PM Rich Clark/volunteers
8:00AM Rick Smith/Lew Klatt/volunteers
10:00AM Matt & Alec/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 7, 2023	Goal \$6,800		
Offertory \$4,768	Online Giving \$2,114	Total \$6,882	Difference +\$82

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Saint Michael School would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day! May you all have a beautiful and relaxing day with your family.

The SMS community will celebrate Mass as a school family for the Ascension on Thursday, May 18th at 8:45 a.m.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! The following eighth grade students will graduate during a special liturgy on Friday, May 19th, at 6:00 PM: Colin Beiswenger, Belle Eckenrode, Madden Farabaugh, Emma Freidhof, Kiley Gray, Logan Hoover, Molly Itle, Alex Krug, Logan Krug, Junito Kutruff, Elliot Nagle, Blake Seymour, Vincent Seymour, Liam Statler, Lilyann Strait, and Matthew Zernick. We thank God for all He has given us and celebrate this special time in the lives of these graduating students.

The kindergarten class will "graduate" during a special ceremony at OLOLCH on Friday, May 19th, at 12:00 PM. The children will receive their diplomas and perform. Congratulations to the graduating class: Marlo Bucynski, Willow Davis, Leo Hegemann, Eliza Riccella, and Demetrius Strittmatter.

We would like to thank Mr. Seymour for preparing our students for a Mass in Latin. We would also like to thank Fr. Byrnes for guiding our 8th grade students on a Loretto Pilgrimage. The students got to celebrate a Mass in Latin at the Chapel House and meet with the Discalced Carmelite Nuns through the speak-room at Carmel. We must remember how lucky we are to have such a beautiful and holy community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 14 All 1st Communicants are invited to be a part of the May Crowning Procession to crown the Blessed Mother. Please assemble in the Basilica Hall at 9:45AM.



Thank you to the entire Parish Family who generously gave gifts to the First Communion and Confirmation classes. Our Religious Education program is blessed with many volunteers, religious groups and parents who continue to support our program. May God bless you for your support and many kindnesses throughout the years 🍷

AROUND THE AREA

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 62nd Annual Festival on June 2, 3 and 4 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00). Take out dinners available. Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!