

~ 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 21, 2023 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 21	Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00AM Scott Hanlon (Celeste Stolz) 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, May 22	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Mary Motchenbaugh (Ron & Audrey Lee)
Tuesday, May 23	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Bob Brush (PJ Stevens Jr.)
Wednesday, May 24	Easter Weekday 6:00PM Luke Eckenrode (Ed & Janet Zabrosky) 6:30 PM-9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, May 25	Easter Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, May 26	St. Philip Neri 8:45AM Ronald Farabaugh- Birthday Remembrance (Marianne Farabaugh)
Saturday, May 27	Vigil: Pentecost Sunday 4:00PM Ken Miller (nieces and nephews)
Sunday, May 28	Pentecost Sunday 8:00AM People of the parish 7:00PM Joe Strohmier -Birthday & Anniversary (Mag & Dave Weiland)

Sunday Mass posted to **FACEBOOK** at 11:15 AM

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Mr. & Mrs. Julius Shuagis Sr. (Shuagis family)

Easter Season 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations to all our young people who graduate from Bishop Carroll, Penn Cambria, Cambria Heights and Central Cambria. Well Done! God Bless You!

There will be NO 11:30 AM CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY MAY 27. I am concelebrating the Ordination of Father Justin Treon at the Cathedral in Altoona. Father Treon is a graduate of our St. Michael School and Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and will celebrate his First Mass at St. Aloysius in Cresson next Sunday at 3 PM. Father Treon will celebrate Mass at the Shrine this summer!

HOLY HOUR AND ORDINATION -- The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is preparing to welcome a new priest. Bishop Mark Bartchak will ordain Deacon Justin Treon to the priesthood on May 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. A Holy Hour will be prayed for Deacon Treon on the eve of his ordination, May 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson. All are invited to join Deacon Treon at the Holy Hour in praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of his vocation and to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Deacon Treon, the son of Raymond and Mary Ann Treon of Cresson, is a member of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson and a graduate of Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. He completed his priestly education and formation at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. In addition to his seminary studies over the past year, Deacon Treon served on weekends at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown and Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown.



**REMEMBER WE BEGIN OUR SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE
NEXT WEEKEND
May 27/28**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sundays 8:00 AM
7:00 PM at the Shrine - Memorial Day Weekend to
Labor Day Weekend

On behalf of our Parish Family, I invite all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Memorial Day weekend- Sunday May 28, 2023. Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

Special Masses this Summer....

June 11 The Eucharistic Revival Celebration of Corpus Christi Mass with Eucharistic Procession

July 16 Mass for Married Couples

July 23 Mass of Candidacy for Seminarian John Roy

August 6 Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military

TBA “First Mass at Shrine” of Father Justin Treon, newly ordained Priest



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

MAY DAYS IS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm

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

Drop off times for baskets, auction and flea market items at Our Lady of Loretto Hall:

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

Please note the following meeting dates as they have been changed:

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat gathering Monday, June 5 6:00PM rectory back porch
Finance Council Meeting Tuesday, June 13 6:00PM rectory
Parish Council Meeting Monday, June 26 6:30PM Basilica Hall

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!!!!**

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI – The Diocese will open Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, with a Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christi 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.**



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS daily MASS AT 6 PM. Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 PM - 9PM All are welcome to “come and go” over these hours and spend time in contemplative prayer. A Sign-Up book (by the Prayer Intention Book) is at the center of the basilica to ensure that two people are always before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us grow our participation and love for Jesus. **Join in the Years of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival!**

DAY OF DISCERNMENT -- Guys who are open to a vocation to the priesthood are invited to a special opportunity. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is sponsoring a Day of Discernment on May 31 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. The event will give participants a great opportunity to meet and interact with priests of the diocese and a diocesan seminarian. There will also be prayer, fellowship, and a great meal. The Day of Discernment is open to all guys who are high school age or older. Please register by emailing Director of Vocations Father Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling him at 814-317-2681

A NOTE FROM THE OUTDOOR MASS COMMITTEE:

We are looking forward to the first outdoor Mass for 2023 on Sunday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m when we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost! The outdoor Masses can continue with many hard-working and dedicated parishioners who meet an hour before Mass and then stay afterwards to tuck all supplies away for the following week.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS, additionally, who may wish to come weekly for service hours or who are already coming to Mass on Sunday evenings and would like to serve the parish in this capacity. There is some heavy lifting involved with putting the sound system, etc. on the back of trucks for transport. Please call the parish office if you or someone you know is willing to commit to this worthwhile weekly service. Thank you!

Also, we are in appreciation of **BECK'S LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPE SERVICES, LLC** for the donation and drop-off/delivery of the black mulch that helps to maintain the shrine at its beautiful best! **THANK YOU!**

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 of 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

EVENING FOR WIDOWS dinner has been **canceled** for **May 20th**. We look forward to our next gathering on **June 17th** following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. All are welcome. We meet at Mary Lessard's farmhouse. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

Please join us for PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY at 3pm in the Basilica on Fridays. We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the four mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary for the intentions of the protection, healing, and safety of our country. **All are invited to join us and pray all or part of our hour of prayer.**



The Loretto Knights of Columbus Luminary event May 29, 2023. You may purchase a small paper lantern with the name of your deceased family member, veteran, or friend. A box will be placed in the back of the church or at the Legion for a \$5.00 donation. Please make any checks payable to Knight of Columbus #11196. The lanterns will line The Basilica's outdoor shrine area and walking path to the church on 29 May 2023. That evening a chem light (glow stick) will be placed in each bag to illuminate the name of the memorialized person. Event POC's: Mike Zabrzski (814) 322-7990 and Joe Spinner (814) 934-2334

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: May 22-28

ALTAR SERVERS: May 22-26

Mornings 7:30AM May 22, 23 Kiley & Gavin Gray

Evening Mass: May 24 Wednesday 6PM Maddison & Makenna Lee

May 27-28

4:00PM Lauren Marsh, Connor & Meghan McMullen

8:00AM Laylah & Bella Weiland, Iris Snyder

7:00PM Josh, Thomas & Will Corcoran

READERS: May 27-28

4:00PM Kevin McConnell

8:00AM Julie Crusciel

7:00PM Karen Mento

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS May 27-28

4:00PM Darlene Shuagis, Cindy McMullen, Barb Sherry

8:00AM Janet Hogue, Joe & Suzette Spinner

7:00PM Diane Coposky, Jeff & Beth Talko

MUSIC MINISTERS: May 27-28

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan

8AM Max

7PM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Stephanie

8AM Mike & Vicki

7PM Monica

USHERS: May 27-28

4:00PM Braden Wherry//volunteers

8:00AM Irene Weakland/volunteers

7:00PM Ken/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 14, 2023 Goal \$6,800

Offertory \$5,166 Online Giving \$1,197 Total \$6,363 Difference -\$437

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We will celebrate our last day of school on Friday, with a Mass at 8:45. Dismissal will be at 10:00. Have a happy and Blessed summer.

Simple Tuition Solutions financial aid applications are currently open for the 2023– 2024 school year. We strongly encourage everyone to apply. Many of our families have and continue to be awarded grant monies to assist with tuition.

Gift cards from numerous retailers, restaurants, and grocery stores are readily available through our SCRIP Program. If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards during the week or need information pertaining to our SCRIP program, please call the school office @ 472-9117.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have a great summer! See you in September!

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!

Save the Date! The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso's Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30pm followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is always free, but there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. More information to come in the coming weeks!