

~ 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 28, 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, May 28 | Pentecost Sunday 8:00AM People of the parish 7:00PM Joe Strohmiere -Birthday & Anniversary (Mag & Dave Weiland) |
| Monday, May 29 | Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, Patroness of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese 7:30AM Deceased veterans |
| Tuesday, May 30 | Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM) |
| Wednesday, May 31 | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00PM Mary Obester (John & Rose Ann Servinsky) 6:30 PM-9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration |
| Thursday, June 1 | St. Justin NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM) |
| Friday, June 2 | Weekday 8:45AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley) |
| Saturday, June 3 | Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity 4:00PM Lynn Farabaugh (family) |
| Sunday, June 4 | The Most Holy Trinity 8:00AM People of the parish 7:00PM A.W. & Catherine Smithbower |

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for the Basilica Bible Study Group (L.F.)

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Come Holy Spirit! As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church, let us give thanks for the continued presence of the Holy Spirit loving and guiding us. Today is a good day to reflect on the many and varied blessings of our life together. I am grateful. I will be concelebrating and preaching the First Mass of newly ordained **Father Justin Treon**, this afternoon at St. Aloysius in Cresson. Please welcome **Fr. Timothy Harris, TOR** who will celebrate our first Shrine Mass of the season this evening!



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM Sundays 8:00AM & 7:00PM 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. 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 CONTINUES TODAY May 28th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall **11am-4 pm**.

Live entertainment, basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages.



Memorial Day – The PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED. Let us pray for all of our deceased military. Mass is at 7:30 AM in the Basilica. We celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, Patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

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!!!!**

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

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.**

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!

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

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| 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 |

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: Our members realize how blest we are to be a part of the apostolate of our Church. We invite others in our parish to join us in our efforts as we visit the homebound and pray together. Our weekly meetings which include the praying of the Rosary, are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30AM following Mass at the Carmelite Monastery. We meet in the lower church. The legion of Mary wants to share the Good News with others that the Blessed Mother mission in life was to lead us all to Jesus and She constantly does that right here! 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

Extending your DAILY PRAYER LIFE: Did you know ... When returning to your pew after receiving the Holy Eucharist, it is customary to join in the Communion hymn (if sung) or you may prefer quiet contemplative prayer to thank Jesus for calling you to him. This is a completely personal choice. If you wonder at times if there is something more, open your missalette to the middle pages. There is a suggested prayer that may be an option for you called the **Anima Christi**, found on page 326. It reads as follows:

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| Soul of Christ, sanctify me. | Permit me not to be separated from you. |
| Body of Christ, save me. | From the wicked foe, defend me. |
| Blood of Christ, inebriate me. | At the hour of my death, call me |
| Water from the side of Christ, wash me. | and bid me come to you |
| Passion of Christ, strengthen me. | That with your saints I may praise you |
| O Good Jesus, hear me. | For ever and ever. Amen |
| Within your wounds hide me. | |

LORETTO COMMUNITY

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!!

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 and 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

Please join us for **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY** at 3pm in the Basilica on Fridays. We pray the Divine Mercy 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.**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS The first summer covered dish dinner, and the pleasure of being together, will be held Saturday evening, June 17th following the 4PM Mass. All widows are invited to Mary Lessard's farmhouse to enjoy! For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: May 29-June 4

ALTAR SERVERS: May 29- June 2

Mornings 7:30AM May 29, 30 & **8:45AM** June 2 Logan & Ella Klatt

Evening Mass: May 31 **Wednesday 6PM** Iris Snyder, Larissa Clapper

June 3-4

4:00PM Jude Koehle, Maddison & Makenna Lee

8:00AM Joseph Strittmatter, Zac Krug, Alex Krug

7:00PM Haley, Austin, Kiley, Gavin Gray

READERS: June 3-4

4:00PM Amy Dietrich

8:00AM Ashley Kubat

7:00PM Vince Kalwasinski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS June 3-4

4:00PM Mary Lessard, Bob Chumrik, Janet Hogue

8:00AM Chris Krug, Joan Krug, Ashley Kubat

7:00PM Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski, Catherine Foor

MUSIC MINISTERS: June 3-4

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan

8AM Max

7PM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Doug

8AM Stephanie

7PM Children's Choir

USHERS: June 3-4

4:00PM Matt & Alec/volunteers

8:00AM Rick Smith/volunteers

7:00PM Rich Clark & Ken/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 28, 2023 Goal \$6,800

Offertory \$4,545 Online Giving \$1,454 Total \$5,999 Difference -\$801

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Wishing you a warm and Happy Memorial Day. Let us remember and honor the sacrifices of hundreds of men and women who gave their lives for the country.

Thank you to all our parents, teachers, staff members, students, and parishioners who assisted with our kindergarten and eighth grade graduations. We greatly appreciated your generous donations, the giving of your time and for making these celebrations so special for our students!

We extend a sincere "Thank You" to all our school families, students, faculty, staff, parishioners, Father Byrnes, and members of our community for their support throughout this past school year. We are very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful caring community of individuals that support Catholic education. Thank you for making Saint Michael School a special place! **When counting our blessings, you all are among them. Have a safe, enjoyable, and prayer filled summer! See you on August 24, 2023!!**

Our Saint Michael School Extravaganza football tickets are on sale now in the school. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call the school office to reserve your tickets today! 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.

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!