

~ 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

MAY 5, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 5	Third Sunday of Easter 8:00AM Kevin Goldian (Colleen & Rick Riner) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 10:00AM People of the parish
Monday, May 6	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Anniversary Remembrance of Fr. Gallitzin's death (Prince Gallitzin Historical Association)
Tuesday, May 7	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Kenneth Noel (George & Thelma Noel)
Wednesday, May 8	Easter Weekday 7:30AM Bob Haid (Dolly & family) 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION MASS
Thursday, May 9	Easter Weekday NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
Friday, May 10	Easter Weekday 8:45AM Dan Monohan & Louise Salvano (Judy Monohan Salvano & Frank Salvano)
Saturday, May 11	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter 4:00PM Arch & Katie Fox (family)
Sunday, May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00AM People of the parish 10:00AM For all Mothers

+ EASTER SEASON 2019 +

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

This is **First Communion Sunday** in our basilica parish. May we all celebrate our appreciation of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist and be faithful in our attendance at Mass. **Congratulations to the First Communion Class of 2019!** Ella Beiswenger, Izabella Eckenrode, Jenna Eckenrode, Gavin Gray, Emily Gressick, Emma Hoover, Ava Itle, Logan Klatt, Andrew Kline, Zachary Krug, Gage Link, Mason Little, Olivia Mackovyak, Isaac Mento, Parker Mullen, Jianna Neighbor, Athena Oklamchak, Gage Snyder, Erin Statler, Jacob Strittmatter, Laylah Weiland and Emma Zabrosky. May you grow in your friendship with Jesus through the years!

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation Class! The following young parishioners will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit this Wednesday evening, May 8. Patrick Barnett, Layne Bradley, Peter Cruscuel, Lora Davis, Sarah Hines, Seth Hogue, Jared Hoover, Grant Itle, Lyric Janosik, Wyatt Kosicki, Faith McMullen, Alexander Myatt, Owen Nagle, Rachel Verchereau, Luke Wirfel and Mia Wyland.

May, The Month of Mary - Next Sunday on Mother's Day, May 12, 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!

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 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**.

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!!**

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!

The summertime 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 for more information.

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.

PICNIC



The 3rd Annual St. Michael's Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 28, 2019..... will be a way for us to simply “be together” ...to get together, have some fun, enjoy good food and each other's company. **This is not a fundraiser, but rather an opportunity to gather as a parish family in Christ.** We will begin with a **picnic buffet** (chicken provided by the parish from **Route 53 Catering!**, sides and desserts from parishioners) in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall ...indoor/outdoor games for the children (piñata, dunking booth and entertainment for the grown-ups!! My hope is to encourage our old and new parish families to get to know each other on a relaxing afternoon! The picnic would be completed early afternoon prior to our 7 PM Sunday Night Mass at the Shrine.

We will need to begin gathering a “ballpark figure” of participants. Please complete the following short form! In a few weeks, we will have a St. Michael Parish Picnic Planning Meeting! More to Come!!

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YES! I am interested in attending the 3rd Annual Basilica of St. Michael Parish Picnic 7/28/19

Name _____

Number of guests/participants/family _____

Yes, I will bring a dessert or side-dish _____

Parish Expenditures - *Thank you to those who have contributed* to our two major parish improvements/purchases! Our lawn mower has been purchased and we are still working on the sidewalk bids. If you would like to **donate directly** to a visible and worthy cause within the parish, please simply send in your donation. Your help is greatly valued and appreciated!

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**.

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 6-12

(R) May 6, 7, 8 Sister Marilyn, CCW

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

ALTAR SERVERS: ALTAR SERVERS: May 6-10

Mornings: May 6, 7, 8, 10 Braden & Mason Wherry

Holy Hour Wednesday, May 8 6PM -7PM NO HOLY HOUR due to Confirmation

May 11-12

4:00PM Nicholas & Sam Wirfel, Hannah McMahon

8:00AM Mia Wyland, Logan Hoover, Billy Krug

10:00AM Mason & Colin Beiswenger, Dane Van Horn

READERS: May 11-12

4:00PM Carol Hines

8:00AM Julia Wasser

10:00AM Maggie Biter

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION May 11-12

4:00PM Joan Krug, Carol Hines

8:00AM Joe & Suzette Spinner

10:00AM Maggie Biter, Stewart Van Horn

MUSIC MINISTERS: May 11-12

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan 8AM Joel 10:00AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Folk Choir 8AM Monica 10:00AM Children's Choir

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

Easter 2019

Offertory \$9,912 Online Giving \$1,147 Total \$11,059

April 28, 2019

Offertory \$9,580 Online Giving \$587 Total \$10,167 Weekly Goal \$6,800 Difference +\$3,367

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

Our Week #3, Cougar Lotto winners were Alma Grossman, Terry Dean, and Carol Stoltz. Congratulations and thank you for supporting Saint Michael School!

We will celebrate the accomplishments of our students who participated in Reading

Competition, Math Counts, Forensics, Diversity, Spelling Bee, Multi Media, as well as those students who willingly volunteered to participate in our Lenten Mission and Children's Choir on Wednesday, May 8th afterschool until 3:30pm. Parents are asked to provide transportation home. Thank you to these students for their hard work and dedication in representing Saint Michael School.

Kindergarten and first grade will be attending their field trip on Friday, May 10th. They will be travelling to the Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown to see "Rosie Revere Engineer." They will then eat lunch and visit with the animals at Faranda Farm. They are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

We will be celebrating Mass as a school family on Friday, May 10th @ 8:45 am. Seventh grade will be assisting with the ministries. All are welcome to join us.

Our annual sports banquet recognizing our student athletes will be held on Saturday, May 11th @ 5pm in OLOLCH. We congratulate all our student athletes for putting forth their best efforts and showing positive sportsmanship. We thank Brian Beiswenger, our athletic director for all his endless hours in organizing our athletic program this year. His dedication and commitment to our athletic program has made a positive impact on our students. We also express sincere gratitude to Rachel Beiswenger for all her behind the scenes work throughout the year that does not go unnoticed! We also thank Rachel for organizing the sports banquet and heading the decorating committee. Appreciation is also extended to all our parents for transporting their children to and from practices and sporting events, and lastly, but certainly not least, all our volunteer coaches for the giving of their time and talents. Thank you all for making Saint Michael School a special place and for making our sports programs a reality!

Please join our parish and school families as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary with our May Crowning on Sunday, May 12th at the 10:00 am Mass. All are welcome to participate in the procession. Please assemble downstairs in the basilica by 9:30 am. Our First Communicants are asked to dress in their First Communion attire. What a beautiful way to show our love for Mary by honoring her with prayer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION: "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." Psalm 66:1-3A

Congratulations to our First Communion class and the Confirmation class of 2019!

May your spiritual journey be guided by the Holy Spirit and filled with many blessings along the way!

May 7 - Confirmation Rehearsal for Juniors and Sponsors (Please be at the Basilica at 6:00PM)

Assemble in the Basement with your sponsor.

May 8 - "Confirmation Mass" 7PM (Please be in the Basilica Hall by 6:00PM)

NOTE Henry's Studio will take the class photo at 5:45pm. in front of the main altar.

LORETTO COMMUNITY

The **Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, **May 18th** 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please place your order by Monday, May 13th by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Cruscil 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated

The **Basilica PRAYER SHAWL Ministry** will meet during May on Wednesdays the 8th and 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 25th and 26th! This Community Weekend event raises the money to make the mortgage payments for Our Lady of Loretto Hall each year. 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 flea market items (School Hall), baskets, and cakes (Our Lady of Loretto Hall) will be Friday, May 24th 5-8PM and Saturday, May 25th 8-10AM.

*Please note that Flea Market 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 10th.

NEW!! There will be a **CINCH TOURNAMENT this year! Please see the website basilicasm-loretto.org for more information.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS ~ Wednesday, May 8, 7:30AM Mass. Members will meet in front of Our Lady of Loretto Statue in the basilica for Mass. Fr. John's homily will be very meaningful to the Legion. Light refreshments will be served at the home of Ed & Janet Zabrosky in Our Lady of Hope Hall immediately following this 7:30AM Mass. Please call 886-5489 for directions.

Sunday, May 12, 10AM Mass and May Crowning. Members are asked to join the First Communicants and Altar & Rosary Society, for this parish event. If possible, join us for the 9:30AM recitation of the Rosary. What a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day and to honor our Blessed Mother.

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!!

Special Event Hall Rental Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall is available for dances, receptions, social events and more. The St. Michael School Hall can also be rented for a smaller occasion. Call Katie ~ 886-4619.