

~ 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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Bingo 471-2764

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 - 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 - Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction - Holy Hour 6:00PM 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

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council- Mrs. Mary Weiland 674-2631
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

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

August 7, 2022 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Scott Hanlon (family)
7:00PM People of the parish

Monday, August 8 St. Dominic
7:30AM Dorothy & Russell Itell (family)

Tuesday, August 9 Weekday
7:30AM Amanda Koenigsberg (Rob Koenigsberg)

Wednesday, Aug. 10 St. Lawrence
7:30AM Scott P. Hanlon (family)
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 11 St. Clare
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, August 12 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Saturday, August 13 Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Francis & Mildred Itle (Mary & family)

Sunday, August 14 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Adam Lee (Dave & Shelly Eckenrode)
7:00PM People of the parish

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Rita Rodgers (Joyce McGough)

SUMMER 2022

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

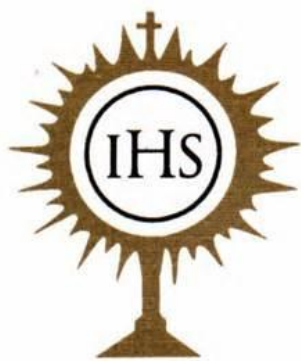
Outdoor Mass for Recently Graduated and College Students is TONIGHT! Bishop Mark will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college, work or military and their families at our **Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine at 7 PM.** Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing to the students. Recent graduates entering the workforce or the military are also welcome. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, the Liturgy will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.



“First Mass at the Shrine” of Fr. Brian Norris, newly ordained priest (August 28)

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:
August 14 and 28

**Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations
Wednesdays 6-7 PM**



**Renew your 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 or Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Reminder - The following are the requirements to serve as a godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation- Be a baptized and confirmed Catholic. Be a registered member of a Catholic Church actively practicing the faith by participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly, and living a life in conformity with the moral law of the church (not cohabiting or being married outside of the Church. Please note if you are not registered in a parish, you more than likely will not be able to receive a Sponsor Certificate. The “church where you were baptized” does not make you a lifetime member of that parish. Your Parish membership is in the area in which you currently live, are registered and attend Mass.

Bishop Mark Barchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2022 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 18 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 25 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 29.

Legion of Mary News: Several members of our Legion of Mary group recently brought the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the home of one of our homebound parishioners. Our visit included praying the Rosary and other prayers welcoming the image of the Blessed Mother to the home. It was rewarding to experience the pleasure our visit brought to our elderly parishioners. We are willing to visit the homes of our parishioners unable to join us at Mass. Please let us know of anyone who would enjoy this short time with our Legion of Mary group. For information about the Legion of Mary, or to schedule a home visit, 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: Raymond Bender, Drew Lysic, Luke Eckenrode, Rose Ann Servinsky, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Zach Mento, Robert Haid, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnicky, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, our Military, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

LORETTO COMMUNITY

The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Knights of Columbus Council 11196 would like to thank American Legion Post 748 and parish volunteers for their support of our Memorial Day Luminary Event.

The event raised \$545.00 which will support PA Right to Life, St. Michael School and/or Basilica projects.

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: Our July gathering was filled with conversation and laughter, balanced by some somber moments. The meal was delicious too! The next covered dish evening is **August 27th** following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass, at Mary Lessard's home. All parish widows are welcome to share this time together! For information and/or directions please call Mary at 814-886-5489.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - if anyone wishes to have a prayer shawl or knows of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Barb at (814) 472-9465.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: August 8-14

ALTAR SERVERS: August 8-12

Mornings: August 8, 9, 10, 12 Alivia & Alena Nagle

Holy Hour Wednesday, August 10 6PM -7PM Logan Hoover, Alexander Little

August 13-14

4:00PM Kayden McMullen, Connor & Meghan McMullen

8:00AM Logan & Ella Klatt, Logan Hoover

7:00PM Bella & Laylah Weiland, Jude Koehle

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: August 13-14

4:00PM Janet Hogue

8:00AM Barb Sherry

7:00PM Diane Cposky, Mary Lessard

READERS: August 13-14

4:00PM Amy Dietrich

8:00AM Monica Klatt

7:00PM Mary Lessard

MUSIC MINISTERS: August 13-14

ORGANISTS: 4:00PM Jonathan 8AM Max

7:00PM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4:00PM Jonathan 8AM Stephanie 7:00PM Monica

USHERS: August 13-14

4:00PM Matt & Alec/volunteers

8:00AM Irene Weakland, Lew Klatt/volunteers

7:00PM Ken/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support the basilica. By giving electronically you can set up recurring payments on a schedule that suits you. Visit our secure donation page at **basilicasm-loreto.org** to set up your online contribution.

July 31, 2022	Goal \$6,800			
Offertory \$4,142	Online Giving \$932	Total \$5,074	Difference -\$1,726	

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We are getting excited for next school year. Our first day of school will be on **Thursday, August 25th**. We will have a Meet the Teacher Night this year on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 in the evening. All students may bring in your supplies if you wish.

Our Saint Michael School NFL 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!

Gift Cards from our "SCRIP" program will continue to be available for purchase throughout the school year by simply phoning the school office @ 472-9117 or by contacting Viki Krug @ 330-6566; Rachel Beiswenger @ 886-2633; or Joanne Pompa @ 886-9567 to place your orders. Advance orders are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wishing you a safe and fun summer! See you September 11th!

Religious Education teachers meeting Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30PM in the School Hall.

Volunteers Needed - Volunteer clearances must be completed before Religious Education classes begin on September 11. Call Celeste for information 814-472-9808.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

JOIN THE CHOIR OR BECOME A CANTOR!

We are currently seeking new members to join our ranks. No experience necessary! You just need a love for music and a love for God. All voice types are welcome to join the adult choir, which is open to anyone grade 9 in high school up to our oldest parishioners. Additional cantors are also welcome to join us. If you are interested in cantoring, you can be paired up with one of our current cantors and practice with the music director until you feel ready to cantor on your own. You may contact music director Jonathan Nagy at jnagy@dioceseaj.org or 814-244-1876 or any cantor or choir member for more information. Come and join us in praising God with song!

AROUND THE AREA

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A dynamic and inspiring Catholic speaker will headline the upcoming Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown women's conference "Women Find Strength in Christ" on September 10, 2022, at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Kelly Walquist, founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, will be the keynote speaker. Also presenting will be Deanne Miller and Colleen Scariano, co-founders of SoulCore, a movement that nurtures a body and soul through prayer and core strengthening exercises. The conference includes Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is only \$10 per person. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish and mail the form and a check to the diocese. The deadline for reservations is August 31.

Day of Recollection: Saturday, August 13th, 2022 at Mount Saint Ann Retreat Center 1120 N. Center Street, Ebensburg, PA. Spiritual Director, The Rev, Jude W. Brady, OSB From St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA. To reserve a place call the Sisters of Saint Ann, 814-472-9354 or email: sistersann35@gmail.com

The Family Life Office offers a Ministry Workshop

How are you supposed to respond when you see someone in need? If someone has just lost a loved one, is there anything you can do to help? How do you help your friends whose marriage is on the brink of divorce? So often, as Christians, we want to help but we don't know how. In particular, we may feel we should have more of a response as a Church than we currently do. Because of this, the Family Life Office is offering a Ministry Workshop on Saturday, August 20, from 9:00am-1:30pm, at St. Matthew Parish in Tyrone. At the workshop you will learn the basics of ministry, as well as resources if you would like to take those ministries further in your parish. Some of the ministries that will be covered include: Bereavement and Consolation Ministries, Marriage Preparation, Enrichment, Healing and Spirituality Ministries, Family and Parenting Ministries, Divorced and Separated Ministries, Walking with Moms in Need, Disabilities Ministries, Respite Care Ministries, Ministry to Persons with Same-Sex Attraction, Mental Health Ministries, and Sick and Elderly Visitation and Ministry. This Workshop is free and open to anyone in our Diocese who is interested in learning more about how to help and minister to others. Pre-registration is required to ensure there are enough materials. St. Matthew Parish will be providing refreshments and lunch for the day. To register, please contact the Family Life Office at 814-695-5579. You may also register online by emailing your name, phone number, and parish of origin to familylife@dioceseaj.org.