

~ 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
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
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

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

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

September 1, 2019 -TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Blaine and Nancy Baker (family)
7:00PM People of the parish

Monday, Sept. 2 Labor Day
*9:00AM Francis & Betty Beiswenger-BD Remembrance (Rich & Linda Storm)

Tuesday, Sept. 3 St. Gregory the Great
7:30AM John Strittmatter (Lucy Mock & family)

Wednesday, Sept. 4 Weekday
7:30AM Helen Kalwasinski (Vince Kalwasinski)
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Sept. 5 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, Sept. 6 Weekday
8:45AM Bernard Otten (Jackie Kalwasinski)

Saturday, Sept. 7 Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Richard Mishock (Karen & family)

Sunday, Sept. 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Clair F. Smithbower (Bob & Jeanie Diehl)
10:00AM People of the parish

Labor Day Weekend 2019

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Outdoor Masses at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies - This weekend we complete a full summer of Masses at the Outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies! Thank you to the **Outdoor Shrine Mass Committee** of our Parish Council for their dedicated work. We welcomed visitors from all over our diocese and beyond! **The celebration of the Outdoor Mass each Sunday evening required a lot of behind the scenes preparation, and without this group of faithful volunteers we could not have provided this moment of evangelization!!!! Thank you!!!!!!**

REMEMBER WE BEGIN OUR FALL/WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK!!!!!!!!!!
SUNDAY VIGIL MASS AT 4 PM SUNDAY MASS AT 8 AND 10 AM



Tomorrow, **Labor Day**, is a **Day of Prayer** for Human Rights and Equality in our Diocese. We pray for work that enhances the human dignity of every man and woman. In order to observe this Day of Prayer, you are encouraged to attend **Mass at 9 AM**, pray the Scriptures, say a Rosary, or pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, so that all in our Diocese may enjoy work worthy of our human calling. Please pray the following prayer with all in our Diocesan Family. *O God, it is your will that your people accept the duty of work. Please give employment to all who seek to support their families and aid their communities. By doing the work you have entrusted to us, may we sustain our life on earth and build up your kingdom in faith. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Parish Office is **CLOSED** on Labor Day.

We had a great first “week and a half” at **St. Michael Catholic School!** We will celebrate Mass as a school family every week on **Fridays at 8:45 AM**. Parents are always welcome at our School Mass!

As we continue our prayers for Mark Yahner, may we ask the Lord to comfort and bless him with his healing touch.

* If you would like to help the **Loretto Service Center**, there will be a **Benefit Basket Raffle** at the Loretto Legion on **September 14th** from 11AM-4PM. For more information~ or to donate a basket ~please call: Dale 421-7615, Bob 330-6921, Greg 244-5130 or Brian 341-0013

Our St. Michael Basilica Bingo – is the MAJOR SOURCE of additional funding which helps St. Michael School to thrive. How long has it been since you attended a night of our parish bingo? As we enter into the autumn, I encourage you to attend bingo and spread the work among family and friends that it is a fun night out and an easy way to assist our school. **St. Michael BINGO** - Our Lady of Loretto Hall 471-2764 **Tuesdays** -\$20 Admission Doors open at 5:30 Games begin at 7PM **Fridays** -\$25 Admission -Doors open at 6:30 Games begin at 8pm. Full Kitchen is open with nightly specials! Popcorn, coffee, tea, hot cocoa- FREE every night!!

Our 2019 -2020 Parish Life Calendar - attached to this week’s bulletin, is our comprehensive **Parish Calendar** which includes not only our religious education and First Communion/Confirmation preparation schedule, but also the dates for significant yearly parish events – *Arts & Crafts Weekend, Advent Penance Service, Mission of Our Lady of Loretto, Men’s Turkey Dinner*, etc. which will be of use to **all parishioners** and which can be referred to throughout the year. Put it on your refrigerator! Be sure to save it!

It will also be available online at basilicasm-loretto.org

2018 -2019 Religious Education classes will begin for Grades **1 – 11** (all grades) on Sunday **September 8**. Classes will be held from **9:00 -9:55 AM** on Sundays. **Registration begins at 8:30 AM**.

Memorandums for St. Michael Catholic School- I welcome families to see me after the 4 PM, 8 AM, or 10 AM Sunday Masses to **discuss** and **sign** the yearly “**Memorandum of Understanding**.” Please do not send the form to the parish office, but see me in person after any Sunday Mass throughout September.

Service Hours - I welcome our young people to see me after the 4 PM, 8 AM, or 10 AM Sunday Masses to **discuss** and **sign** your Service Hours. It is good for us to discuss the good works that you are doing! Please do not send the form to the parish office, but see me in person after any Sunday Mass all throughout the year!

Christian Initiation of Adults - Do you know someone who wishes to become Catholic? **It is time to begin preparation for the inquiry stage for those who wish to explore this possibility.** If you, your spouse or a friend/neighbor is interested in beginning or renewing your relationship with Jesus, learning more about the Roman Catholic Church and joining in our life of prayer and service at St. Michael Basilica, through the

Christian Initiation of Adults you are welcome to call me (472-8551) here at the rectory or call our Director of Christian Initiation, Cindy McMullen (471- 6658). An inquiry session will be held in September.

Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or www.masstimes.org will find the nearest Catholic Church throughout the United States.

The 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive - Thank you to all parishioners who continue to respond to the Catholic Ministries Drive. I ask **all in the parish** to join in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide **1) outreach to the poor through Catholic Charities 2) Family Life 3) Youth 4) Seminarian/Priestly Formation**. Our Parish share goal is **35,529**. We are severely under our goal. Our gifts at this point amount to \$9,955. **100% of your gift goes directly to these essential ministries.**

The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2019-2020 which begin this fall. For class information and registration forms please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.



Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations Wednesdays 6-7 PM
Begin a 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 at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER LIST: Rosemary Freidhof, Kennedy Spaid, Sue Maul, Cyril Itle, Judy Monohan Salvano, Fr. John Byrnes, Amanda Koenigsberg, Leona Noel, Joe Lysic, Barb Sherry, Harriet Stevens, Dan Biter, Stan Mattix, John Ullsh, 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

Sanctuary Lamp- The red Sanctuary Lamp is placed before the tabernacle as a sign that the Lord is present; continuously burning and symbolizing God's eternal presence. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one please call the parish office. The offering is \$10 for one week. The memorial will be published in the weekly bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is lit for Met Strittmatter. Requested by Eleanor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: September 2-8

September 2, 3, 4 Ann Sutton

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

ALTAR SERVERS: September 2-6

Mornings: September 2 (9AM), 3, 4, 6 Mark Mento Kayden McMullen

Holy Hour: Wednesday, September 4 6PM-7PM Hannah McMahan, La'Ryah McGhee

September 7-8

4:00PM Dane Van Horn, Trevor Fahr, Billy Krug

8:00AM Michael Poorman, JoAnna Hoover

10:00AM Molly Itle, Levi & Maya Baker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION September 7-8

4:00PM Carol Hines, Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Nadine Callahan, Janet Hogue

10:00AM Bob Chumrik, Jeff or Beth Talko

READERS: September 7-8

4:00PM Stewart Van Horn

8:00AM Nadine Callahan

10:00AM Kevin McConnell

MUSIC MINISTERS: September 7-8

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel

8AM Jonathan

10:00 AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Mike/Vicki

8AM Doug

10:00AM Monica

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

August 25, 2019	Weekly Goal \$6,800		
Offertory \$3,961	Online Giving \$642	Total \$4,603	Difference -\$2,197

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for supporting the Summer Cash Giveaway! The winners are....

DATE	WINNING NUMBER	ONE NUMBER BELOW	ONE NUMBER ABOVE
8/19/2019	387 Leigh Ann McMullen	386 Brenda McConnell	388 Trina Hoover
8/20/2019	777 Jeanine Farabaugh	776 Charlene Eckenrode	778 Andrew Fitzsimmons
8/21/2019	(202 not sold) drawing- Ken & Doris Noll	201 Kelly Clark	203 Jerry & Nadine Callahan
8/22/2019	149 Margie Conrad	148 Rebecca Richmond	150 Chris Corcoran
8/23/2019	958 Candice Smith	957 Candice Smith	959 Nicholas Macchia

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

We've had a very positive response to our "Grab n' Go Breakfast" program! Please encourage your child to try it out. Thank you to everyone who is participating.

Due to the **Labor Day** holiday, students **will not** have school on **Monday, September 2nd**. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd. Enjoy your last official day of summer!

We will be hosting a workshop on **Wednesday, September 4th @6pm** in the school computer lab to assist anyone wishing to obtain their **clearances** and complete the **diocesan requirements** for volunteers. If you would like to participate, please phone the school office (472-9117) to register.

We will be celebrating **Mass** as a school family on Friday, **September 6th @ 8:45am**. Fifth grade will be assisting with the ministries. All are encouraged and welcome to join us!

Show your **Cougar Pride & Support** for Saint Michael School with our "New" **spirit wear** collection. Orders can be placed online now through **September 6th** via our online school store. Visit <https://saintmichael.itemorder.com>, select your gear, and checkout.

Our annual fall fundraiser is underway. Available for your purchase are **SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS, MRS. FIELDS COOKIE DOUGH, AND MAGAZINES**. Magazine orders and subscription renewals can only be completed online. Go to WWW.GASSCHOOLSTORE.COM and enter our **SCHOOL CODE: 2675940** to order. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, please contact any Saint Michael School family or phone the school office @472-9117. Deadline for orders is **September 12th**. Additional information is available on our school website. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase STREAM equipment.

Best of luck to all our students participating in the Cambria County Fair this week! We are very proud of your accomplishments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 8 beginning at 9:00a.m.- 9:55a.m. Registration will begin @ 8:30a.m. in the downstairs hallway nearest the old stage area. The cost of registration will be \$25.00 for the first child and \$10.00 each additional child.

Parents, please advise your child's teacher of any medical issues/food allergies that your child may have. This can be noted on the registration form that will be kept on file for emergency contact purposes.

Elementary students are to be escorted by their parents to and from the cafeteria. Due to the congestion of our students and church traffic it is imperative that safety measures be adhered to.

Consider becoming a member of the Religious Education team. Volunteer clearance packets are available on the Diocesan Child Youth clearance tab dioceseaj.org

Looking forward to a year filled with spiritual blessings.

We will begin the school year by honoring our Blessed Mother on her birthday, September 8!

LORETTO COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale will be held Saturday, September 21st 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please place your order by Monday, September 16th by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated

AROUND THE AREA

Bishop Carroll High School Basket Raffle and Bake Sale ~ Sunday, **September 8, 2019** ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm ~ Bishop Carroll High School Cafeteria ~ Call 472-7500 ext 101 for info

A Blue Mass: honoring first responders for their service at 11 a.m. Sunday, **Sept. 8th** at St John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact (814) 659-6240 or evyanz@hotmail.com

Sunday, **Sept. 8, 2019**- St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine Birth of Mary Celebration - Duncansville, PA Old Route 22 Theme of Displays - "LIFE OF MARY, OUR MOTHER" Mass in church 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly. CONTINUOUS ROSARY (Church & Shrine) – 12:00 Noon. to 4:30 p.m. 5:00 P.M. -Shrine Mass and Procession CELEBRANT/HOMILIST—Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak BISHOP – Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Spaghetti Dinner - available 12 noon. to 4:00 p.m.

ORGAN CONCERT AT MT. CARMEL, ALTOONA There will be a free organ concert at Mount Carmel Church, 1100 8th Avenue, Altoona, on Monday, **September 9th**, at 7 pm. This concert will feature Dr. Carol Williams as guest organist. This concert is sponsored by Viscount North America, the builders of our pipe organ. All are welcome.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOULCORE? Grab your rosaries and exercise mats. We will be having a Soulcore workshop at the Holy Name School Gym, on Saturday, **September 14th** from 1:00PM -2:30PM. Soulcore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. Soulcore imitates her in striving to draw closer to Christ through deeper reflection on His life and virtues in the rosary. This workshop will be open to anyone 18 years of age and older. If anyone is interested, please register by calling Holy Name Parish office at 814-472-7244. There will be a suggested \$10 donation for the instructor, if you are able to do so. For more information on Soulcore, check out their website at www.soulcore.com