

~ 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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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

September 11, 2022 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 11 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Scott P. Hanlon (Ray & Phyllis Sheehan)
10:00AM RoseMary & Nathan McDermott (family)

Monday, Sept. 12 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Tuesday, Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Wednesday, Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)
NO HOLY HOUR

Thursday, Sept. 15 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, Sept. 16 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Saturday, Sept. 17 Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM People of the parish

Sunday, Sept. 18 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Chick Yahner (family)
10:00AM Finley Grace Itle (James & Mary Elaine Itle)

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Dave & Roberta Eckenrode (Kevin & Vicky Eckenrode)

September 2022

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

As I recover from surgery.....

- Father James Crookston will celebrate the Masses during this weekend of September 10 and 11.
- Our Parish Council meeting scheduled for September 11 has been postponed until **Sunday, October 16** at 6:30PM in the Basilica Hall.
- Morning Masses on September 12, 13, 14 and 16 are canceled.

2022 -2023 Religious Education classes will begin for Grades **1 – 11** (all grades) **TODAY September 11**. Classes will be held from **9:00 -9:55 AM** on Sundays. Please register now. Forms are on our parish website!

Our Fall/Winter Sunday Mass schedule begins Today!!! **Saturday- 4 PM Sunday-8 AM and 10 AM**

Our 2022- 2023 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 – *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 is also available online at basilicasm-loretto.org

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 **September 28 at 7 PM in the basilica hall, following our 6 PM Wednesday Eucharistic Holy Hour.**

Parish Council - Our Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting has been rescheduled for **Sunday October 16 at 6:30 PM in the Basilica Hall.** I will bless the Council and we will elect a chair.

Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council for 2022-23** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, Bob Chumrik (2024) Ashley Kubat (2024), Rick Smith (2024), Monica Klatt (2025), Lizbeth Talko (2025), Chris Krug (2025), Bonnie Paronish (2025), Julie Little (2025), Bridget Yahner (2025), Rhonda Seymour (ex officio St. Michael School Principal), Celeste Stolz (ex officio Director of Religious Education),

The following parishioners will take responsibility in the following areas of parish life. They will make a report to the parish Council, as needed, with regard to their activities.

Liturgy - Jonathan Nagy **Finance/ Parish Fundraising** – Meghan Freidhof **School Finance/School Fundraising** - Rhonda Seymour **Education/Evangelization/Christian Service Projects**– The Legion of Mary, The Knights of Columbus **Outdoor Mass** – Steve & Monica Hogue **Youth Representative** – TBA
Maintenance – Fred Coposky **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Jonathan Nagy **Men's Dinner** - Bob Crusciel, Greg Farabagh, Steve Hogue, Mark Poorman **Special Projects for Hall and School/May Days** – Theresa Lysic
Flowers/Seasonal Decorating – Michele Poorman **Life & Family**- Shea Lego

Men of the Basilica! For more information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact Vince at 814-241-1712 or any Knight.

The Knights of Columbus Gathering The annual celebration for Columbus Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th in Loretto. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. A social and dinner will immediately follow in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jason Charron, Pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, Carnegie, PA. He will speak about his involvement in assisting the safe passage of children from the Ukraine to Poland. **All knights, their family, friends, and fellow parishioners are invited to the Mass and dinner.** The cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and younger. **Reservations are required by Saturday, October 1st.** No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet. Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to: William Stasko, 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905

Legion of Mary News: Summer is waning and soon we enter into the days that are shorter and cooler. Much more time is spent indoors and it becomes easier for us to understand the plight of our homebound who rarely can leave their homes. At present, Legion of Mary members are visiting some of the homes of our parishioners who are homebound. For those who want to have the Fatima Statue remain in their homes for a period of time we will place that image of Our Lady there. Our time with them includes prayers, the Rosary and a friendly visit. We invite others to join us as members of the Legion of Mary. For information please call Mary 814-8865489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

Annual Rosary Devotion with Mary – Hosted by our Legion of Mary, in service to the Altoona-Johnstown Legion of Mary Curia, we will offer the annual Rosary Devotion on **Sunday September 25 at 2 PM** in the Basilica. The theme this year is “The Holy Family” in the Eucharistic Revival. Families from our parish will lead each decade. Our Children’s Choir will lead the music! I will offer a homily on the Holy Family, with Consecration Prayers, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All are invited to attend.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our prayers: Lindsay Sammarco, Paul Hanlon, Fr. Bob Hiltz, TOR, 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

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.**

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday, **September 13th**, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens at Mount Assisi (In case of inclement weather, we will be at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel). We are really looking forward to seeing you.

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: The recent covered dish evening was enjoyed by our widows as we spent the time together on the back porch at the farm. A relaxed happy and delicious time for all! We invite our parish widows to join us **September 17**, following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. We gather at Mary Lessard’s farm. For information and/or directions please call Mary at 814-886-5489. All are welcome.

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: September 12-18

ALTAR SERVERS: September 12-16

Mornings: September 12, 13, 14, 16 Guiliana Riccella, Kylie Kubat

Holy Hour: Wednesday, September 14 6PM -7PM Levi & Gage Snyder

September 17-18

4:00PM Haley, Austin, Kiley & Gavin Gray (3)

8:00AM Alec, Travis & Kylie Kubat

10:00AM Ralph Baughman, Logan Hoover, Alexander Little

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: September 17-18

4:00PM Janet Hogue

8:00AM Nick Byrne

10:00AM Carol Hines

READERS: September 17-18

4:00PM Janet Hogue

8:00AM Ashley Kubat

10:00AM Carol Hines

MUSIC MINISTERS: September 17-18

ORGANISTS: 4PM Jonathan

8AM Max

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Doug

8AM Mike & Vicki

10AM Stephanie

USHERS: September 17-18

4:00PM Matt & Alec/volunteers

8:00AM Rick Smith/volunteers

10:00AM Rich/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

VANCO - Join the over 50 parishioners currently giving online.

Visit our website to sign up and begin contributing automatically to the parish. You can use your checking account or credit card and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. The Vanco system is safe and convenient and you can make changes any time. By giving electronically you can set up recurring payments on a schedule that suits you. Visit our secure donation page at basilicasm-loretto.org to set up your online contribution.

September 4, 2022	Goal \$6,800			
Offertory \$4,278	Online Giving \$1,066	Total \$5,344	Difference -\$1,456	

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

St. Michael School will hold a virtual Town Hall Event on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Please come and hear how your tax dollars can benefit St. Michael School.

There will not be school for students on Friday, September 16th. The faculty and staff will be attending a Diocesan In-service.

Our Cougar Cash Calendar for 2023 is available for purchase. Please call the school office or see any St. Michael School student to purchase one. The calendars make great Christmas presents.

SAVE THE DATE: The CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA is back this year. The date will be Saturday, November 5th. Tickets will be available soon.

If anyone needs to order any Saint Michael School spirit wear, please visit the school website or Facebook page. All orders can be placed and paid for online.

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

Religious Education begins Sunday, September 11. Same -day registration will be held beginning at 8:30am.

Please visit our website basilicasm-loretto.org prior to 9/11/22 and print the form to register. Returning families should use the *Returning Families Form* and new families should use the *New Families Form*.

- Please bring your completed form and fee to the first class on September 11.
- Classes begin at 9AM and end at 9:55AM
- The yearly fee is \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child
- Make checks payable to *Basilica of St. Michael*

Religious Education teachers: **Grade 1**-Bridget Yahner, **Grade 2**-Jessica Mento, **Grade 3**-Monica Carothers, **Grade 4**-Cindy McMullen, **Grade 5**-Br. Chris, T.O.R., **Grade 6**-Karen Mento, **Grade 7**-Celeste Stolz, **Grade 8**-Michael Zabrzski, **Grade 9**-Br. Peter, T.O.R., **Grade 10**-Stephanie Rossman, **Grade 11**-Br. John, T.O.R., Team Assistants: DJ & Haley Gray

Thank you to our team of volunteers who are dedicated to our youth, walking with them on their spiritual journey.

AROUND THE AREA

40 HOURS DEVOTION at OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH LILLY Fr. Brian Norris, Homilist Devotional Service begins each evening at 7:00pm Sunday, September 11th to Tuesday, September 13th The themes for each evening are: SUNDAY: The Eucharist: What is it? MONDAY: The Eucharist: Food for the Journey TUESDAY: The Eucharist: Christ's Abiding Presence Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at Noon on Sunday, September 11th and concludes at 8:00pm on Tuesday, September 13th