

~ 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 Mrs. Lorie Ratchford 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 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 17 Twenty- fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the parish
10:00AM Findley Grace Itle (Jim & Elaine Itle)

Monday, Sept. 18 Weekday
7:30AM Patricia Cunningham (John & RoseAnn Servinsky)

Tuesday, Sept. 19 Weekday
7:30AM Monsignor John Sasway (David & Theresa Byrnes)

Wednesday, Sept. 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang
6:00PM Mary J. Strittmatter (family)
6:30 PM-9:00PM Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, Sept. 21 St. Matthew
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, Sept. 22 Weekday
8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)

Saturday, Sept. 23 Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Rory Bradley (Ray & Patty Seymour)

Sunday, Sept. 24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Blaine & Nancy Baker (family)
10:00AM People of the parish

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Paul Hodge (Theresa Lysic)

September 2023

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

Mission Awareness Sunday is THIS WEEK - One Sunday every year, every Catholic parish celebrates a Mission Awareness Sunday, to unite us with our brothers and sisters of the Church in some other part of the world. Our Diocese collaborates with mission groups through a program called the *Missionary Cooperative Plan*.

The group assigned to our parish this year is the **Missionary Society of St. Paul**. A priest will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul this weekend **September 16 and 17, 2023. We will be taking a collection for them to use in their mission work.** The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. They are working in eleven countries of Africa. Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it.

Parish Council - Our Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for **TONIGHT at 6:30 PM in Basilic Hall.**

Religious Education OPENING MASS will be offered **10:00 AM** Sunday September 24
Grades 1-11 Students & families are to attend. Students will sit with their families.

Adult Faith Education - Our parish is blessed with talented parishioners who offer us Adult Faith Education Classes! **Here are some upcoming opportunities! You may register for either set of classes, or both. Call the Parish Office to register!**

Fall Classes - Dr. Tyler McNabb, PhD, professor of philosophy at St. Francis University, will offer “God Exists” a four part series (God Exists, Kalam Cosmological Argument, Contingency Argument, Fine-Tuning Argument, Resurrection of Jesus) which explores the foundations of belief. Sessions will take place in the Basilica Hall Mondays October 2, 9, 16, 23 from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM.

Advent Classes - Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will offer “When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God”

This video series, with insights by Dr. Edward Sri, mines the riches of Catholic Spirituality and the Catholic tradition of prayer. Drawing from Scripture and the example of the saints, this series will help participants cultivate a fruitful life of prayer that leads to an ever-deeper encounter with God and a profound conversion, so that you can give God your entire heart. This series will assist us to prepare for our celebration of Christ’s birth and the call of Advent to be a time of prayerful anticipation. Sessions will take place in the Basilica Hall Mondays November 20, 27, December 4, 11 from 6-8 PM or at the Incarnation Center (9 -11 AM) Textbook for the Class When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God \$16



Novena Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel – Let us begin a new parish tradition! In anticipation of our Parish Feast Day, all are invited to pray the Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel each day. The Novena Chaplet prayers are attached to this bulletin. We will gather in the Basilica at the following times to pray the Chaplet as a parish family, and offer time for intercessory prayer. Join in this special Novena!!!!

Wednesday	Sept 20	5:30 PM (before Mass/Adoration)
Thursday	Sept 21	5:30 PM
Friday	Sept 22	4:30 PM (following the Friday Prayers for Our Country)
Saturday	Sept 23	5:30 PM (following 4 PM Mass and 5 PM baptism)
Sunday	Sept 24	5:30 PM
Monday	Sept 25	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Sept 26	5:30 PM
Wednesday	Sept 27	5:30 PM (before Mass/Adoration)
Thursday	Sept 28	5:30 PM

On Friday September 29 we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael with Mass at 8:45 AM with our school children. All are invited to this Solemn Mass !!!!!!!

ANNUAL BISHOP’S MASS & DINNER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Sunday, October 8 at The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel ~ Schedule of events:

2:00PM - Mass ~Bishop Mark , Celebrant

3:00PM – Exemplification ~ Bishop Mark, Honoree preregistration required. (families welcome) Contact Dennis Marince 814-761-3134 or djmarince9@gmail.com

4:00PM -Dinner at Our Lady of Loretto Hall. Advance reservations only. (families welcome) Cost is \$15 per person (half price for children under 12). Contact William Stasko at 814-255-6512 or 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905

Now is the time! Anyone wanting to join the Loretto Council please contact Joe Spinner at 814-934-2334 by September 18th.

Christian Initiation of Adults - Do you know someone who wishes to become Catholic? **It is time to begin preparation 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 **Order of 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 THIS WEDNESDAY, September 20 at 7PM in the Basilica Hall.**

Extending your DAILY PRAYER LIFE: Did you ever think about the first novena?

Prior to the Ascension, Jesus tells the Apostles that he needs to ascend to the Father so that the Holy Spirit may come. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7. **The Apostles along with Mary remain in the upper room for nine days praying in anticipation of the Holy Spirit, known as the Feast of Pentecost, thus the first novena.**

Since then, many novenas have been modeled after that first novena. We may want to consider a yearly novena to the Holy Spirit asking him to bestow upon us his gifts. Again, it would begin with the Ascension of our Lord to the Feast of Pentecost.

A novena is simply a prayer or series of prayers repeated for nine days in a row to receive a blessing. It is usually offered in request of the intercession from a particular saint or angel leading up to the day that the Church celebrates their feast day.

Our lives are never perfect, only in heaven will we find perfection, but perhaps there is a special need in your mind and in your heart right now. Saying the St. Michael prayer is very powerful. Perhaps you may want to invoke his intercession for your special need by beginning the novena this Wednesday, Sept 20.

Also, the saint known as the little flower, St Therese of the Child Jesus, is the patron saint of the Carmelite nuns. They will be having a twice daily novena at 4:00 and 7:00 beginning Saturday, Sept 23 until October 1st. There is no prayerful intention that is too much to ask of God through these worthy intercessors!

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. 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.**



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 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. You will find copies of the book **Beautiful Eucharist** (by *DynamicCatholic.com*) available at the entrances of the Basilica. They are a gift of anonymous parishioners to help us pray during Adoration. Read and Pray! **Join in the Years of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival!**

Legion of Mary News: For those who live in faith, every day can be like the first day of school, filled with excitement and hope. It is good to be able to receive the graces God is offering us right where we are. Devotion to Our Blessed Mother helps to enable us, whether homebound or able to be out in society, to know we are not alone; that Her Son is with all of us on our journey of faith. Our Legion of Mary member’s visits to our homebound parishioners, we pray, will bring the hope to them that their lives are full of promise and the love and concern of others For more information 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:

Karen Zabrzeski, Rose Ann Servinsky, Carol Myers, Ed & Janet Zabrosky, Michael Behe, Ann Sutton, Dave Owens, Barb Bender, Luke Francisco, Betty Soisson, Paul Hanlon, Eleanor Strittmatter, Jeanna Karabinos, Judith Lesko, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, 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

LORETTO COMMUNITY

Please join us for **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY** at 3pm in the Basilica on Fridays **All are invited to join us and pray all or part of our hour of prayer.**

Blood Drive ~ Thursday, September 21 1:30PM-6PM at our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **basilica to schedule an appointment**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS Our harvest covered dish meal and time together is **September 23rd** following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. We invite other parish widows to join us at Mary Lessard’s farmhouse. It is an

opportunity to meet and gain friends who are living the lives of widows. All our group look forward to and enjoy this monthly gathering. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489.



We welcome newly baptized Camden Paul Holmberg into our parish family. Camden is the son of Joseph and Brooke (Budicky) Holmberg. Congratulations!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: September 18-24

ALTAR SERVERS: September 18, 19

Mornings 7:30AM September 18, 19 Alexander Little, Bennet Clark

Evening Mass: September 20 Wednesday 6PM Molly & Emily Itle

September 23-24

4:00PM Alex Krug, Thomas & Will Cocoran

8:00AM Laylah & Bella Weiland, Nicholas Bradley

10:00AM Austin, Kiley, Gavin Gray

DAILY READERS

Sept. 18,19 Mary Lessard

Sept. 20 Chris Krug

READERS: September 23-24

4:00PM Amy Krug

8:00AM Lisa Weakland

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS September 23-24

4:00PM Cindy McMullen, Mary Lessard, Darlene Shuagis

8:00AM Joe & Suzette Spinner, Chris Krug

10:00AM Barb Sherry, Bob Chumrik, Diane Coposky

MUSIC MINISTERS: September 23-24

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

CANTORS: 4PM Doug

8AM Bella & Laylah

10AM Monica

USHERS: September 23-24

4:00PM Ken/volunteers

8:00AM Kayden McMullen/volunteers

10:00AM Rich Clark/volunteers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 10, 2023 Goal \$6,800

Offertory \$4,222 Online Giving \$2,091 Total \$6,313 Difference -\$487

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE: The CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA is back this year. The date will be Saturday, November 4th. Tickets will be available soon.

SMS is celebrating community day at Hoss's in Ebensburg on Sunday, September 24th from 11:30 – 8:30 for dine in or take out. If you would like to support our school, please reach out to any student or call the school office for a coupon.

We are currently looking for any volunteer who would like to help out in the cafeteria. All clearances must be completed. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Our Cougar Cash Calendar for 2024 will be available soon for purchase. Please call the school office or see any St. Michael School student to purchase one in the near future. The calendars make great Christmas presents.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Families it was so good to see you again and we welcome our new families! Feel free to call me at any time regarding programming at the Basilica.

September 17-Classes for grades 1-10.

- Juniors ONLY excused due to all day retreat at St. Francis University held September 16. "FIRESTARTERS".
- September 24-Classes grades 1-11. OPENING MASS @ 10:00am for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES.
- September 25- Monday - Parent/Freshmen Introductory Session at 7PM -school cafeteria. This is the Confirmation Prep. meeting to discuss the Confirmation Process according to Diocesan guidelines.
- **Photo Consent**-- If you do not want your child to be in any photos, group or individual, please see Celeste for an opt-out form.

AROUND THE AREA

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual **Chicken BBQ Dinner** and Mini-Bazaar Sunday, September 24th, in the parish Activity Center. The meal includes a half BBQ chicken - deliciously seasoned and slow roasted over a fire pit, green beans, potato, roll, and a dessert. Takeout dinners are \$12.00 each. There also will be dine-in seating to enjoy your meal on-site. A flea market will be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and a basket raffle. It's fun for the whole family! Dinner will be served from 11:00AM until sold out.