

~ 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

Parish Office 472-8551
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Our Lady of Loretto Hall Rental 886-4619
Bingo 471-2764

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. 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

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

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

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 18, 2022 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Sept. 19 Weekday
7:30AM Adam Lee- Ann. (family)

Tuesday, Sept. 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang
7:30AM Bob Haid (Dolly Haid)

Wednesday, Sept. 21 St. Matthew
7:30AM Met Strittmatter – Birthday Rem. (Eleanor Strittmatter)
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Sept. 22 Weekday
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

Friday, Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietreicina
8:45AM Matthew Kubat Jr. (family)

Saturday, Sept.24 Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Margaret Lee (Ron & Audrey Lee family)

Sunday, Sept. 25 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Ellen Ottaway (Mary Weiland)
10:00AM People of the parish

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Richard Mishock (Karen & family)

September 2022

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,

I invite you to the **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 **NEXT 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.

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

Please note our new Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00AM- 3:00PM.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 28 @ 7:00 PM the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel FAITH UNDERSTOOD ~ Paul and Beth Zucarelli ~ Special guest speaker Paul Zucarelli ~ Allow his experience to restore your faith! Paul suffered 9 cardiac arrests after surgery and was dead for two hours. He was graced to witness heaven during this time. On Pentecost Sunday in 2017, Paul experienced a miraculous healing. **Come and hear his amazing testimony of God's love and saving grace.**

please note that handicap restroom facilities are not available in the basilica at this time

Mr. Zucarelli will speak to our St. Michael School students at 10AM.

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

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

Legion of Mary News: The Legion of Mary Curia is pleased to have our Basilica Legion of Mary offer the Annual Rosary Devotion with Mary here at our parish. The date is **September 25 at 2PM.** Parish families will lead each decade of the Rosary. Father John will be our homilist. Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration are included. Our Children’s Choir will lead us in music. We invite all our parish members to join us, especially our families. The theme is “Rosary Devotion with Mary honoring the Holy Family”. All are welcome. For information please call Mary 814-8865489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

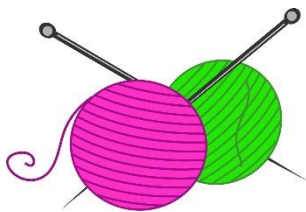
Our condolences to Rita Thomas on the death of her brother, Brother Gene Thomas, MSC. He served as a Missionary Religious Brother for decades and did much good for the Church. Please continue to pray for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish.

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, 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.**

EVENING FOR WIDOWS: Our parish widows are invited to join us **this Saturday evening September 17** at Mary Lessard's home. A delicious covered dish meal is planned as we look forward to including more of our widows at these once a month gatherings. For information and/or directions please call Mary at 814-886-5489. All are welcome.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will resume meeting in the Basilica Hall at 3 pm on the Wednesdays of **September 21 and October 5 and 19**. All are welcome to join us as we stitch prayer shawls and lap shawls for the ill and elderly in our parish and community. If anyone needs a shawl or knows of anyone needing a shawl, please call Barb at 814-472-9475.

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!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: September 19-25

ALTAR SERVERS: September 19-23

Mornings: September 19, 20, 21, 23 Alexander Little, Logan Hoover

Holy Hour: Wednesday, September 21 6PM -7PM Nick & Bennett Clark

September 24-25

4:00PM Molly Itle, Jude Koehle, Guiliana Riccella

8:00AM Alivia, Alena, Elliot Nagle

10:00AM Nicholas & Bennett Clark, Braden Wherry

READERS: September 24-25

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Julie Nagle

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: September 24-25

4:00PM Cindy McMullen

8:00AM Jeff or Beth Talko

10:00AM Joan Krug

MUSIC MINISTERS: September 24-25

ORGANISTS: 4PM Max
CANTORS: 4PM Doug

8AM Jonathan
8AM Ashley

10AM Jonathan
10AM Monica

USHERS: September 24-25

4:00PM Braden Wherry/volunteers

8:00AM Lew Klatt/volunteers

10:00AM Rich Clark/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 11, 2022	Goal \$6,800		
Offertory \$3,703	Online Giving \$1,850	Total \$5,553	Difference -\$1,247

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Students will have a virtual day on Monday, September 19th. The teachers will be participating in a full day of training.

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.

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

September 18- Classes grades 1-11 ~ Junior Retreat paperwork due to DRE today/Firestarter Retreat is Saturday, October 1 @ St. Francis University.

September 25- Classes grades 1-11 ~ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPENING MASS 10:00am** Grades 1-11 Students & families asked to attend/ students will sit with their families.

October 1 - Junior "Firestarter" Retreat @ St. Francis University 9-5pm includes Sunday Mass. Families are welcome to attend Mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel beginning at 4:00pm.

So happy to see so many returning families! Your smiles made a rainy day a blessed, happy day!

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

SAVE THE DATE: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Mass of Remembrance Honoring the members of our community that have gone to their eternal rest is very important to Bishop Carroll. The 18th Annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 4:00pm in the Bishop Carroll Chapel. Note the new time and location. Following the Mass, we will have light refreshments in the library. For more information, please contact Annalisa McCann at mccann.annalisa@bishopcarroll.org or call 814-472-7500 x104.

Support pro-life in our diocese by attending Birthright of Johnstown's Basket Party fundraiser. The Basket Party features over 100 beautiful baskets and more than \$1,000 in gift cards to be awarded to the lucky winners. Join us Sunday, Oct 9 @ Richland Fire Hall beginning at 11 am. Winners will be drawn @ 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 and include light lunch and 25 chances. Please call Mary Kay @ 814-535-8231 for tickets.

Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, will hold a **Basket Party** on Sun., **Oct. 2, 2022** in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 11:30AM. Basket Drawing begins at 2:15PM. Tickets are \$5 for 25 Basket Chances and 1 Door Prize Chance. Chances on larger value prizes will be available. Complimentary cake and drink. Other food items will be available to purchase. **Pre-Sale Tickets** will be available in the Parish Hall before and after all the weekend Masses (Sat. 4PM, Sun., 8 & 10:30AM) beginning Sept. 17 and on Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Sept. 20 to 29.

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin, PA will be holding their famous Fall Festival / Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner on Sunday, **September 25, 2022**, at the church's Activity Center on Church Street in Gallitzin. The dinner, starting @ 11:00am until sold out, will be Takeout only at a cost of \$13.00/person and will include 1/2 Chicken, 2 sides, dinner roll and desert. The festival will feature Theme Baskets, a Flea Market, Bake Sale and various Small Games of Chance. All are welcome to come and see your friends at St. Demetrius!"