

~ 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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Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:00PM  
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Diocesan phone 695-5579  
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](http://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](http://www.optionline.org)  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255  
Away from Loretto on Sunday? 1-858-207-6277 or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## September 25, 2022 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Sept. 26 Weekday  
7:30AM Lynn Farabaugh (Garry & RoseAnn Eckenrode)

Tuesday, Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul  
7:30AM Cletus & Bernetta Long (Steve & Monica Hogue)

Wednesday, Sept. 28 Weekday  
7:30AM Helen Phister (John & MaryAnn Shoemaker)  
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, Sept. 29 Feast of St. Michael, Raphael, Gabriel- Parish Feast Day  
8:45AM Living and deceased members of the Memorial Fund

Friday, Sept. 30 St. Jerome  
8:45AM Gertrude Callan (Catherine Foor)

Saturday, Oct. 1 Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00PM Helen Phister (Dave & Dawn Smith)

Sunday, Oct. 2 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM People of the parish  
10:00AM Consecration of St. Michael Church in 1901

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

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Betty Cadwallader (Marianne Borlie)

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



**Celebration of our Parish Feast Day** - This Thursday September 29 we celebrate the **Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**. This is our parish feast day! Please join our grade school students in celebrating our **Mass on Thursday morning at 8:45 AM**. We also have special events planned for the children this day.

**TODAY!** 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 **TODAY 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.**

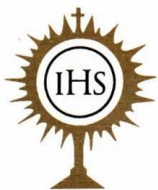
**Parish Council** - Our Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting has been rescheduled for **Sunday October 16 at 6:30 PM in the Basilica Hall**. I will bless the Council and we will elect a chair.

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.



**Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** **Wednesdays 6-7 PM**  
**Begin 2022 with a renewed 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.**

ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION FAMILY MASS AND ROSARY Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 PM “Mary and the Holy Eucharist” Principal Celebrant, Bishop Mark Bartchak St. Benedict Church 2310 Bedford Street Johnstown, PA 15904

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 28 @ 7:00 PM the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel** **FAITH UNDERSTOOD** ~ Special guest speaker Paul Zuccarelli ~ 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\*

\*Paul will be selling his book after his presentation. You may purchase a copy this evening, however, Father John is offering this book as a Christmas gift, to the parishioners of the Basilica, and will have them available later.



# *Faith Understood*

## **PAUL AND BETH ZUCARELLI**

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Scan the QR code or visit [FAITHUNDERSTOOD.ORG](http://FAITHUNDERSTOOD.ORG) to read more about Paul's story.



**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, Marco J. Jardina, Barry Krug, Robert Ruffing, Rod Eckenrode, Stan Mattix, Mike Tresnick, Alma Scanlan, Peggy Hanlon, Nancy Adams, Dale Zakowsky, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Ruth Biter, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Harriet Stevens, and the Sainthood cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

### **LORETTO COMMUNITY**

**EVENING FOR WIDOWS:** After a delightful evening together at our last covered dish meal, we look forward to other parish widows joining us on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the 4PM Saturday evening Mass. We meet at Mary Lessard's home. For directions and/or information, please call Mary 814-886-5489 all are welcome

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - will resume meeting in the Basilica Hall at 3 pm on the Wednesdays of **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.

**The Knights of Columbus hoagie sale will pick back up on Saturday, October 15.** Due to supply issues, only 18" Italian hoagies will be available for the time being. Because of increased costs, hoagies are now **\$12 each**. Please place your order by **Monday, October 10**, by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Joe Spinner 934-2334, or Bob Cruscil 243-9971. All profits are used to support our parish, St. Michael School and Pro-Life activities. We appreciate your continued support!

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

**Liturgical Ministries: September 26 - October 2**

### **ALTAR SERVERS: September 26-30**

**Mornings:** September 26, 27, 28, 30 Alexander Eckenrode, Alex Krug

**Holy Hour:** Wednesday, September 28 6PM -7PM Logan & Zac Krug

### **October 1-2**

4:00PM Haley, Austin, Kiley, Gavin Gray

8:00AM Alexander Eckenrode, Bella & Laylah Weiland

10:00AM Michael Poorman, Maddison & Makenna Lee

### **READERS: October 1-2**

4:00PM Diane Coposky

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Julie Crusciel

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS October 1-2**

4:00PM Diane Coposky

8:00AM Chris Krug

10:00AM Catherine Foor

### **MUSIC MINISTERS: October 1-2**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Ashley

8AM Mike & Vicki

10AM Monica

### **USHERS: October 1-2**

4:00PM Ken/volunteers

8:00AM Kayden McMullen/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](http://basilicasm-loretto.org) to set up your online contribution.

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| September 18, 2022 | Goal \$6,800          |               |                     |  |
| Offertory \$4,408  | Online Giving \$1,156 | Total \$5,564 | Difference -\$1,236 |  |

Thank you for your generosity

## **ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL**

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the first marking period. Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is the halfway mark for first marking period. Reports will be sent home this week.

We will celebrate our special day the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have Mass at 8:45 in the morning.

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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 25-** Classes grades 1-11 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPENING MASS 10:00AM** ~ Come, Let's pray together for a year of many blessings for our Religious Education family!

**September 26- Parents/freshmen Introductory Session** at 7PM St. Michael's School Hall

**October 1- Junior Retreat at SFU-Register @ 8:30am** in SFU Chapel Office area ~ Follow the signs to "FIRESTARTER" retreat.

**October 2** - Classes grades 1-11

**October 9 - ROSARY WALK** -Students, families and friends are welcome! Bring your rosaries! Fr. John will lead the Rosary outside walking on the grounds to the Chapel House.

## **AROUND THE AREA**

Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown, Altar Rosary Society is having a pie and soup sale on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin pies, apple dumplings, and homemade chicken noodle soup available: large pies \$9; small pies \$7; apple dumplings \$3; chicken noodle soup \$7 per quart. Soup and sandwich bar available.