

~ 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. Mary Weiland 674-2631  
Finance Council- Mrs. Meghan Freidhof 207-0104  
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

## 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 472-3359  
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 26, 2021 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Sept. 26** Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM People of the parish  
10:00AM Ellen Ottaway (Mary Weiland)

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 28** Weekday  
7:30AM Susan Corcoran Pigg (Corcoran family)

**Wednesday, Sept. 29** Feast of St. Michael  
8:45AMAM Living and deceased members of the Memorial Fund  
6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, Sept. 30** St. Jerome  
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery 7:45 AM)

**Friday, October 1** St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
8:45AM Kenneth Noel (family)

**Saturday, October 2** Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM Consecration of St. Michael Church 10-2-1901 (Frank & Betty Seymour)

**Sunday, October 3** Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM Gerry Buck (Carol Hoover)  
10:00AM People of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Weezie Eckenrode (family)



**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:**

**Dear Parish Family,**

**Our Religious Education Students** will participate in an Opening of the Year Mass at 10 AM today. The young people will be serving in the ministries of the Mass.

**The Baut Studios** will be reinstalling the vent sections of our stained-glass windows this week. Their craftsmen will also be adjusting the locks on our new doors and preparing them for a keyless electronic lock system, to be installed by **Gittings Protective Security**. The security alarm system on the parish campus is now fully functional. I am arranging a time for Bishop Mark to bless our new doors. **MORE TO COME!**



**Celebration of our Parish Feast Day** - This Wednesday, 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 Wednesday morning at 8:45 AM.** We also have special events planned for the children this day! We will celebrate our **Eucharistic Holy Hour on Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM.** **If you have not yet been to our Holy Hour for Vocations each week, this Feast Day is a great time to begin!**

**ATTENTION PARENTS / FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES IN HIGH SCHOOL** - We will have our introductory **Confirmation** meeting for all **Parents/Freshmen/Sophomores** (Bishop Carroll and Penn Cambria) tomorrow Monday evening **September 27 at 7 PM** in St. Michael School Hall. **Due to Covid-19, last year's Freshmen (now Sophomores) did not meet for this important introduction, so we will have the meeting for both classes this year.** All Freshmen and Sophomores who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation during their Junior year, and their parents, and Sponsors, if possible, are to attend.

**Legion of Mary News:** Soon we will enter into the days of October, the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. The Legion of Mary members look forward to sharing the Rosary with our St. Michael School and Religious Education students. Thank you, Mrs. Seymour and Ms. Stolz, for inviting us to join the children in this beautiful tradition. Phone calls continue to our homebound parishioners. Please let us know if a family member or a friend would like to be included in the phone visits. For information about the Legion of Mary and our work at the Basilica, please call Mary 814-886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto, pray for us.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SECOND GRADE (FIRST COMMUNION CLASS)** – The **Parents & Second Grade First Penance Retreat and Meeting** will be held **Monday evening, October 25 at 7 PM** in our St. Michael School Hall. All are to attend, as we begin to prepare for this important sacrament. It would be helpful for both parents to attend this time together. I look forward to meeting with you!

Please join us for the **ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION FAMILY MASS AND ROSARY on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00PM.** The theme is “Mary and the Year of Saint Joseph”. The Principal Celebrant, will be Bishop Mark Bartchak and I will be concelebrating. The event will take place at St. Benedict Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown.

The Basilica of St. Michael has an **official Facebook page!** Please follow us on Facebook to keep updated on the latest news and information! **Basilica of St. Michael-Loretto, PA**





**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 or Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**



for your kind and generous donations for **Haiti**. All of the money has been given to Catholic Relief Services for immediate distribution.

**LORETTO COMMUNITY**

**Thank you** ~ Many thanks to everyone who has supported Karen through their prayers and generosity. Our Parish has a wonderful support system. Please continue to keep Karen in your future prayers.

*The Zabrzewski Family*

**The Dorothy Day Outreach Center** is having their Bi-Annual Tag Sale on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Tag Sale will be located in the Stokes Auxiliary Gym at Saint Francis University. Signage will be found on campus to help locate the gym. Feel free to call (814) 419-8679 with any questions.

**Evening for Widows:** Our next gathering is Saturday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup> following the 4PM Mass. Plan to join us at “the farm”. Call Mary 814-886-5489 for information and directions.

**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 27-October 3**

**ALTAR SERVERS: September 27-October 1**

**Mornings:** September 27, 28, 29 (8:45), Oct. 1

**Holy Hour** Wednesday, September 29 6PM -7PM Charlie & Kevin Carothers

**October 2-3**

4:00PM Michael Poorman, Molly Itle, Colin Beiswenger

8:00AM Logan Klatt, Braden & Mason Wherry

10:00AM Billy Krug, Hannah & La'Ryah McMahan

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS October 2-3**

4:00PM Mason Beiswenger

8:00AM Barb Sherry

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

**READERS: October 2-3**

4:00PM Julie Cruscil

8:00AM Monica Klatt

10:00AM Bob Chumrik

**MUSIC MINISTERS: October 2-3**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Max

8AM Jonathan

10AM Jonathan

**CANTORS:** 4PM Heidi

8AM Doug

10AM Stephanie

**USHERS: October 2-3** (please see Father 10 minutes before your scheduled Mass for guidance)

4:00PM Matt & Alec Kubat

8:00AM Irene Weakland

10:00AM John Risban

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Electronic giving** is a convenient, easy way to support the basilica. By giving electronically, you can give anywhere, anytime from your computer, set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Visit our secure donation page at [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org) to set up your online contribution.

September 19, 2021 Budget \$6,800  
Offertory \$4,145 Online Giving \$1,337 Total \$5,482 Difference -\$1,318

Thank you for your generosity

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We would like to thank Saint Francis University for their generous donation of school supplies. Our students appreciate them more than you know.

The weekly winners of the Saint Michael School Football Ticket Fundraiser are posted on the school Facebook page and the school website.

On September 29th, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel. We will gather as a school family and celebrate with a Mass at 8:45. The entire school will enjoy cookies. A BIG THANK YOU to Ann Sutton for making cookies for everyone at Saint Michael School. We will have other special activities throughout the day to celebrate our Patron Saint.

SAVE THE DATE... The SMS Christmas Extravaganza is coming back. The event will be held on Saturday, November 6th. More information to come. Tickets will be available soon!!

Coming soon... Cougar Cash Calendar for 2022 will be available for purchase next week.

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

Sunday, September 26-Classes 9am.

**Today, Opening Day Mass for Religious Education @ 10:00am Mass!** Family and friends of the Religious Education program are encouraged to attend. Let's begin this new year asking our Lord to give us the spiritual guidance needed on our journey through life and home to heaven one day!

**Monday, September 27- Parents/Freshmen & Sophomores Introductory Session** 7PM St. Michael School Hall.

**Sunday, October 10 –"Rosary Walk"** for Religious Education students with Fr. John and faculty on grounds of the Shrine to the Chapel House. Family and friends welcome! Dress accordingly, please!

Be kind ❤️ Be a blessing for someone today 🙏

## AROUND THE AREA

St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin will be holding their Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, **September 26**, as a take-out dinner only. Cost: \$12.00 dinner will include their delicious ½ BBQ Chicken, 2-sides and dessert. Dinners will be available from 11AM until sold out. Basket raffle, theme games, and other small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714 Foster ST. (enter below 616 Church St.)

### **Feast of St. Francis – Day of Celebration**

**-Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Rummage/Garage Sale and Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Sale starting at 10:00 AM
- Rosary (3:00 PM), Pet Blessing (3:30 PM), and Mass (4:00 PM)
- Food and Baked Goods for Sale
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket!