

~ 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 Prince Gallitzin Chapel House and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies



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- Mr. Nick Byrne 419-9593
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 - 20 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

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
Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681
Dorothy Day Center 472-3359
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 6, 2020 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 6	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Ellen Illig (Ken & Ann) 7:00 PM The Farrell & Gresko families
Monday, Sept. 7	Weekday NO MASS
Tuesday, Sept. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary NO MASS
Wednesday, Sept. 9	St. Peter Claver NO MASS 6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Sept. 10	Weekday NO MASS
Friday, Sept. 11	Weekday NO MASS
Saturday, Sept. 12	Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Lu Lessard (Mary & family)
Sunday, Sept. 13	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Rose Mary McDermott (family) 10:00AM June Sherry (Dave & Shelly Eckenrode)

Father John will say a Mass for the people of St. Michael parish this week.

Due to the cancellation of weekday Masses, the intentions for the Masses have been moved to 2021 as we have no Masses available the rest of this year. We are sorry for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for Gerald Link (Ron & Audrey Lee family)

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:

Dear Parish Family,



Father John has had some complications post-surgery and has experienced a minor setback in his recovery. His doctor is evaluating his condition this week and probably placing Father in a rehabilitation facility for a week or two. Please continue to keep Father and all the sick in your prayers.

Outdoor Masses at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies - This weekend we complete a full summer of Masses at the Outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies! Thank you to the **Outdoor Shrine Mass Committee** of our Parish Council for their dedicated work. We welcomed visitors from all over our diocese and beyond! **The celebration of the Outdoor Mass each Sunday evening required a lot of behind the scenes preparation, and without this group of faithful volunteers we could not have provided this moment of evangelization!!! Thank you!!!!**

Our Fall/Winter Sunday Mass schedule begins next week!!! Saturday-4 pm Sunday-8am and 10am

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.



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 at 6:30 PM, prayers for vocations, quiet prayer, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 in October.

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AS WE KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY! A FEW POINTS

1. **Wear a mask. Keep distance utilizing space in pews, choir loft, and if needed, basilica hall for social distancing at Mass. For example a family together.....spaces.... a couple together.... spaces. Keep the standard 6 foot distance when coming to Communion. For now, song books/missals are restricted. A worship aid is provided for each Mass. As per the directive from Bishop Mark, all who are assisting in the sanctuary, including Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers are to wear a mask during Mass.**
2. **Please try to wipe down any surfaces that you touch (top part of pew where hands rest). Hand Sanitizer, disinfectant solution, paper towels and trash cans are provided and available at the entrances of the Basilica.**
3. **Holy Communion will also be offered after Mass if a person is uncomfortable being in church or if the church becomes unsafe /overcrowded. The Bishop continues to DISPENSE from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**
4. **Restrooms will be disinfected and cleaned regularly, but obviously not after each use, due to our Basilica only having part-time janitorial staff. Please use common sense.**
5. **Devotional candles at the Shrines of St. Therese and Our Lady of Loretto may be lit. Please use the tissues provided to hold the wooden wick and discard the tissue after lighting the candle. You may mail any donations.**
6. **Please place the weekly collection in the plastic bins provided. An usher will lock the collection in our safe after each Mass, or you may continue to mail your envelope to PO BOX 10 Loretto PA 15940. You may drop your envelope in the SECURE MAIL SLOT at the BACK ENTRANCE PORCH (NOT FRONT OFFICE DOOR) by the outdoor statue of ST. THERESE! This is also a great time to set up On-Line Giving through our parish website.**

Those who come to Mass or church for personal prayer need to recognize the risk of possible unintended exposure to the coronavirus and refrain if they are sick or at a greater risk of susceptibility to COVID-19.

*Masks are available in the back of the basilica.

The 2020 Catholic Ministries Drive - Thank you to all parishioners who continue to respond to the Catholic Ministries Drive. I ask all in the parish to join in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that **provide outreach to the poor through Catholic Charities, family life, youth and seminarians. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!** On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

Legion of May News: On Tuesday, September 8 we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special day long gathering at St. Catherine of Sienna Shrine and Church, Rt. 22 in Duncansville. There will be a series of Rosary recitations and Masses said-you may attend any of the scheduled times. Covid 19 restrictions will be in place with distancing and wearing masks.

The times are 7:15AM and 11:30AM in St Catherine of Sienna Church and 5PM outdoors at the Shrine-please bring a chair. Mass will be celebrated following each prayerful Rosary. Plan to attend and honor Our Lady. Happy Birthday Mother Mary. Any questions, please call Mary 886-5489. Our Lady of Loretto pray for us.

Please offer the following prayer each day....

Prayer Against Coronavirus - Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for the afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen *by Pedro de la Cruz*

PRAYER LIST: For all suffering from coronavirus and health care workers around the world, Jennifer Kowalski, Susan Sekerak, Charlie Koegler, Mary Ann Baker, Joe Krug, Ruth Biter, Debbie Risban, Tonikay Metzgar, Chrissy Zernick, Fred Bradley, Cyril Itle, Leona Noel, Barb Sherry, Harriet Stevens, Betty Pryce, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood Cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Liturgical Ministries: September 7-13

ALTAR SERVERS: September 7-11

Mornings: September 7, 8, 9, 11 **NO MORNING MASS**

Holy Hour: Wednesday, September 9 6PM -7PM Ashley, Alec, Travis Kubat (2)

September 12-13

4:00PM Maya & Levi Baker, Hanna Taddy

8:00AM Mark Mento, Braden & Mason Wherry

10:00AM Nicholas & Sam Wirfel, Logan Hoover

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION September 12-13

4:00PM Dick Mullen, Catherine Foor

8:00AM Janet Hogue, Barb Sherry

10:00AM Joan Krug, Betty Soisson

READERS: September 12-13

4:00PM Julie Nagle

8:00AM Janet Hogue

10:00AM Joan Krug

MUSIC MINISTERS: September 12-13

ORGANISTS: 4PM Joel 8AM Jonathan 10AM Jonathan
CANTORS: 4PM Carol 8AM Doug 10AM Monica

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online Giving is available at basilicasm-loretto.org

You may **mail** your envelope to PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940. You may **drop** your envelope in the secure mail slot at the back-entrance porch (not front office door) by the outdoor statue of St. Therese!

August 30, 2020 Budget \$6,800
Offertory \$5,719 Online Giving \$847 Total \$6,566 Difference -\$234

Thank you for your generosity

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

We had a fantastic first day of school. The students were very excited to be back in school and were happy to see their friends.

Our magazine and cookie dough fundraiser is in full swing. We had our annual kick off on August 27. If you would like to order any magazines or cookie dough, please contact a student or call the school office. The sale ends on September 10th.

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



We still have our football tickets available if you would like to purchase one. Any outstanding tickets and money will be due in the office on September 8th.

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

REGISTRATION: Sunday, September 20 at 9AM in the School Hall- we are asking just one parent register your child/children so that we can social distance. Students are not required to be present for registration.

AMENDED FEE: \$10.00 PER STUDENT

- Registration can be completed prior to registration day. We encourage you to go to the Basilica’s web page, basilicasm-loretto.org to print and bring the completed form and \$10 fee on September 20.
- **Please note- Religious Education will operate as a remote model. There will be no in-person instruction through December 31, 2020.**
 - A parent will be asked to pick-up packets for their child/children on the **second Sunday** of the month @ 9:00am in the school hall. Assignments will be returned and new lessons will be picked-up @ 9:00am on the **fourth Sunday** of the month.
- **Should you have any questions, please call Celeste Stolz, DRE @472-9808.**

LORETTO COMMUNITY

Due to COVID19 The **Loretto Community Volunteer Fire Company** has to cancel their FALL GUN RAFFLE on September 19 2020. Instead we will be holding a **live drawing** on Facebook Live, at 7:00 pm September 19, 2020, to pull winners of the 14 prizes that were listed on the ticket. We will also contact all winners by phone. We truly apologize to all of our loyal customers and supporters. The circumstances of this cancellation are out of our hands. We hope this doesn’t cause you any hardship and we hope to see you at our spring raffle.



The Loretto Fire Company will hold a Chicken BBQ on September 20th 2020. 11am till sold out. The dinners will be \$10 each and will have a ½ chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. You can pre order your dinners by calling the Fire hall at 472-9160 please leave a call back number when leaving order. **ALL PRE ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 11am and NOON. IF NOT THE DINNER WILL BE SOLD.** As always we thank you for your support.

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

AROUND THE AREA

Cresson Catholic Community will hold its annual **Festival** on the grounds of St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, **September 13** from **9:00am to 8:00pm**. Although scaled back this year due to Covid requirements, you may still enjoy the following:

~Booths: Gift Basket Fair, Fancy Booth, Rummage Sale, Bake Sale

~Games of Chance and Skill: Money Board, 50/50 every 2 hrs, \$2,500.00 Grand Prize Raffle

~Festival Food: Breakfast Sandwich, Hot Sausage, Pulled Pork, Perogies, Halushki, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Funnel Cake, Apple Cobbler, Ice Cream, Donuts and more...

The Friars’ Nook Gift Shop

The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop will continue to have modified **hours of Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM** for the month of September. This gives time to search for a Gift Shop Manager- for a job description, please visit: www.thefranciscanfriars.org/jobs