

~ 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  
Deacon Richard T. Golden  
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## PARISH DIRECTORY

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[jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org)  
Our Lady of Loretto Hall Rental 886-4619  
Bingo 471-2764

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Fall/Winter/Spring

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM  
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 10:00AM  
**Summer- Memorial Day to Labor Day**  
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4PM  
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 7:00PM (Shrine)  
**Daily Mass**  
Monday - Wednesday 7:30AM Friday 8:45AM  
**Holy Days**  
See schedule in bulletin  
**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays 11:30-12:30 or anytime by request



**St. Michael**  
the Archangel  
defend us  
in battle

## 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** - Ms. Celeste Stolz 472-9808 Sundays 846-5114

## 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

## 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

## EDUCATION

St. Michael School Mrs. Renee Phister 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 [www.ajdiocese.org](http://www.ajdiocese.org)  
Vocations Office 695-5579 x2681  
Diocesan Family Life Office 886-5551  
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 8, 2019 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Sept. 8** Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM Clair F. Smithbower (Bob & Jeanie Diehl)  
10:00AM People of the parish

**Monday, Sept. 9** St. Peter Claver  
7:30AM Bill Hines (Rick Burkhardt)

**Tuesday, Sept. 10** Weekday  
7:30AM Kevin Goldian (Sue Forsyth)

**Wednesday, Sept. 11** Patriot Day -Remembrance of 9/11  
7:30AM Leonard Hogue (Shirley Hogue)  
6 PM Weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, Sept. 12** Weekday  
NO MASS (Mass at Carmelite Monastery@7:45 AM)

**Friday, Sept. 13** St. John Chrysostom  
8:45AM Kenneth Noel (Mr. & Mrs. George Soisson)

**Saturday, Sept. 14** Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00PM Maurice Rice Jr. (Dolly & family)

**Sunday, Sept. 15** Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM People of the parish  
10:00AM Rose Mary McDermott (family)



## **FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN:**

Dear Parish Family,

The **Fall Parish Council Meeting** will be held **NEXT Sunday, September 15th 6:30 PM** in the basilica hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend! All **Council members** and **Committee Chairs** are to attend. **Committee Chairpersons** will offer a brief report on their committee's work and projects. In this way, we see all that is happening in our parish and work in an orderly way.

Members of our **2019-2020 Parish Council** are – Fr. Byrnes, pastor, *To be elected*, chair, Mary Wyland, Michele Poorman, Sharon Biter, Joan Krug, Julie Cruscil, Ashley Kubat (High School/Youth Representative), Leslie Conrad, Jackie Kalwisinski, Jenny Strittmatter, Matt Kubat, Mary Lessard, Deb Hoover, Doris Scanlan, Renee Phister ( ex officio St. Michael School Principal) and Committee Chairs (**Finance** – Nick Byrne, **Stewardship** – Theresa Lysic **Maintenance**- Craig Weiland **Liturgy** – Jonathan Nagy **Christian Service** – Celeste Stolz **Education & Evangelization** – Deacon Golden **Outdoor Mass** – Steve & Monica Hogue **Father Gallitzin Heritage** – Frank & Betty Seymour **Life & Family** – inactive

Our **2019 -2020 Religious Education classes** begin **TODAY!** A reminder that classes begin at **9:00AM** each Sunday. **Registration begins at 8:30 AM.** On Sunday, September 22, we will celebrate our **Religious Education Opening Mass** at our 10:00 AM Mass and bless our catechists.

As we continue our prayers for Mark Yahner, may we ask the Lord to comfort and bless him with his healing touch.

\* If you would like to help the **Loretto Service Center**, there will be a **Benefit Basket Raffle** at the Loretto Legion on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** from 11AM-4PM. For more information~ or to donate a basket ~please call: Dale 421-7615, Bob 330-6921, Greg 244-5130 or Brian 341-0013

**Parish Finance Council** – will meet Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM in the rectory.

**Arise Together in Christ - FALL 2019!** We are very much in need of an opportunity for spiritual and pastoral renewal in our parish and diocese. What more could we desire in our diocese than parishioners with a greater understanding of our faith and a stronger relationship with the Lord, participating more fully in parish life and inviting others to join in? For those already in an established group, please contact your team leader for information about an upcoming meeting. If you are new and would like to join, please call Bob Chumrik at 505-2735.

**Our St. Michael Basilica Bingo** – is the MAJOR SOURCE of additional funding which helps St. Michael School to thrive. How long has it been since you attended a night of our parish bingo? As we enter into the autumn, I encourage you to attend bingo and spread the work among family and friends that it is a fun night out and an easy way to assist our school. **St. Michael BINGO** - Our Lady of Loretto Hall 471-2764 **Tuesdays** -\$20 Admission Doors open at 5:30 Games begin at 7PM **Fridays** -\$25 Admission -Doors open at 6:30 Games begin at 8pm. Full Kitchen is open with nightly specials! Popcorn, coffee, tea, hot cocoa- FREE every night!!

**Memorandums for St. Michael Catholic School-** I welcome families to see me after the 4 PM, 8 AM, or 10 AM Sunday Masses to **discuss** and **sign** the yearly “**Memorandum of Understanding.**” Please do not send the form to the parish office, but see me in person after any Sunday Mass throughout September.

**Service Hours** - I welcome our young people to see me after the 4 PM, 8 AM, or 10 AM Sunday Masses to **discuss** and **sign** your Service Hours. It is good for us to discuss the good works that you are doing! Please do not send the form to the parish office, but see me in person after any Sunday Mass all throughout the year!

**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 on **Wednesday September 18 in the Basilica Hall, immediately following our Holy Hour, at 7 PM.**

**Hello everyone!** I have some good news to share with you.

40 days ago I received the results of a biopsy ... that a tumor in my lower jaw was cancerous. As many of you know, I traveled to the Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh for further diagnosis. The GOOD NEWS is that, after a further biopsy and tests....the doctors there have determined that the original biopsy which was done locally.....was in error. It is what they call in medicine a FALSE POSITIVE. The tumor in the lower jaw is not cancerous.....it is an inflamed cell mass...it may stay..... it may go away, but it should not cause me any significant problems.

Further testing and some symptoms have shown that I have an enlarged thyroid. Part of it needs removed. I will have thyroid surgery at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh in the next few weeks, so I will be away from the parish for about a week, probably in October. Many of you have dealt with thyroid issues and know that with medication, you can be just fine!

For these past 40 days, many, many people have reached out to me... and an enormous offering of prayer has been offered on my behalf through the intercession of our first pastor, Father Demetrius Gallitzin.

I am humbled by the many prayers, words, cards ...of so many individuals and groups, my brother priests and religious sisters. Through the internet, there have literally been people all over the world praying for me. This week's Gospel encouraged us all to grow in humility...and I have been humbled. I AM AND WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL for such an overwhelming spirit of support and prayer.

Although I doubt my situation will be considered a miracle ....that is .....in the strict sense required for Father Gallitzin's Cause.....it is certainly a personal miracle for me. The Lord Jesus works in mysterious ways. Through the prayer of these past 40 days....Father Gallitzin's cause and his holy life have become better known...all around the world. I encourage all of us to continue to be attentive to the needs of the sick, and to pray through the intercession of Father Gallitzin for the thousands of children, teenagers and adults in need of a miracle to restore them to health....and that a miracle somewhere will be judged in Rome as truly supernatural. I encourage you to write the names of those in need in parish prayer intention books (through the prayers and intercession of Fr. Gallitzin), offer the Gallitzin prayer, and visit Father Gallitzin's tomb in Loretto.

The internet can be a powerful tool for good as we join in prayer with each other all over the world. JESUS IS LORD! After 40 days .... this Sunday was a day of Easter joy! With gratitude to Almighty God, I thank you all! Our Lady of Loretto, Pray for us. Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin, Pray for us.

*Fr. John*



**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.**

**An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus-** Once again it is time to hold our special celebration for Columbus Day in conjunction with a time of prayer. The event will be held at the St. Michael Basilica in Loretto, Pa. on October 13, 2019. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2PM. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and younger. **Reservations must be made in advance! 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, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive Johnstown, PA 15905 ~ **In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly rather than as Mr. and Mrs. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 28, 2019.**

**The 2019 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 **1) outreach to the poor through Catholic Charities 2) Family Life 3) Youth 4) Seminarian/Priestly Formation.** Our Parish share goal is **35,529.** We are severely under our goal. Our gifts at this point amount to \$9,955. **100% of your gift goes directly to these essential ministries.**

**The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto-** invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Friday September 13th, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather, will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.) The Choir will be announced at a later date and the sermon will be delivered by Deacon Rick Golden. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.



**PRAYER LIST:** Rosemary Freidhof, Kennedy Spaid, Sue Maul, Cyril Itle, Judy Monohan Salvano, Fr. John Byrnes, Amanda Koenigsberg, Leona Noel, Joe Lysic, Barb Sherry, Harriet Stevens, Dan Biter, Stan Mattix, John Ulsh, Kaitlyn Davis, Cory Hall, Jack Farrell, Annette Farrell, Edna Eckenrode,, Mary Lureen Scanlan, Ken Snowberger, Robert Ruffing, Betty Pryce, Emanuel Ruffing, Olivia McConnell, Jack McConnell, Toots Volk, Valerie Thomas, Luke Eckenrode, Edna McConnell, Christopher Ruffing, Tina Ruffing, The intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, our Military, and the Sainthood Cause of our founding Pastor, the Rev. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin

**Sanctuary Lamp-** The red Sanctuary Lamp is placed before the tabernacle as a sign that the Lord is present; continuously burning and symbolizing God’s eternal presence. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one please call the parish office. The offering is \$10 for one week. The memorial will be published in the weekly bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is lit for Lu Lessard. Requested by Mary.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

**Liturgical Ministries: September 9-15**

September 9, 10, 11 Celeste Stolz

(EM) (if deacon is present, he assists)

**ALTAR SERVERS: September 9-13**

**Mornings:** September 9, 10, 11, 13 Logan Krug, Molly Itle

**Holy Hour:** Wednesday, September 11 6PM -7PM Mia Wyland, Dane Van Horn

**September 14-15**

4:00PM Jude Koehle, Bella Weiland, Mark Mento  
 8:00AM Ashley, Alec & Travis Kubat  
 10:00AM Josh, Tom & Will Corcoran

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION September 14-15**

4:00PM Vince & Jackie Kalwasinski  
 8:00AM Pennie Wyland, Barb Sherry  
 10:00AM Cindy McMullen, Mary Lessard

**READERS: September 14-15**

4:00PM Vince or Jackie Kalwasinski  
 8:00AM Lisa Weakland  
 10:00AM Mary Lessard

**MUSIC MINISTERS: September 14-15**

**ORGANISTS:** 4PM Joel      8AM Joel      10:00AM Jonathan  
**CANTORS:** 4PM Ashley      8AM Carol      10:00AM Stephanie

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Online Giving is available at [basilicasm-loretto.org](http://basilicasm-loretto.org)

September 1, 2019	Weekly Goal \$6,800		
Offertory \$5,332	Online Giving \$532	Total \$5,864	Difference -\$936

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to all our volunteers who assisted in making our annual “Back to School Picnic” so welcoming and enjoyable for our students! We especially thank Heather Strittmatter for organizing the event. Thank you all for being a blessing to our school community and making Saint Michael School a special place.

We will be celebrating Mass as a school family on Friday, September 13th @ 8:45am. Fourth grade will be assisting with the ministries. All are encouraged and welcome to join us!

Our annual fall fundraiser is underway. Available for your purchase are SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS, MRS. FIELDS COOKIE DOUGH, AND MAGAZINES. Magazine orders and subscription renewals can only be completed online. Go to [WWW.GASSCHOOLSTORE.COM](http://WWW.GASSCHOOLSTORE.COM) and enter our SCHOOL CODE: 2675940 to order. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, please contact any Saint Michael School family or phone the school office @472-9117. Deadline for orders is September 12th. Additional information is available on our school website. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase STREAM equipment.



Our annual “Open House” will be held on Monday, September 16th from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. You will have an opportunity to meet our faculty and view the spectacular work of our students. Parents, prospective families, grandparents, and parishioners are cordially invited to attend. We will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, September 16th -19th in the school cafeteria. Anyone wishing to purchase books is welcome to do so. Book donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in honor of, or by individuals or by family name. Proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school library.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Welcome back! Enjoy visiting with old friends and making new friends. Our Religious Education program begins by honoring Our Blessed Mother. Mary, Queen of the Angels and the Saints, pray for us!

Religious Education begins **today**, Sunday, September 8., at 9:00a.m. in the school cafeteria. Registration will be held beginning at 8:30a.m. downstairs hallway; closest to the old stage area. Fee for Religious Education is \$25.00 for the first child and \$10.00 each additional child; registration forms are available on the Religious Education website. Classes conclude at 9:55a.m. Parents in the elementary grades, please escort your child/children to and from the school. The traffic around the school and church is very congested and requires extreme safety

measures.

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Choir is back! We will resume regular choir practices on Sunday, September 15 and Sunday, September 22 at 6 PM, in preparation for the Novena at Carmel, which runs from September 23 - October 1. Our choir has the privilege of providing the music for Mass each evening at 7 PM. This is a great time to come and see if you would like to join the choir. New members are always welcome, of all abilities! You don't have to be a star singer to join. You just need to be willing and committed to learning the music and want to have a good time doing it, all while praising God. If you would like more information, please contact our music director, or come to practice on the 15th and 22nd at 6 PM in the balcony.

## LORETTO COMMUNITY

The Basilica PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on the Wednesday the 4th and Wednesday the 18th of September, at 3PM in the Basilica Hall. All are welcome to join us as we stitch and pray for those who are in need of a shawl. If you know of anyone who needs a shawl call 472-9465.

**The Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale** will be held Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 18" Italian style or turkey \$9. Please place your order by Monday, September 16th by calling Jerome Smith 344-8269, Dick Mullen 471-2894, or Bob Crusciel 243-9971. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is welcome. Preparations begin at 5AM Saturday. All support is greatly appreciated

**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.

### Upcoming Fall Fundraising Events at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall:

September 21	Firemen's Gun Raffle
October 5	Bingo Ticket Tournament
October 19 & 20	Craft Show & Sale
October 26	Cash & Comedy Night
November 2	Christmas Extravaganza

## AROUND THE AREA

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**- The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore are sponsoring an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **September 15** from 11 AM to 1 PM. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. Adults (12 and over) \$8, Children (3-12) \$3. Under 3 are free. All are welcome.

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOULCORE?** Grab your rosaries and exercise mats. We will be having a Soulcore workshop at the Holy Name School Gym, 205W. Homer St., Ebensburg on Saturday, **September 14th** from 1:00PM -2:30PM. Mallory Hurley, a Soulcore leader from Pittsburgh will be our instructor. Soulcore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. It is an invitation to discover the beauty of the rosary; a gentle path to grow in virtue and interior peace. Our Lady's desire is always to lead us closer to her Son Jesus. Soulcore imitates her in striving to draw closer to Christ through deeper reflection on His life and virtues in the rosary. This workshop will be open to anyone 18 years of age and older. If anyone is interested, please register by calling Holy Name Parish office at 814-472-7244. There will be a suggested \$10 donation for the instructor, if you are able to do so. For more information on Soulcore, check out their website at [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com)