

Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Amtrak Adventure

Presented by Mount St. Peter Church of New Kensington, PA
Thursday, October 15, 2009 *Autumn Colors*

~featuring~

Horseshoe Curve ~ Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel
Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens ~ Marian Shrines

Depart Mount St. Peter Church at 6:00 am by motorcoach for Greensburg where we board Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian" for an exciting and scenic train ride to Altoona. Travel into the heart of the Alleghenies and around Horseshoe Curve, an engineering masterpiece completed in 1854 which revolutionized rail travel. Enjoy spectacular views that can only be seen by train. Travel aboard Amtrak's spacious passenger cars equipped with comfortable reclining coach seats. Upon arrival in Altoona, board our motorcoach and travel to the peaceful town of Loretto. In 1799 Father Demetrius Gallitzin arrived in Loretto and established St. Michael's Church, the only Catholic church at the time between Lancaster, PA and St. Louis, MO. As an expression of his great love for Our Lady, Father Gallitzin named his village in her honor and it was his life's dream that Loretto would someday become a center of devotion and pilgrimage to the Mother of God. Celebrate Mass in what is now the lovely Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Visit Prince Gallitzin's Chapel House which was the residence and private chapel of Father Gallitzin. Enjoy a bountiful lunch and then visit Saint Francis University, the oldest Franciscan college in the United States and one of the first Catholic colleges established in this country. This afternoon stroll through the beautiful Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens located on the grounds of the former summer estate of Bethlehem Steel magnate, Charles Schwab. The lovely grounds feature a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima and the Shrine to Our Lady of Loretto as well as a cascading waterfall which flows from the monastery to the exquisite gardens. En route home a dinner stop will be made. Arrival back in New Kensington is 8:30pm.

Tour Cost: \$89 per person and includes all motorcoach and rail transportation, group luncheon, all sightseeing, entrance fees, shrine donations and is escorted from Mount St. Peter Church. **A \$40.00 per person deposit is due now to secure your reservation with the balance due by August 14 – First come, first serve. Make checks payable to Mt. St. Peter Travel Committee and mail to Mary Calvanese, 150 Woodstone Lane, New Kensington, PA, 15068 - Phone: 724-337-1863.**

Parking and bus pickup will be at the former Montgomery Wards Parking Lot in Lower Burrell.