



Parish of Saint Monica

Atlantic City, NJ



The Parish of Saint Monica serves all of Atlantic City. It is the union of the city's previously five Catholic parishes: St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Michael, Holy Spirit, and St. Monica.

November 27, 2016 **1st Sunday of Advent**

US Bishop's Meeting



The Knights of St. John stand with Fr. Jon Thomas at St. Peter Claver Church. Both attended the US Bishops meeting in Baltimore last week. You can see the local chapter of the Knights of St. John serving in this church. Ask how you can help continue their mission, serving our Lord, here in Atlantic City.

MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2651 Atlantic Avenue

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday** 4:15 PM
7 PM (Spanish)
- Sunday** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
10:30 AM (Spanish)
12 Noon
2:30 PM (Spanish)
6:30 PM (Vietnamese)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- Mon-Fri** 7 AM, 5:15 PM
- Saturday** 8 AM
- Wednesday** 7 PM (Spanish)
- Thursday** 6:30 PM (Spanish)
- Friday** 7 PM (Spanish)

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine
1409 Pacific Avenue

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday** 4:00 PM
- Sunday** 8:45 AM (Traditional Latin)
10:30 AM
12 Noon

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- Mon-Fri** 8 AM

St. Michael's
10 North Mississippi Avenue

December 24 4:15 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 12

- Guadalupe Celebration
- Procession from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
 - Mass 6:00 PM
 - Festivities after Mass in the Gym

DEC 10

- Christmas Program and Toy Distribution
- St. Nicholas Church, 10:00 AM
 - First come first served basis
 - Music, activities, & entertainment

DEC 19

- Advent Penance Service
- 7:00 PM
 - Parish wide annual Penance service being held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School • 15 North California Avenue • 609-345-0648

Catholic Charities • 9 North Georgia Avenue • 609-345-3448

St. Nicholas Shoppe • 1409 Pacific Avenue • 609-344-1040

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday - Friday, 5 PM at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Saturday, 3:15 - 4 PM in both churches. Also available by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage should set a date with a parish priest at least six months in advance.

INFANT BAPTISM

Preceded by a required baptismal preparation program. Speak to Fr. Pham.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Need to complete your initiation into the Church? Classes run September - June, Mondays at 6:30 PM. Speak to Fr. Pham.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office when a parishioner is seriously sick so one of the priests may visit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September-May.
Saturdays at 11 AM for one hour or Sundays at 9:15 AM for one hour.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday evenings after the 5:15 Mass.

ROSARY

Monday - Friday, after 7 AM Mass and before 5:15 PM Mass. Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass.

PARISH CENSUS

Recommendations cannot be issued to persons not registered with the Parish. You can register in person in the Rectory.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Our Lady Star of the Sea Vigil Mass 5:15 PM English
7:00 PM Vietnamese

HOLY DAY

7:00 AM English
9:00 AM School Mass
5:15 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

St. Nicholas of Tolentine

8:00 AM English
10:00 AM Latin Mass
12 Noon English

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA REGIONAL SCHOOL (OLSS)



Mrs. Susan J. Tarrant School Principal School Staffed by Sisters of Mercy and Lay Faculty

“The mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School is to strengthen the integration of Catholic values through academic excellence and service and by instilling respect, encouraging justice, and demonstrating compassion to all in our multi-cultural community.”

Did you know that Mrs. Maria Matthews, Mr. Francis Juliano, and members of the New Jersey Arts Association share their time and talents by providing art instruction to our students. Weekly classes include not only hands on experiences but art history and for the Middle School design and marketing.

We are very grateful to have this chance to collaborate and share resources. We welcome members of our community with talents to share with our students to contact Mrs. Tarrant, Principal, at 345-0648.

STEWARDSHIP

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewards Prepare

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when in living Stewardship you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon Thomas
Pastor

Rev. Thanh Pham
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fernando Carmona
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Robert Matysik
Hospital Chaplain

Maria Isabel Duran
Religious Education Coordinator

Mary Ellen Maguire
Pastoral Associate

Sandy Parker
Office Manager

Joan Parker
Bookkeeper

Ruby Brooks
Gift Shop Manager

Laura Esparza
Asst. for Hispanic Ministry

Henry Porvaznik
Asst. for Special Projects

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WEB SITE
accatholic.org

Thanksgiving

A few weeks ago, some of you met George Creel, a seminarian of the diocese, when he spoke at Masses about his vocation to the priesthood. He also shared his experiences in the seminary. Although philosophical and theological studies is a big part of the seminary, one of the other requirements is to meet regularly with a spiritual director. While studying at The Catholic University of America, I met monthly with the pastor of a parish in northwest Washington. He shared a lot of wisdom with me. This time of year, I remember that he sent letters to his friends and family at Thanksgiving time sharing what he was grateful for instead of Christmas cards. I thought it was a distinctive and meaningful tradition. I would like to express now what I'm grateful for: you.

I don't mean this loosely either. In a parish consolidation, the parishioners are often understandably angry about church closings and impatient with a lack of progress towards integration. My experience here has been very different. Almost without skipping a beat, parishioners have continued to give generously to the newly united citywide parish. People have accepted me and the other new priests. So thank you so much for your dedication to Christ, expressed concretely in your dedication to the local parish!

The Eucharist is our main worship as Catholics. And it happens that the Greek word means thanksgiving. We gather at church to celebrate the Mass because, first of all, we are grateful to God for his blessings. In the upcoming year, we will learn more about the Mass as a parish. In Advent, we will distribute booklets explaining the beauty of the ritual we call the Mass. Throughout the liturgical year, there will be opportunities for Eucharistic adoration and benediction, Bible studies on the Eucharist, and Eucharistic processions, and much more. So stay tuned!

- Fr. Jon

Christmas Amoré Concert

On Saturday, December 3, all are invited to "Christmas Amoré," an evening concert with the Sicilian Tenors in support of the South Jersey Scholarship Fund for Catholic schools. This fund helps keep tuition affordable for many families seeking a Catholic education.

The **diocesan Christmas concert** has grown in popularity every year and is a hallmark event for schools and the South Jersey community. In addition to the renowned Sicilian Tenors, this year's concert will feature performances by a combined choir of diocesan high school musicians.

Make it a night out by enjoying dinner at a show! Local restaurants will be offering special dining deals:

[La Verde](#), 200 Hurffville Road, Turnersville, NJ 08102, 856-227-5522, (Special Menu)

[Arugula](#), 373 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, 856-589-0475, (10% off with ticket)

[Randazzo's Pizza and Pasta](#), 288 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, 856-582-3555, (Special Menu)

Christmas Amoré will be held at the Investors Bank Performing Arts Center in Sewell, NJ at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about "Christmas Amoré" or to purchase tickets go to www.camdendiocese.org/christmas-amore-featuring-sicilian-tenors or call 856-853-6195.

This is a great event for parish and school bus trips. Group prices and special dining options are also available.

How We Serve

FOOD PANTRY

At St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church
1409 Pacific Avenue

Your donation of food, money and/or time are always welcome!

Come every **third Monday of the month** between **8:00 am & 11:00 am** on Memorial Ave. (Rear of church property) Please come early.

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION IS MONDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

At St. Monica's Church
108 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION IS SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2016**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

At 9 N. Georgia Avenue
Corner of Atlantic Avenue
Fridays (except First Friday)
Free clothing to Homeless who provide proof of their homeless situation
Thrift Store Hours 9:30-11:30
Monday - Adult Clothing
Wednesday - Children & Housewares
Some bill pay services
Other services for the most needy in Atlantic County

Call 609-345-7737 to ask how you call help serve this Catholic Outreach Ministry

Open Monday-Friday

Christmas Program & Toy Distribution

- December 10th, 2016
- St. Nicholas Church
- 1409 Pacific Ave
- Church doors open 10:00 am
- Numbers are given on a first come first served basis
- Christmas Program begins at 10:30 am in the church
- All children under the age of 12 will receive a number
- Pictures taken with Santa
- Music, entertainment, activities
- **NO BICYCLES THIS YEAR**

JOIN US

Stardust 50/50 Raffle

Memberships are now available for the next cycle of the Stardust 50/50 Raffle Club. The donation is \$80 for eight month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 914 memberships have been sold, 93 memberships are still available for purchase.

**ATTENTION - YOUTH GROUP
THE DATE FOR THE YOUTH GROUP ON
DECEMBER 3, 2016 AT 2PM
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

ST. NICHOLAS SHOPPE

ST. NICHOLAS RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOPPE IS LOCATED IN THE RECTORY GROUND FLOOR. PLEASE RING THE BELL.

STOP IN AND BROWSE!

Proceeds from the gift shop go to support Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Church Restoration.

Store Hours

Monday and Friday - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Closed
Saturday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Say Thank You on "Giving Tuesday"

You've heard of Black Friday. You've heard of Cyber Monday. Tuesday November 29 is known as "Giving Tuesday." Instead of going shopping, make this a day of giving. Go to the Parish website, **ACCatholic.org**, and click the "Giving Tuesday" link in the Quick Links box. You will be taken to our secure online giving portal. Make your donation as a way of saying Thank You for God's blessings in our lives.

CATHOLIC MASSES IN ATLANTIC CITY FOR CHRISTMAS 2016 AND NEW YEAR'S 2017

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

2651 Atlantic Avenue (near Tropicana)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays from 3:15 to 4:00 PM

Regular weeknights from 5:00 to 5:15 PM

Advent Penance Service: Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM

Masses

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24	4:15 PM – English 5:30 PM – Children's Mass 7:00 PM - Spanish 9:00 PM - Vietnamese 11:30 PM - Christmas Carols 12:00 - Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Sunday, December 25	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon - English 10:30 & 2:30 PM - Spanish
New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31	4:15 PM - English 7:00 PM – Spanish
New Year's Day Sunday, January 1	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 12 Noon - English 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM – Spanish 6:30 PM – Vietnamese

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church

1409 Pacific Avenue (between Bally's and Resorts)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays from 3:15 to 4:00 PM

Masses

Christmas Eve December 24	4:00 PM – English
Christmas Day Sunday, December 25	8:45 AM – Traditional Latin Mass 10:30 AM – English
New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31	4:00 PM – English
New Year's Day Sunday, January 1	8:45 AM – Traditional Latin Mass 10:30 AM & 12 Noon – English

TRIDUO GUADALUPANO

VIERNES 12/9/16
MISA A LAS 7:00 PM
EN HONOR DE SAN JUAN DIEGO
(TRAER AGUA PARA SER BENDECIDA)

SABADO 12/10/16
MISA A LAS 7:00 PM
TRAER ROSAS PARA OFRECERLAS A
LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

DOMINGO 11
MISAS REGULARES
A LAS 10:30 AM Y A LAS 2:30 PM.
A LAS 11:00 PM - MISA 12:00 AM - MAÑANITAS
A LA VIRGEN CON MARIACHI
(traer imágenes, rosarios, estampas, medallas, etc.
para ser bendecidas)

DÍA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Lunes 12 de Diciembre
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - PROCESIÓN
6:00 PM - MISA EN LA IGLESIA
7:30 PM - FESTEJO EN EL GIMNASIO DE LA PAR-
ROQUIA
CONMEMORACIÓN DE LA APARICIÓN DE NUES-
TRA SEÑORA LA VIRGEN EN EL CERRO DEL TEPEY-
AC EN MÉXICO
O VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
10:00 PM RIFA
(NO NECESITAS ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR)

Palabra de Vida

Considere leer de nuevo Mateo 24:37-44 y luego conteste las preguntas.

Pregunta para Adultos: ¿Qué estás esperando que Jesús haga por ti?

Pregunta para niños: ¿Cuándo participas en la Misa, esperas estar con Jesús?

Comunidad Hispana

Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 10am - 2pm
Viernes 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza
609-345-1878 ext.19

CLASES DE BAUTISMO

Las clases de bautismo en español se darán todos los primeros y terceros jueves de cada mes, empezando con la misa a las 6:30 pm y luego con la plática a las 7:30 pm. Por favor de traer el Acta de Nacimiento del su hijo (a).

Spanish Baptismal classes are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the sacristy. The classes will follow the 6:30 Mass. Please bring the child's Birth Certificate to the class.

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

1ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"PORQUE NO SABEN EN QUÉ DÍA VENDRÁ SU SEÑOR."
MATEO 24:42

Las personas que han tenido problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte por lo general tienen un mayor aprecio por cada día, porque es un regalo de Dios. El resto de nosotros por lo general damos por sentado que vamos a estar aquí el día de mañana. Pero cuando se empieza a mirar cada día como un regalo, uno se da cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden a diario y crece en agradecimiento por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

YA ESTAN A LA VENTA LOS TICKETS PARA LA RIFA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Primer premio: Cinco (5) Visa Gift Cards \$100 c/u valor de \$500 Segundo premio: Ipad Mini 32GB valor de \$279.99 Tercer premio Insigma 40"LED TV 1080p valor de \$219.99 Cuarto premio Dos (2) Wall-Mart Gift Cards \$100 c/u valor de \$200.00 Quinto premio Cuatro (4) WAWA Gift Cards \$25 c/u valor de \$100.00.

Mass Intentions for the Week - November 27, 2016

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov 26	4:15	Leonardo & Remedios Magalong/Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	Gloria Hernandez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Nov 27	7:30	William Fritz/Patricia Diamond
		9:00	Nevil Tauro/Family
		10:30	Mass for the People
		12:00	James Hicks Jr. (Doctor)/Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	Marco Antonio Solano Guzman/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Phêrô và Maria/ Ông Bà Tự xin
Monday	Nov 28	7:00	Ellen Eccles/Betty Brown Pelis
		5:15	Joseph Anderson/Dolores Sarisky
Tuesday	Nov 29	7:00	Dr. Lawrence D. Ellis/The Christian Family
		5:15	Patricia Mancuso (Healing)/Mary Help of Christians
Wednesday	Nov 30	7:00	Thomas Campbell, Sr/Anne Campbell
		5:15	George Moley/Peter & Marlene
		7:00	Andrea Angulo/Andres & Sebastian Angulo
Thursday	Dec 1	7:00	Anne Penny (L)/Clara & Tom Depko
		5:15	Erick A. Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		6:30	Aurora Giraldo/ofrece Maria
Friday	Dec 2	7:00	Mary Cesario/Aquilla Formica & Family
		9:00	Edward DiNicolantonio/Marica Mancini
		5:15	David Fenelon & Helene DeLiz/Judy Fenelon
		7:00	Luis Amos/ofrece la familia

OLSS Church

Saturday	Dec 3	8:00	Peter J. Texier/Marcia Mancini
		4:15	Jalissa Magalong/Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	Francisco Martinez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Dec 4	7:30	Miller Brothers/Bill & Debby Miller
		9:00	Margaret Aragon/Family
		10:30	Ramon Antonio Gonzales/ofrece Estela Montoya e hijos
		12:00	Alberto Isaza/Alfred & Delsa Bechard
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH Phêrô Hoàng Yến/ GD ÔB Bàn xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov 26	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Sheila Vail Inman
Sunday	Nov 27	8:45	Geletei Family
		10:30	Kevin Capone/Nancy & Jimmy Morgan
		12:00	Christie Ortolani/Caroline Ortolani
Monday	Nov 28	8:00	Roy Baake/Bill Wise William Thomas Taylor
Tuesday	Nov 29	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Nov 30	8:00	Fermin & Fructosa Montemayor Nellie Barr/Michelle Baglivo
Thursday	Dec 1	8:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
Friday	Dec 2	8:00	Sr. Mary Claude Damico (1st Death Anniversary)
Saturday	Dec 3	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)/ Sheila Vail Inman

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matt 24:37-44 then answer the appropriate question(s) below.

Question for Adults: What are you waiting for Jesus to do for you?

Question for Children: Do you look forward to be with Jesus at mass?