



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.

January 15, 2017 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Three wise men visit Quaremba Hall



The three wise men during their visit to Quaremba Hall last Saturday. Despite the falling snow, children showed up to meet these three kings. Bert Lopez from the Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County has organized this event for 30 plus years.

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

January 31, 2017 at 6 PM
Feast of St. John Bosco

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>JAN 17</p> <p>Ducktown Neighborhood Association Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM Docks Oyster House 2405 Atlantic Ave 2nd Floor 	<p>FEB 26</p> <p>Mother Emma Lewis Dinner & Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Michaels Church 10 N. Mississippi Ave. Community Mass at 12:00 PM Dinner following in Quaremba Hall 	<p>FEB 1</p> <p>OLSS School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Schools Week Open House 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
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CONTACT INFORMATION

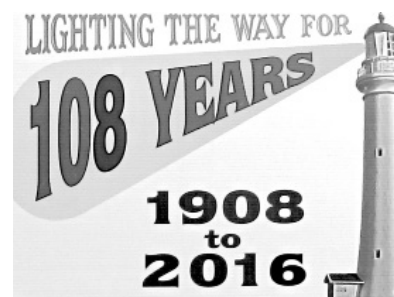
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA REGIONAL



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. Sundays at 9:00 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
5:15 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

St. Nicholas of Tolentine

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

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."

Save the date: We invite you to learn about OLSS School during our Catholic Schools Week Open House, Wednesday, February 1st 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School offers excellent academics, a caring community and gospel values which make for a well-rounded education. We give that "little extra" and we are worth the difference! OLSS School has designated classes for students with special needs. These classes, taught by certified teachers and aides, address individual learning plan goals. OLSS School strives to provide each and every student with the tools necessary to reach his/her greatest potential spiritually, academically, and socially.

We congratulate the following December OLSS Stars of the Month who received recognition for their hard work in English Language Arts: Pierson Nguyen, Melissa Corvera, LiArian Kinlaw, Ethan Candelaria, Daniel Tran, Dayna Dinh, Victoria Orengo, Joselyn McDevitt, Christina Vargas and the following students for their demonstration of peace: Neil Behl, Amira Washington, Sophia Pham, Kenneth Tran. Sarahi Nunez, Anna Tran, Adrian Bernard, Christopher Tran, Amberlee Perez, Bill Nguyen, Catherine Scott.

During the month of December, in the spirit of sacrifice and service, students donated over \$300 through their mission effort.

STEWARDSHIP 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Calling

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5A

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each Steward has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

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

Erick Duran
Facilities Manager

Mary Ellen Maguire
Pastoral Associate

Sandy Parker
Office Manager

Joan Parker
Bookkeeper

Ruby Brooks
Gift Shop Manager

Laura Esparza
Asst. for Hispanic Ministry

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accatholic.org

Creating community: the beginning of spirituality

Community is foundational to Christian spirituality. Spirituality is a sharing of God's life. God is our origin and our destiny. The Trinity is our greatest doctrine about God, that God is one in substance but three in persons. Therefore, spirituality can be defined in terms of relationships. It is our destiny to be children of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Son, and living temples of the Holy Spirit. Christ, our brother (see Hebrews 2:11), is the way we reach our destiny. Christ makes us members of His Body, which is the Church (see 1 Corinthians 12). Therefore, none of us travels the way to God alone but together, as one Body, one Church.

A few of us have attended World Youth Days and experienced a million Catholics from all over the world gathered as one Body in Christ. Some of our parishioners regularly take part in diocesan activities, like the Black Catholic Ministry Commission. But for most Catholics, their experience of "the Church" is limited to the local parish. For all of us, our experience of the Church is at least grounded in the parish.

The Catechism explains that the parish "is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love" (no. 2179).

The Catechism quotes St. John Chrysostom (349-407 AD): "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests."

Just as each Christian is a member of the Body of Christ, each parishioner should truly feel like a member of the local parish. Members share in the mission of an organization. The mission of our parish, the mission of the Church itself, is to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Of course, each of us has a different role in the mission. The priests and sisters of the parish have made it their life's work. Some parishioners generously give their time to ministry, others generously donate their wealth to financially support the parish.

One of the ways parishioners can share in the mission more effectively is by having more information. For this reason, the parish's first annual report is inserted in this bulletin. The report covers the first year of the citywide parish, the fiscal year from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. With all the busyness of uniting the parishes, the report is coming to you late. In the future, we plan to

distribute the annual report in September, about three months after the close of the fiscal year. The annual report is a simplified version of the statements that the finance council reviews regularly. If you have questions about the report, please e-mail me at jthomas@accatholic.org.

The parish will have an important town hall meeting on Monday, May 8 at 7 PM. At this meeting, we will choose a new pastoral council. This council works with the parish priests to achieve the parish's goals. Please mark your calendars. I'll be sharing much more about this meeting in the months ahead.

Each parishioner should truly feel like a member of the local parish. The mission is to "make disciples of all..."

- Fr. Jon

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
JANUARY 16, 2017**

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

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION IS SATURDAY
JANUARY 21, 2017**

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 can help serve this Catholic Outreach Ministry

Open Monday-Friday

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

JOIN US

Music At St. Nicholas

Thomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) was an accomplished organist, composer singer and Catholic priest. He is the most significant composer of the Counter-Reformation in Spain. His Mass "O Great Mystery" hearkens to the great mystery of the Incarnation. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's (1525-1594) setting of "Be Joyful in the Lord, All the Earth" and Orlando di Lasso's (1532-1594) "There Was a Marriage in Cana of Galilee" are both written as 'a cappella' or 'of the chapel (style of singing)'. This phrase literally refers to the Sistine chapel's long-standing practice for many centuries of unaccompanied choral music at papal liturgies in the chapel. We now often use the term today without giving its' origin a second thought.

Anyone who would like to make music at St. Nicholas Church either by singing or playing a musical instrument is encouraged to contact Steven Ball: info@StevenBall.com (609) 515-5857.

Ducktown Neighborhood Association Meeting

Join us for our 2017 kick off community meeting. Guest speakers include Mayor Don Guardian, Ducktown Tavern owner John Exadaktilos, and Executive Chef at Dock's Oyster House Stephan Johnson. The meeting is being held at Dock's Oyster House, 2405 Atlantic Avenue, on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 PM. Parking is available in St. Michaels Church lot on Georgia Avenue.

Stardust Tickets

Memberships are now available for the next cycle of the Stardust 50/50 Raffle Club. The donation is \$60 for a six month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 951 memberships have been sold, 49 memberships are still available for purchase.

Wedding of the Sea Committee

The Wedding of the Sea Committee and the Wedding of the Sea Festival Committee will meet for the first time in 2017 on Thursday, January 26 at 7 PM. This joint meeting will help decide the direction of this year's event. You will recall that last year's event brought back the festival with significant community help and the attendance at the Mass at Boardwalk Hall was the highest in several years. This year, we will need to continue the momentum and increase the number of festival sponsors to reduce the parish's financial burden. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to join the original committee, which plans the ceremonies at Boardwalk Hall and the beach, or the festival committee. Parishioner Jim Persenda chairs the first committee and the latter is co-chaired by community members Cookie Till and Evan Sanchez. The Wedding of the Sea on August 15 is the citywide parish's signature annual event.

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JAN 7-8

OFFERTORY	\$8,827.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$745.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS 1372

DEAR VISITOR

I always thank God for time away, whether on a European vacation or on a day trip. I know many people do not have these opportunities. Therefore, when I attend Mass, I show my gratitude with a particularly generous gift to the local church. I am grateful for your generosity to us. Also, please tip your housekeepers and other hospitality staff – they are our parishioners!

FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

JOIN OUR US CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking Awareness month. LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

STARTING AN ANNULMENT PROCESS

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Camden will be conducting a seminar at St. Monica's Parish, Atlantic City, NJ for anyone interested in beginning the annulment process. This seminar is not intended to be an instruction session as much as an opportunity for individuals needing an annulment to actually start preparing a case for adjudication. Though aimed primarily for members of the Spanish-speaking community in the Atlantic City / Jersey shore area. English-speaking Tribunal staff members will also be available. Those attending the seminar do not need to bring anything with them except a pen and a desire to begin the journey through the canon law process in an effort to enter a new, sacramental marriage in the Catholic Church. The seminar will begin at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's Quaremba Hall; enter through the parking lot at 9 North Georgia Ave.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

If you're interested in leading the parish's participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Boardwalk, please talk to Fr. Jon or e-mail him at jthomas@accatholic.org.

STARDUST WINNERS NOVEMBER 2016

First Prize #781	\$2,853.00	Maureen Charlton Warwick, NY
Second Prize #619	\$475.50	Deborah Marion Parlin, NJ
Third Prize #628	\$475.50	Effie Hagan Gloucester, NJ
Fourth Prize #284	\$475.50	Rosemary Giosa Philadelphia, PA
Fifth Prize #614	\$475.50	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cerasoli Chandler, AZ

DIOCESE BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS

Join Bishop Sullivan, homilist Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir on Sun., Feb. 19, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. A light reception will follow.

EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN

The employee giving campaign at your workplace presents an opportunity for you to support the parish and Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

Help the parish reach its House of Charity goal

In the donor choice section, write "HOUSE of Charity, 631 Market St, Camden, NJ 08102." Alternatively, you may be asked for a code. The United Way for Greater Phila. and Southern NJ code is 445. The South Jersey Public Employees (PECC) code is 9025. Ask to be acknowledged so your gift is counted toward the parish's goal.

Help students attend OLSSS through the Depko Family Foundation

The Foundation's United Way code is 51551.



Las entradas para la fiesta de Saint Valentine estarán disponibles en enero. El baile se llevará a cabo en Quaremba Hall.

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.

2017 FREE ESL & CITIZENHIP CLASSES

SPRING 2017 FREE ESL & CITIZENHIP CLASSES

Provided by La Casa Dominicana New Jersey
CLASES GRATIS DE INGLES Y CIUDADANIA
 DE JANUARY 2017 A APRIL 2017

LUGAR/ Place: Atlantic City Police Athletic League
 DIRECCION/Address: 250 N. New York Avenue,
 Atlantic City, NJ

DIAS/Days: Lunes/Monday – Viernes/Friday
 HORAS/Hours: 5:00pm a 7:00pm

Enero/ January: 20, 23, 27 y 30.

Febrero/ February: 3, 6, 10, 13, 17,24 y 27.

Marzo/ March: 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24,27 y 31.

Abril/ April: 3 y 7.

Nota: Las Clases de ciudadanía se imparten en el local de La Casa Dominicana NJ (Mates y Jueves)

Para más información favor llamar a

Luis Rodriguez 609-334-2563

9:00am - 4:30pm

Lunes/Monday – Viernes/ Friday

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Y ahora ha hablado el Señor, que me formó como su sirviente desde el seno materno ..." Isaías 49;5

Tú tienes que hacer lo que Dios te está llamando a hacer y yo tengo que hacer lo que Dios me está llamando a hacer a mí. ¿Adivina qué?, ¡para cada uno hay un plan diferente! Por lo tanto, deja de compararte con los demás. No dejes que la envidia y los celos entren en tu vida. Sé agradecido por los dones que Dios te ha dado y compártelos generosamente con otros.

MOTHER EMMA LEWIS DINNER & AWARDS

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John
 Sponsors the

Mother Emma Lewis Dinner & Awards

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Community Mass at 12:00 PM

Dinner Following in Quaremba Hall

St. Michael's Church

10 N. Mississippi Ave.

Atlantic City

Tickets: \$40.00

More info: Pat Jackson (609) 344-2717

Marilyn Kirkland (609) 646-2813

Palabra de Vida

Considere la posibilidad de volver a leer Juan 1:29-34 y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para Adultos: Juan el Bautista nació antes que Jesús. ¿Qué quiere decir cuando dice que "[Jesús] existía antes que yo?"

Reflexión para los niños: ¿Qué es algo que has visto que te hace saber que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios?

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 15, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan 14	4:15	Christopher Coyne/Anne Marie & Patti Carrieri
		7:00	Jose Amado Cepeda/ofresu su esposa e jijos
Sunday	Jan 15	7:30	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		9:00	William Fritz/Voices in Praise Choir
		10:30	Mass for the People
		12:00	Elsie Haunbacher
		2:30	Julia Escobedo/ofrecen sus hermanos
	6:30	LH Mẹ Anna Maria/ Gia Đình Bà Đoàn xin	
Monday	Jan 16	7:00	Giovinazzo Family/Sharra Family
		5:15	Therese Garneau/Marcel Croteau
Tuesday	Jan 17	7:00	Mario J. Formica/Aquilla Formica & Family
		5:15	Charlie Iannarello/Wootton Family
Wednesday	Jan 18	7:00	Lunincning & Doro Teo Puzo/Rose Marie Puzon
		5:15	John Gibson/Peggy Schmei
		7:00	Maria Mite/Su familia
Thursday	Jan 19	7:00	Heather Luthy/Liddy Family
		5:15	Roque Magalong/Cecilia Magalong
		6:30	Guadalupe Mendez Martinez/Familia
Friday	Jan 20	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	John W. Gibson/Barbara Marshall

OLSS Church

		7:00	Consuelo Velazquez/Su Esposo
Saturday	Jan 21	8:00	Frank Volpe/Lou Kelly & Family
		4:15	Dan Maguire/Family
		7:00	Mass People
Sunday	Jan 22	7:30	Desere Negrelli
		9:00	William Fritz/Sandy Parker
		10:30	Oleya Mejia/Su familia
		12:00	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		2:30	Genaro Gonzalez/su familia
		6:30	LH ĐaMinh & Maria/ Anh chi Am xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan 14	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Jan 15	8:45	Catherine Geletei (L)
		10:30	Burke & Cox Families (L & D) Bill Miller/Pat Hyland
		12:00	Vincent DiVasto, Jr./Ann Kaplan Dr. David Smith & Family (L)/ Paula Geletei
Monday	Jan 16	8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Tuesday	Jan 17	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Wednesday	Jan 18	8:00	Maryann Herron (L)/Nancy Chakmakian
Thursday	Jan 19	8:00	Bruce Chakmakian/Nancy Chakmakian
Friday	Jan 20	8:00	Erma Perez/Family
Saturday	Jan 21	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dennis Han/Jess & Nieves

Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 1:29-34 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: John the Baptist was born before Jesus. What does he mean when he says "he [Jesus] existed before me?"

Reflection for Children: What is something you have seen that makes you know Jesus is the Son of God?