



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 29, 2017 **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Virgen de la Altagracia



Celebration of the Virgin of Altagracia of the Dominican Republic held at Star of the Sea last Saturday. She is the patron saint of that country. Pictured here are local youths and Luis Rodriguez from the Dominican House of Atlantic City. The vibrant colors reflect the lively spirit of the Dominican peoples.

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

JAN 31

Feast of St. John Bosco

- St. Michaels Church
- 6:00 PM
- Social following at Quaremba Hall

JAN 31

Vietnamese New Year Celebration

- 7:00 PM OLSS Gym
- Vietnamese Food and Music
- Everyone is invited

FEB 26

Mother Emma Lewis Dinner & Awards

- St. Michaels Church
10 N. Mississippi Ave.
- Community Mass at 12:00 PM
- Dinner following in Quaremba Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea School

School Principal: Mrs. Susan J. Tarrant School Staff: 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.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 - January 29th to February 4th, 2017
Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service

At Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School and across the United States, Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of Catholic education. The National Catholic Education Association (NECA) selects a theme and each school plans activities around this theme. At Our Lady Star of the Sea, Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of all the elements of our school that make it such a great place- students, parents, faculty, staff, friends, and the entire parish and community.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

Join us on: Wednesday, February 1, Open House in the school 9 to 11:30 AM
Friday, February 3 for Mass at 9:00 AM

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Humility

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3

This one confuses even Stewards. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember - God first in all circumstances.

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
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Mary Ellen Maguire
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Sandy Parker
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Joan Parker
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WEB SITE
accatholic.org

Nineteen months ago, four parishes came together. How many new people have you met since then? It can be hard to meet people at Mass. Particularly at Star of the Sea, the Masses are tight and most of us head to our cars as soon as Mass ends. Fortunately, our parish organizes lots of events. They are the best opportunity to meet new people. Remember when our parents encouraged us to go out and make new friends? Some of us get settled in our circles of friends. For our own good and for the good of the Church in Atlantic City, let's break out of our comfort zones and make new friends. The closer our parishioners, the stronger our parish!

Vietnamese New Year • Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM • Memorial Hall (School Gym)

Many of us have at least some familiarity with Hispanic Catholicism, but how much does the average American Catholic know about Catholicism in Vietnam? Many of the casinos are throwing Asian New Year parties, but you can attend one in your own parish. The Vietnamese ministry organizes a first-class event of food, music, and entertainment. Non-Vietnamese attendees are treated like honored guests for the evening - our fellow Catholics love to share their Vietnamese culture!

Catholic Schools Week • Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Open House: Wednesday, February 1 from 9 to 11:30 AM

School Mass: Friday, February 3 at 9:00 AM at OLSS Church

The school is the parish's most significant ministry. Come see what you're helping to support!

St. Valentine's Day Dinner for Couples • Monday, February 13 at 7 PM • Quaremba Hall

The Hispanic ministry is sponsoring a gala dinner for all couples in the parish. The multicultural, bilingual event is a great opportunity to celebrate the "eve" of St. Valentine's Day with your significant other. It's also a great demonstration of the Church's care for married couples. Marriage is a sacrament and family is the foundation of society. We'll honor that at this delicious dinner. Tickets are \$80 per couple.

Mass for Local Businesses • Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 PM • St. Nicholas Church

Many of our local businesses are persevering in a challenging economy. Let's honor their sacrifices and ask God to bless the work of their hands. The Mass is open to the public. Business leaders may contact the office for a personal invitation.

Mother Emma Lewis Dinner • Sunday, February 26 at 1 PM • Quaremba Hall

Mother Emma Lewis founded Old St. Monica's Church to serve the city's black Catholics. Her example will continue to inspire ministry to black Catholics in Atlantic City. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John are sponsoring an awards dinner in her honor. I will give a brief presentation on the life and work of Mother Lewis. Tickets are \$40. Contact Pat Jackson (609-344-2717) or Marilyn Kirkland (609-646-2813).

St. Patrick's Day Parade • Saturday, March 11 at 1 PM • Boardwalk

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish and Catholic holiday. March behind the parish banner. Meet on the Boardwalk in front of TEN (the former Revel). Call the office for more information.

Parish Awards Dinner • Thursday, March 30 at 6 PM • Quaremba Hall

This is our parish's first formal, sit-down dinner. Enjoy a catered three-course meal with wine as we honor the generosity of our donors and ministry leaders. Tickets are \$50. Call the office for tickets.

See you soon!

- 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
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

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

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION IS SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 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, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday - Closed

Friday

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Saturday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

JOIN US

Music At St. Nicholas

This is the final essay in a series of articles touching on the music which you can continue to experience at the 8:45 and 10:30 liturgies of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, all if it taken from our great treasury of Roman Catholic Sacred Music. Today we have a chance to explore the 'a cappella' style of the German Hans Leo Hassler's (1564-1612) "Third Mass" and the Dutchman Giaches de Wert's (1535-1596) fascinating motet "Jesus got into a Boat" along with the much later Italian Baroque style Giovanni Carlo Maria Clari (1677-1754). Clari was organist and choir master in Pistoia Italy. His setting of the text, "The Right Hand of The Lord Has Struck With Power" is accompanied by an elaborate organ background. The composition paints with musical brush strokes the portrait of a soul both joyous and resolute in the works of the Lord.

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.

Feast of St. John Bosco

The Parish of St. Monica in conjunction with the St. Michael's Church Preservation Society will celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco on Tuesday, January 31st with a Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, 10 N. Mississippi Ave. A social will follow in Quaremba Hall sponsored by Mary Help of Christians. All parishioners and friends are welcomed to attend.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is active in Atlantic County. We organize social events at area pubs and offer scholarships for local students. We also march in the Atlantic City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Officer Thomas McMeekin Jr. Memorial Division meets at the Moose Lodge on West End Avenue in Atlantic City. We are a new division with a young membership. Practicing Catholics of Irish descent are invited to join us. Search for us on Facebook or e-mail mkelly70@hotmail.com.

Mother Emma Lewis Awards Dinner

Sponsored by the
Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John
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

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JAN 21-22

OFFERTORY \$15,509.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

POOR BOX \$121.00

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Retreat for Confirmation

Saturday March 4, 2017

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Confirmation

Saturday April 1, 2017

10:00 AM in English

1:00 PM Espanol

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.

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.

WORSHIP AT ST. NICHOLAS?

St. Nicholas Church has a hardbound hymnal and a paperback missalette. The hardbound hymnals will last for years but do not contain the readings for Mass. The missalettes are quarterly and contain the readings plus some hymns not found in the hardbound. Each shipment costs the parish \$700, so the missalettes cost \$2,800 a year. In order to save money and reduce waste, I propose to cancel the order after the current books expire. This will allow us to take full advantage of the hardbound hymnals, which were wisely purchased by St. Nicholas parish a few years ago to alleviate the need for costly and wasteful paperbacks.

I know many of you like to follow the readings in the missalettes. I call your attention to the new audio system at St. Nicholas. You should now be able to hear the readings very well. This is how it is meant to be: the lector proclaims the readings so they can be heard, not simultaneously read by everyone. For those who for various reasons wish to continue to follow along in their own texts, missalettes can be purchased from the St. Nicholas Shoppe.



Las entradas para la fiesta de Saint Valentine ya están a la venta, por favor de llamar a la oficina hispana al (609)345-1878 preguntar por Laura de martes a viernes de 10:00 to 2:00 PM.

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

4º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos." MATEO 5;3

Esto confunde a la gente. Reemplacen la palabra "pobre" por "humilde" y tiene más sentido. Las personas que son humildes reconocen su dependencia de Dios y confían en que Él les proveerá todo lo que necesitan. Desafortunadamente, para muchos de nosotros, el orgullo y el ego entran en nuestras vidas y pensamos que podemos vivir sin Dios. Recuerda - Dios primero en todas las circunstancias.



La comunidad Dominicana les da las gracias por haber cooperado en la celebración de la Virgen de la Altigracia que se llevo a cabo el sábado 21 de Enero en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar. Gracias al Padre Fernando por haber dejado todo coordinado ante de marchar a sus merecidas vacaciones y también le damos las gracias al Padre Brady por haber celebrado con nosotros.

Palabra de Vida

Considere la posibilidad de volver a leer Mateo Mateo 5:1-12a y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para Adultos: Ser renovado en la justicia es llegar a ser una nueva persona en Cristo. ¿Cómo satisfaces tu hambre y sed para ser más plenamente la persona que Dios quiere que seas?

Reflexión para los niños: Jesús dice que aquellos que tienen corazones limpios verán a Dios. ¿Cómo el Sacramento de la Reconciliación te acerca a Dios?

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 29, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan 28	4:15	Dan & Florence Fritz/Dan, Trish & Peggy
		7:00	Luis Carlos Trujillo/ofrece su hermano Rogelio
Sunday	Jan 29	7:30	Barbara Demarco/Joe & Carla Tosh
		9:00	Kevin Capone & Annie Mc-Gettigan/Ruffolo Family
		10:30	Juan Andujar Brito/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	Arturo Melo/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Vincentê giỗ 100 ngày/ Anh Trần Bảo xin
Monday	Jan 30	7:00	Jeffrey Nathan (L)/Joe Formica
		5:15	Jack Kelly, Jr (Anniversary)/ Kelly Family
Tuesday	Jan 31	7:00	Alfonso Dagostino (2nd Anniversary)/Wife Lucelly & Son Jonathan
		5:15	Mr. Robert Haworth/Vesper Family
Wednesday	Feb 1	7:00	Ann Smith/Family
		5:15	Erick Ericksen/G. L. Warrington
		7:00	Jose Raul Torres/ofrece sus Hermanos
Thursday	Feb 2	7:00	Patrick McGowan, Sr/Caesars Facilities Department
		5:15	Sharra Family/Family
		6:30	Roxana Orellana/ofrece su familia
Friday	Feb 3	7:00	Mass for the People
		9:00	Robert McDevitt/Tim & Cathy Kelly
		5:15	Irma Gormley/Family
		7:00	Alcelmo Galindo/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Saturday	Feb 4	8:00	Beverly Depko/Tom & Clara Depko
		4:15	Charlie Iannarello/Rich Negro
		7:00	Margarita Ayala//ofrece su familia
Sunday	Feb 5	7:30	Robert C. McDevitt/Steve Jones
		9:00	Nevil Tauro/Family
		10:30	Sabina Portillo/ofrece su hija
		12:00	Frack Eccels/Helen & Julie Lawler
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH AnnaMaria/ GD Đức và Cúc xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan 28	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Robert McDevitt/Cathy Burke
Sunday	Jan 29	8:45	Michael Morrissey & Family (L)/ P. Gallagher
		10:30	Mike McGhee/Karen Warlich
		12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Monday	Jan 30	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Tuesday	Jan 31	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formich (L)
Wednesday	Feb 1	8:00	Phyllis & Nick Madonna (L)/Bob Melito Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Feb 2	8:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke(L)
Friday	Feb 3	8:00	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	Feb 4	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Bergin Family (L & D)

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Tuesday	Jan 31	6:00	Benedetta & Phillip Paporone/ Family

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew 5:1-12a then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: To be renewed in righteousness is to become a new person in Christ. How do you satisfy your hunger and thirst to be more fully the person God wants you to be?

Reflection for Children: Jesus says those who have clean hearts will see God. How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation bring you closer to God?