



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.

February 5, 2017 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vietnamese New Year Mass



The liturgical dance teen group performing during the Lunar New Year Mass at Star of the Sea last Tuesday Night. A standing room only celebration was held in Quaremba Hall after the Mass.

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

FEB 13

St. Valentine's Day

- Gala Dinner for Couples
- At Quaremba Hall
- 7:00 PM
- Tickets \$80.00 per couple

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

MAR 11

St. Patrick's Day

- Parish participation in the Parade on the Boardwalk
- 1:00 PM

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.

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the collection to benefit the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden.

Congratulations to Catherine Scott, Christina Vargas, Sarah Tran and Dakota Bivens who competed in The Math Counts competition on Saturday at Rowen University. These students represented OLSS and the club of 20 students moderated by Sister Christine.

OLSS School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with prayer and activities highlighting this year's theme: "Catholic Schools-Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service". Some of the activities included an opening Prayer Service, Soup for the Souper Bowl and PB & J sandwich-making service projects, red, white and blue day, letters to our adopted Seminarians. The celebration of Mass concluded a busy week.

If you are interested in learning more about our school, please call 609-345-0648 to schedule a tour. OLSS offers classes for Pre K 3 and Pre K 4, Kindergarten to 8th grade, as well as two levels of Special Education. Take the time to discover all a quality Catholic Education at OLSS has to offer.

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Steward's Light Shine

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good Steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon Thomas
Pastor

Rev. Thanh Pham
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fernando Carmona
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Robert Matysik
Hospital Chaplain

Maria Isabel Duran
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Mary Ellen Maguire
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accatholic.org

Frank Sinatra regularly performed in Atlantic City during his spectacular career. He even visited St. Michael's Church. Do you remember his song, "Love and marriage"?

Love and marriage, love and marriage
They go together like a horse and carriage
This I tell you, brother
You can't have one without the other

Love and marriage, love and marriage
It's an institute you can't disparage
Ask the local gentry
And they will say it's elementary

What Sinatra claimed was "elementary" is now considered quaint, almost old-fashioned. There's a lot of talk about the divorce rate doubling since 1960, but less people know about the 50% decline in the number of marriages since 1970. Some people are choosing to forgo marriage completely, preferring cohabitation or single life. It's no wonder, as the number of broken marriages makes many people think twice before coming to the altar. Sinatra himself had a difficult time with "love and marriage."

There's plenty of reasons not to get married. Among many people today, marriage is not considered the default lifestyle. Jesus would agree with them! After Jesus taught that marriage is a permanent and exclusive union, the disciples reacted, "It is better not to marry!" The disciples could be mistaken for "21st people," but the truth is that marriage has always been a challenge. Jesus acknowledged that when he answered, "Not all can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given." He explained that some are incapable of marriage and others renounce it for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 19:1-12).

Marriage is a vocation, a calling from God. As young Christians grow up, they must listen for God's call. God may be calling them to marriage, but he may also be calling them to become a religious brother or sister or a priest or to the single life. God calls each person to greatness and answering God's call is always the beginning of an adventure. It is an adventure precisely because it is challenging. There are joys and trials in every vocation. Marriage is not a perfect solution to loneliness nor is the single life simply blissful freedom.

"Christian wisdom holds that marriage must be part of our path to greater unity."

February 7-14 is National Marriage Week in the US and next Sunday is World Marriage Day. The latter is an initiative of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter. (They provide excellent retreats for married couples locally. Call the parish office for more information.) This week is a great opportunity for all of us to recognize our indebtedness to marriage. Marriage is the bedrock of a strong society. Many people today are crying out for unity in American society. Christian wisdom

holds that marriage must be part of our path to greater unity.

So let us thank the married couples in our lives - perhaps our parents, or our married children, or our neighbors, or even the people in the pew next to us. Let us literally tell them we appreciate their vocation and let us also pray for their perseverance in a holy union. Our society stands or falls on their shoulders.

- 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**

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 609-345-3448 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

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.

Website Registration

Did you know this bulletin is available online? You can stay on top of what is happening in your parish. Go to **accatholic.org**. Now you can register a user name on the website by clicking the box in the bottom right corner of the page. A confirmation email will be sent to you. That's all it takes. Join up now.

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 28-29

OFFERTORY	\$16,462.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$598.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS 1872

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

February 8 is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child. PRAY for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

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.

SCOUTING

Calling all Boys 11-18 and Girls 14-20. Come join the adventure - Scouting is year-round fun. Tuesdays, 5pm - 6 pm Moose Lodge, 3900 West End Ave, Atlantic City. Learn how to: camp, build a campfire, fish, survival. Questions call: Michael Mooney 609-347-8186.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Meeting

in the cafeteria **JUST** for parents with students who will receive First Communion and Penance this year

Tuesday February 7

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM **English**

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM **Spanish**

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

Please let us know if you need sponsor forms

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.

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.

Palabra de Vida

Considere la posibilidad Mateo 5: 13-16 entonces reflexionar sobre la pregunta correspondiente más abajo.

Jesús enseña que sus discípulos son la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo.

Reflexión para los adultos: Cómo fueron Simeón y Ana capaces de reconocer al niño Jesús como el Salvador? Cuáles son las maneras que reconocen a Jesús como Señor en nuestra vida cotidiana?

Reflexión para niños: Como Jesús, ¿cómo puede usted traer bendiciones y felicidad a los demás?

Comunidad Hispana

Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 10am - 2pm

Viernes 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza

609-345-1878 ext.19



Las entradas para la fiesta de Saint Valentine ya estan 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.

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

5º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINA

"Dejen que su luz brille ante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos." MATEO 5;16

¡La generosidad de ser un buen mayordomo de sus dones tiene un efecto positivo en las personas y es contagioso! Las buenas obras animan más buenas obras. ¡Deja que tu luz brille! Ten cuidado de reconocer que Dios está obrando a través tuyo y no te pongas por encima de las personas a las que has sido llamado para ayudar.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

With the electric company. You must have a valid driver's license and the ability to pass a background check. The job pays 20+ dollars per hour and can lead to a journeyman program.

Apply through the One Stop Center in Pleasantville. The office is located at 2 S. Main Street. The phone number is 609-813-3900.

Mass Intentions for the Week - February 5, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb 4	4:15	Charlie Iannarello/Rich Negro
		7:00	Alicia Moralez/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	Frank Eccles/Helen & Julie Lawler
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH AnnaMaria/ GD Đức và Cúc xin
Monday	Feb 6	7:00	Anne Penny (L)/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	For the Abolitionist/Anonymous
Tuesday	Feb 7	7:00	Abraham Ermino/Mimi Ermino
		5:15	Vincent Alaimo/Peggy
Wednesday	Feb 8	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Barbara Hart/Christopher Simonetti
		7:00	Juan Carlos Trujillo/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Feb 9	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Carmen Rickey Carcilli (Anniversary) Wife Emily & Son John
		6:30	Jose Cepeda/ofrece su familia
Friday	Feb 10	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Guillermo Hernandez/Julian Hernandez
		7:00	Oscar David Torres/ofrece su tia

OLSS Church

Saturday	Feb 11	8:00	Dorothy Feeney Burke/Family
		4:15	Josephine Dirago/Mary Help of Christians
Sunday	Feb 12	7:00	Arturo Ramon Melo/ofrece su familia
		7:30	Kevin Capone/The Employee's of Princeton Antiques
		9:00	William Fritz/Bill & Joan Parker
		10:30	Anselmo Galindo/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Marie Mangano/Helen & Julie Lawler
		2:30	Flora Espinoza/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb 4	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D)
			Bergin Family (L & D)
Sunday	Feb 5	8:45	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:30	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Monday	Feb 6	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Mario J. Formica (D) & Family (L)
Tuesday	Feb 7	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Feb 8	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
		8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Feb 9	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Feb 10	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Feb 11	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew 5: 13-16 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Reflection for Adults: How were Simeon and Anna able to recognize the baby Jesus as the Savior? What are the ways we recognize Jesus as Lord in our daily lives?

Reflection for Children: Like Jesus how can you bring blessings and happiness to others?