



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 12, 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mother Emma Lewis



May 1, 1949 - Saint Monica's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue opens its doors. The building dedication was the realization of the hard work of its foundress "Mother" Emma Lewis. Read more about her, and the upcoming awards dinner, on pages three and four.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| FEB 13 St. Valentine's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala Dinner for Couples At Quaremba Hall 7:00 PM Tickets \$80.00 per couple | FEB 26 Mother Emma Lewis Dinner & Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Michaels Church 10 N. Mississippi Ave. Community Mass at 12:00 PM Dinner following in Quaremba Hall | MAR 11 St. Patricks's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish participation in the Parade on the Boardwalk 1:00 PM |
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

Sunday, March 19 11:00 AM
Solemnity of St. Joseph

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.

Save the date: The annual Sister Shamus Walk will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 beginning at 8 am in the school gym. We invite all parishioners to join us. Prior to the walk there will be a raffle.

We congratulate the following January OLSS Stars of the Month who received recognition for their hard work in Social Studies: **Emma Sandoval, Estein Hoang, Christian Wilson, Adrian Bernard, Ethan Tran, Franklin Ngo, Robert McDevitt, Casey Nguyen, Dakarai Spencer, Christina Vargas and the following students for their demonstration of joy: Julieta Gonzalez, Alexa Pia, Ka'Mari Strickland, Nicholas Dummet, Yailene Blanco, Valentina Davila, Kaitlynn Do, Timmy Nguyen, John Bulthuis, Peter Tran, Dan Luna and Kaprese Coulbourne**

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

True Stewards exceed in Righteousness

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

" Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – True Stewardship is the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon Thomas

Pastor

Rev. Thanh Pham

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fernando Carmona

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Robert Matysik

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Maria Isabel Duran

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WEB SITE

accatholic.org

At the turn of the 20th century, a young black woman named Emma Lewis was on a journey east. She was also on a journey toward Catholicism. Born in Ohio in 1868, she moved to Pittsburgh in 1905. She enrolled her daughter in a school run by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, an order founded by St. Katharine Drexel to minister to blacks and Native Americans. When she moved to Philadelphia, she collaborated with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament by teaching the Catholic faith to children and adults. Her work earned the attention of Archbishop Ryan and the affectionate title "Mother." For her greatest work, God called her to the seashore. In 1910, Mother Lewis came to Atlantic City and opened a one-room mission for black Catholics. Seven years later, her mission was so successful that it demanded the attention of Church authorities. On February 18, 1917, St. Monica's became a mission of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church and the Augustinians assumed responsibility for providing the sacraments to its black parishioners. Next Saturday is the centennial of the recognition of Mother Lewis by the larger Church.

The memory of Mother Emma Lewis, and her dedication to the Catholic faith, is being honored here on February 26. A special Mass and dinner is being held at St. Michael's church. See page four of this bulletin for the details.

"Old" St. Monica's Church was relegated from sacred use in September and will probably be sold next month. (I will share the details once the negotiations are concluded. For now, I ask for your prayers that the sale will proceed smoothly.) Although the church graciously served non-blacks throughout its history - its doors and, more importantly, the hearts of its parishioners were always thrown open - it is remembered for providing a place of worship and fellowship for black Catholics who were made to feel unwelcome at other Catholic churches. This legacy is now continued by the work of the citywide parish's Black Catholic Leadership Ministry (BCLM).

Since arriving in Atlantic City, I have met many black Protestants who were raised Catholic. Imagine my surprise meeting an elder in a black church who, upon learning that I work at St. Monica's Parish, shares that he was baptized Catholic! It is the work of the Black Catholic Leadership Ministry to make sure that the city's black residents know they are always welcome in the Catholic Church, whichever building we might be using.

The BCLM follows in the footsteps of the Vietnamese leadership team that assists Fr. Pham in ministry to Vietnamese Catholics. I wish to congratulate Fr. Pham and his team for the first-class celebration of the Asian New Year two weeks ago. Memorial Hall (the school gym) was packed. Mayor Guardian, two city councilmen, Buddhist Vietnamese, and the largest number of non-Vietnamese parishioners I've seen at one of their events all enjoyed the food, music, and entertainment. Fr. Pham sang two songs, the second choreographed with the Vietnamese dance group. Everyone was impressed! If you didn't make it, make sure you come next year!

I hope to see a number of you at our couples' dinner gala Monday night - the "eve" of St. Valentine's Day. My thanks to the Hispanic ministry for suggesting the idea. My last pastor's page shared the Church's concern for married couples in particular. You are the foundation of our Church and our society! Strong marriages mean healthy families and healthy families mean a peaceful and prosperous society. If you're looking for a Christian book to help your marriage, I recommend *Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs*. The hardcover is only \$14 on Amazon.

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- 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

200 CLUB of Atlantic and Cape May Counties

The 32nd Annual Memorial Mass and Brunch of the 200 Club of Atlantic and Cape May Counties will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Mass is at 10:30am at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in Atlantic City, followed by brunch in the TROPICANA Grand Ballroom at noon. The Guest Speaker is Lieutenant Colonel PAT CALLAHAN, Chief of Operations for the New Jersey State Police. BRUNCH TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. Tickets are \$40 and are available online at www.200clubofatlanticandcapemaycounties.org (PayPal only); by contacting Sally or Melissa at (609) 645-3800, or by e-mail through our ticketing partner: swapforrent@yahoo.com Ticket deadline is March 3rd.

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 FEB 4-5

OFFERTORY \$13,993.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

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 \$50 for a five month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 958 memberships have been sold, 42 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.

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

Please let us know if you need sponsor forms

RCIA

Retreat for Confirmation

Saturday, March 18, 2017

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in Cafeteria

Retreat for First Communion

Saturday, March 25, 2017

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Cafeteria

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Divorce and Beyond is a seminar/support group for those who are separated and have made the decision to divorce or have gone through a divorce. Our 12 WEEK program will be held in the parish center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM beginning on March 1, 2017, at Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary's Church), 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. A \$20.00 registration fee will cover the cost of the seminar and materials.

For more information, please call Debbie: 856-881-4133

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

Considerar relectura Mateo 5: 17-37 entonces reflexionar sobre la pregunta correspondiente más abajo.

La ley de Dios de amor puede considerarse como reglas que debemos seguir para mostrar nuestro amor y respeto por los otros.

Reflexión para los adultos: temas específicos ¿qué hace la dirección de Jesús en este pasaje? ¿Cómo puede ir más allá de los requisitos mínimos de la ley y responder a otros con amor?

Reflexión para niños : ¿Cómo se puede vivir como Jesús y Mostrar respeto por los otros?

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 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.

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

6º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARI

"Por eso les digo, a menos que su rectitud supere la de los escribas y fariseos, nunca entrarán en el reino de los cielos."
MATEO 5:20

Los escribas y los fariseos vivían según la letra de la ley y usaban esto para elevarse por encima de los demás. Jesús es claro - es el amor que tienes en tu corazón lo que te llevará al cielo. Simplemente siguiendo las reglas de la iglesia por obligación, no por amor, no te pone en el camino hacia el cielo. Asistir a misa el domingo y luego chismear sobre otros feligreses en el estacionamiento es un ejemplo de un fariseo moderno.

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 12, 2017

OLSS Church

| Day | Date | Time | Intention |
|-----------|--------|-------|---|
| Saturday | Feb 11 | 4:15 | Josephine Dirago/Mary Help of Christians |
| | | 7:00 | Arturo Ramon Melo/ofrece su familia |
| Sunday | Feb 12 | 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 |
| Monday | Feb 13 | 7:00 | Mass for the People |
| Tuesday | Feb 14 | 5:15 | Natividad Nate Po & Susan N. Po/Teresita C. Joel |
| | | 7:00 | Maria Indelicato/Annette Faccioli |
| | | 5:15 | Al Bigler/Bigler Family |
| Wednesday | Feb 15 | 7:00 | Rosemary Bechard/Delsa & Alfred Bechard |
| | | 5:15 | Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington |
| | | 7:00 | Honorato Amaya/ofrece su familia |
| Thursday | Feb 16 | 7:00 | Bill Eagen/Bill Brown |
| | | 5:15 | Iv Hana (L)/Berni Lee |
| | | 6:30 | Yolanda Diaz/ofrece su familia |
| | | 7:00 | Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family |
| Friday | Feb 17 | 5:15 | Dorothy Stokes/Mary Help of Christians |
| | | 7:00 | Trinidad Y Maria Quintain/Gigi |
| | | 8:00 | Ronald Butter Worth/Family |

OLSS Church

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| | | 4:15 | Robert McDevitt/Emily Shaw |
| | | 7:00 | Melania sifuentes/ofrece su familia |
| Sunday | Feb 19 | 7:30 | Jack Gibson/Marilyn Gerhardt |
| | | 9:00 | Sue Perry Davidson/Tim & Cathy Kelly |
| | | 10:30 | Francisca Madrid/ofrece su familia |
| | | 12:00 | Theresa Giordano/John & Annette DiSomma |
| | | 2:30 | Bartolo Campos/ofrece su familia |
| | | 6:30 | LH Anna Maria/ Bà Thanh Tôn xin |

St. Nicholas Church

| Day | Date | Time | Intention |
|-----------|--------|-------|---|
| Saturday | Feb 11 | 4:00 | Pinchot Family (L&D) Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | Feb 12 | 8:45 | Gavin Bonnet (L)/B. Hunt |
| | | 10:30 | Joseph Scott Bochniak |
| | | 12:00 | Edward Morhauser/Susan & Tony DiSalvio Constancia M. Tizon (L-Healing) |
| Monday | Feb 13 | 8:00 | Joanne Grub/Ray & Barbara Sands Madeline Hopper & Family |
| Tuesday | Feb 14 | 8:00 | Fidel & Juanita Montemayor William Thomas Taylor |
| Wednesday | Feb 15 | 8:00 | Dr. James Patrick Burke (L) Madeline Hopper & Family |
| Thursday | Feb 16 | 8:00 | Theresa Nolan Formica & Cesario Family (L & D) |
| Friday | Feb 17 | 8:00 | Most Abandoned Souls Madeline Hopper & Family |
| Saturday | Feb 18 | 4:00 | Pinchot Family (L & D) James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke |

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew 5: 17-37 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.

Reflection for Adults: What specific issues does Jesus address in this passage? How can you go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and respond to others with love?

Reflection for Children: How can you live like Jesus and show respect for one another?