



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.

March 12, 2017 **Second Sunday of Lent**

Stars of the Month



We congratulate the following February OLSS Stars of the Month who received recognition for their hard work in Science: Ana Cora-Prado, Julio Gutierrez, Amir Washington, Brian Scott, Dayson Nguyen, Nicholas Damian, Mike Rodriguez, Navaro Bernard, Jaedin Manning and Sarah Tran and their demonstration of acts of love: Scarlet Garcia, Nigel Tauro, Liam Do, Matthew Tran, Jabari Younger, Chelsea Pham, Giancarlo Canayunan, Yanelys Blanco, Melanie Torres, Dakarai Spencer, Novalyn Grossman, and Daisy Tauro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 19

37th Annual UNICO Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph's Table

- Quaremba Hall
- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Adults \$10.00 - Children \$5.00

MAR 21

Ducktown Neighborhood Association Meeting

- Dante Hall Theater
- 6:00 PM

MAR 30

First Annual Parish Awards Dinner

- Quaremba Hall
- 6:00 PM
- Tickets \$50.00

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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** 12 Noon

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.

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Students enjoyed the celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a "read-in" and related activities on March 2nd. Teachers shared a special book written by Dr. Seuss with each of the classes Pre K through grade 4.

Literacy is also promoted by Wells Fargo Bank sponsoring a ten week read aloud for the Pre K, Kindergarten and Second Grade students.

Registration for the 2017-18 school year is in progress. 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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Stewards Find Their Way

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show those living **Stewardship** a new land and a better way to live.

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

Pastoral Associate

Sandy Parker

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St. Joseph Day

Next Sunday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Although the prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent take precedence, the date is still an important one for Italians. The Atlantic City chapter of UNICO (the largest Italian American service organization in the United States) has organized a pasta dinner in Quaremba Hall that afternoon till 6 PM. Tickets are \$10. Normally I do not have the opportunity to celebrate the occasional Sunday Masses at St. Michael's, but a special ceremony at this Mass happily requires my presence. John H. Carbone was an executive chef, culinary educator, and the vice president of the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey in the 1980's. When he passed away, his will bequeathed 25% of his estate to St. Michael's Church. The citywide parish, as its successor, has received \$95,000 in my time as pastor. In gratitude to Chef Carbone, a plaque will be installed in the church at the 11 AM Mass. This happy ceremony is also a teaching moment. Most of us will be able to donate more to our parish after death than during life. Consider putting the Parish of Saint Monica in your will. There's two ways to do it: alter your will (if you already have one), which may cost a small legal fee, or name the parish as the beneficiary of one of your savings or investment accounts, which is free.

House of Charity Update

Thank you for your attentiveness to the House of Charity campaign the first two weekends of February. I did not show the video at most Masses because my talk was long enough! (Though long, I am happy to report that many people said they had never heard the appeal explained so well.) The video was quite good, though, so you can check it out online at camdendiocese.org/hoc and look for the video link in the menu at the right. If you have given in the past, you should have received a letter from Bishop Sullivan which included a reply form and envelope. If you haven't already, please fill it out and send it to the parish. It may ask you to give slightly more than last year. Please, consider the request carefully. Many of you have decided to do it and I am grateful. It shows people are happy with the parish and eager to support the work of the diocese. Mary Ellen in our office records your contribution then forwards it to the diocese. If you do not have that letter, you can use one of the cards in the pews. Feel free to fold it and put it in an envelope, which you can mail to the parish office or drop in the collection.

The last thing I should mention is that the House of Charity is a significant annual appeal - essentially a "pledge drive." When you fill out one of the forms, you're asked to pledge an amount and only include a check for your first payment. This allows everyone to pay a more significant amount over a period of time. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at jthomas@accatholic.org or call 609-345-1878, x11.

Calendar Notes

This Sunday, St. Nicholas Church hosts the annual Mass for the 200 Club of Cape May and Atlantic Counties, which helps the families of public safety employees who die in the line of duty. This Mass and our presence at civic events like Saturday's St. Patrick's Day on the Boardwalk make our parish visible and relevant to the larger community. Thanks for your support.

My **Bible study on the Eucharist** continues Wednesdays, March 15 and 22 at 7:00 PM in Quaremba Hall. Feel free to join in even if you missed the first week.

Prayer for the Parish - a 45-minute period of prayer for the success of our parish following the 5:15 PM Mass at Star of the Sea - continues on March 20 and 27. Eucharistic adoration and the rosary are included.

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 PM is our First Annual Parish Awards Dinner. It's an opportunity to recognize our biggest donors and some of our most active parishioners. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased after Mass or in the parish office.

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
MARCH 21, 2017**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities' case managers in Atlantic County provide a wide variety of services. Some examples are utility and rental assistance, disaster services in response to Hurricane Sandy as well as the Atlantic City casino closings, assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and financial coaching and education which includes the opportunity for clients to open matched savings accounts which can be used for them to purchase a home, start a business, or further their education. Services are available to undocumented individuals.

In 2016, the Atlantic City Office was able to provide food assistance to 1,358 individuals. Over 500 individuals, 50 of whom were homeless veterans, received rent or utility funding in order to prevent homelessness and disconnection. The office has also provided over 1000 changes of clothing, fresh hygiene products, and sandwiches to the homeless on Fridays.

The Atlantic City office, located at 9 North Georgia Ave., is open on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, and includes a food pantry, free baby supplies, and a thrift store.

Thrift Store Hours: 9:30-11:30 AM **Mondays:** Adult clothing **Wednesdays:** Children & housewares **Fridays** (except First Friday): Free clothing to those who provide proof of homelessness

For more information and a full list of services, please visit: <http://catholiccharitiescamden.org/?staff=atlantic-county> or call 609-345-3448.

JOIN US

37th UNICO Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph's Table

37th Annual UNICO Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph's Table will be held on Sunday, March 19th from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Quaremba Hall, 15 N. Georgia Ave. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and children's tickets are \$5.00. Beneficiaries are the AC-UNICO Scholarship Fund and the Parish of St. Monica. For information and tickets, please call Norman Goos at home 609.652.2230 or cell 609.513.1044. In addition you can call Marcia Mancini at 609.641.4634.

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. Make sure to get your parent's permission if you are under 18. A confirmation email will be sent to you. That's all it takes. Join up now!

2017 Easter Basket Distribution

Our annual Easter Basket Distribution Day will soon be here! Last year over 325 children enjoyed a visit with the Easter Bunny and received a basket. Unfortunately we did not have enough baskets for all of the children that showed up so we are working hard to make sure no child goes away empty handed. To raise funds, we will be accepting \$5.00 basket sponsorships after all masses the weekend of March 11th and 12th as well as on March 19th at Saint Michael's. Also needed are donations of individually wrapped Easter candy. Donations can be left at the parish office or at the Saint Nicholas Gift Shop. For more information please contact Margaret Steadman at 609-703-9093.

Knights of Saint John Meetings

Regular monthly meetings are held in the Star of the Sea rectory. The Knights of Saint John Commandery #287 was formed October 13th, 1919 here in Atlantic City. Our Foundress "MOTHER EMMA LEWIS", had a vision imbued with a passion for inclusiveness and participation of the African American community in keeping with the universality of the Catholic Church. Today you will find the Knights assisting in the Masses, pursuing fund raising activities, helping at the Parish food bank, transporting parishioners to Mass, collecting winter clothes, evangelizing and participating in Parish Ministries.

Contact Bernard Reynolds at 609-641-8599.

STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club

WE NEED YOU!



Memberships still available

The donation is \$40 for the remaining 4 months.

Please help our parish keep

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School open,
the ONLY Catholic school remaining on Absecon Island!

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAR 4-5

OFFERTORY \$14,662.00
BUDGET \$12,506.00
POOR. \$341.00

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB 25-26

OFFERTORY. \$14,825.00

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!

THE IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey will celebrate its annual St. Patrick's liturgy at Our Lady of Sorrows, Linwood at 7:00 PM on March 15. Fr. Patrick Brady will celebrate and be the homelist while Fr. Paul Harte will concelebrate. The free will offertory collection will be donated to the St. Nicholas Tolentine Food Bank. Light refreshments will follow in the church hall. For information, 927-0180

HOST

Wine & Candles

The month of
March 2017

At St. Nicholas of Tolentine

In Memory of
Lorraine DeVice

Requested by
Thomas "Butch" Mathews

Ducktown Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Ducktown Neighborhood Association will be on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM in the Dante Hall Theater. Plan now to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation

Saturday April 1, 2017
10:00 AM in English
1:00 PM Espanol

Please let us know if you need sponsor forms

First Holy Communion

Sabado Mayo 6th 1:00 PM Espanol
Saturday May 6th 4:15 PM English
Sunday May 7th 9:00 AM English
Sabado Mayo 13th 10:00 AM Espanol

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

FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

JOIN OUR US CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Trafficking today is a continuation of the Transatlantic Slave Trade with the sophistication of technology making the buying and selling of persons convenient and globally efficient. SUPPORT US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

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.

Comunidad Hispana

Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 10am - 2pm

Viernes 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza

609-345-1878 ext.19

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"Salgan de la tierra de sus parientes y de la casa de su padre, a una tierra que yo les mostraré."

GÉNESIS 12:1

Dios nos llama a todos a dejar atrás nuestros antiguos caminos y a seguirlo, poniendo nuestra plena confianza en Él. Algunas de las viejas formas que tendremos que luchar para dejar atrás pueden ser el materialismo, el egoísmo y la codicia. Sin embargo, Dios promete mostrarnos una nueva tierra y una mejor forma de vivir.

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 de releer Mateo 7: 1-9 y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para Adultos: ¿Cómo comparas la nube del Evangelio de hoy con la columna de humo que apareció a Moisés en el libro de Éxodo? ¿Cómo reaccionarías a la voz que provenía de esa nube?

Reflexión para los niños: Jesús les dijo a los apóstoles que no le dijeran a nadie acerca de lo que vieron. ¿Por qué crees que quería que lo guardaran en secreto?

ST. NICHOLAS GIFT SHOPPE

The religious gift shop is located next to the church. Proceeds from the gift shop go to support Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Church Restoration.

Store Hours During Lent

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday and Thursday

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

AFTERNOON OF JAZZ

Don't miss this 26th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on Sun., **April 23**, 3 – 8 p.m. at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person and mail it to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102. Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org.

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

A Prayer for the Parish will be held on Monday March 20th and 27th and April 17th and 24th after the 5:15 Mass. This is an opportunity for us to pray together as a group for the success of our Parish. This 45 minute period of prayer includes Eucharistic adoration and the rosary.

James 5:16-18 ... *The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. Elijah was a human being like us; yet he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain upon the land. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.*

Mass Intentions for the Week - March 12, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 11	4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Bessy Blanco/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Mar 12	7:30	Bob Ferris/Joe Formica
		9:00	Jimmie Ruane (15th Anniversary)/Mary
		10:30	Francisco Arroyo/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Concetta Feriozzi/Mary Paparone
		2:30	Victor Gomez/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People
Monday	Mar 13	7:00	Anne Penny (L)/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	May Levine & Grandson Rick Heiden/Loretta & Carl Heiden & Family
Tuesday	Mar 14	7:00	Dr. David Donati/Dennis Morgan
		5:15	Mary Wong/Berni Lee
Wednesday	Mar 15	7:00	Mrs. Carter/Friend
		5:15	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		7:00	Maria Marte/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Mar 16	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Dolores Texier/Mary Ellen Maguire
		6:30	Jose Flores/ofrece su familia
Friday	Mar 17	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family
		5:15	Izzy Altman/Marcia Mancini
		7:00	Luis Acevedo/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Saturday	Mar 18	8:00	Anna Christian/Maureen & Frank Previti
		4:15	Kevin Capone/Mary Ellen & Rosemary Maguire
		7:00	Julia Mairén/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Mar 19	7:30	Mary Larmour/Kenny Lasala
		9:00	Joan Mullin/Mary Donato
		10:30	Mass for the People
		12:00	Angelo Gentile/John & Annette Di Somma
		2:30	Constantina Martinez/ofrece su familia
6:30	LH Maria/ Ông Bà Tự xin		

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 11	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Mar 12	8:45	Maria Isabella C. Pamintuan/E. Caliwara Antoinette Ricciardi (L)/Mr & Mrs. James Poulson
		10:30	Mike McGhee/Kathy Peterson
		12:00	James Patrick Burke & Mary Teresa Burke Felicisima Caballes/Blanca Proano
		12:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak Richard Daly/Family
Monday	Mar 13	12:00	William Thomas Taylor Gertrude H. Donahue/Bill Wolf
Tuesday	Mar 14	12:00	Formica & Cesario Families (L & D) Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Mar 15	12:00	Most Abandoned Souls Madeline Hopper
Thursday	Mar 16	12:00	Mathew Joseph Guld/Ross Family Teodora M. Tizon
Friday	Mar 17	12:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
Saturday	Mar 18	4:00	

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew 7:1-9 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: How do you compare the cloud in today's Gospel to the pillar of smoke that appeared to Moses in the book of Exodus? How would you react to the voice that came from that cloud?

Reflection for Children: Jesus told the apostles not to tell anyone about what they saw. Why do you think He wanted them to keep it a secret?