



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 19, 2017 **Third Sunday of Lent**

St. Patrick's Day Parade



Parishioners and OLSS students march down the Atlantic City boardwalk last Saturday, March 11. Despite the cold and windy weather, thousands turned out from all around the area to celebrate the annual event. This is the first year St. Monica's officially took part in the parade. See additional photo on page 4.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>MAR 21 Ducktown Neighborhood Association Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dante Hall Theater 6:00 PM 	<p>MAR 24 Mary Help of Christians Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quaremba Hall 15 N. Georgia Ave. 12:30 PM 	<p>MAR 30 First Annual Parish Awards Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quaremba Hall 6:00 PM Tickets \$50.00
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- 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.

Save the dates: **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast:** April 9th from 8:00 to 1:00 in the school cafeteria. **Annual Sister Shamus Walk:** 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.

Sunday, April 30, 2017, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Williamstown High/Middle School (561 Clayton Rd, Williamstown, NJ 08094) for the 6th annual iRace4Vocations. For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/.

In observance of Women's History Month, women representing the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame presented career possibilities to Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School 7th and 8th grade girls on Tuesday, March 7. Hall of Fame honorees and trustees discussed their own career paths and life experiences, as well as presenting options the career fields and the importance of education in reaching the girls' goals in life. Speakers included Hall of Fame trustees Judy Ward of Pleasantville, Anne Campbell of Ventnor, Diane Epps of Atlantic City. Honorees that spoke were Sister Patricia Prendergast of Atlantic City, Brenda Taube of Margate and MaryLou Antinozzi of Brigantine.

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, a program specifically devoted to 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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

God – centered Stewardship

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when through our **Stewardship** we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

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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accatholic.org

Another exciting week in Atlantic City

For the first time, the parish joined the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on the Boardwalk. A dozen parishioners marched with about 20 students from Our Lady Star of the Sea School. I'm thankful to John Rambo and Shelly Bigler for organizing the parish's participation. I'm also grateful to Joe McDevitt for arranging the donation of green (of course!) hoodies with the parish and school logos. Gormley Funeral Home donated St. Patrick holy cards and the St. Nicholas Shoppe provided green rosaries. Parishioners like Rich Negro saw the parade as an opportunity to evangelize. The holy cards and rosaries and our banners let everyone know that the Catholic Church in Atlantic City is "open for business."

The annual **Mass for the 200 Club** of Atlantic and Cape May Counties at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church provided an opportunity for people to see our gorgeous church. Each year, parishioner and club vice president Ellen Loughney organizes a beautiful and meaningful liturgy to honor our fallen public safety personnel and support their families. The Knights of Columbus, the ACFD pipes and drums, and the police honor guard added so much.

This Sunday is the 11 AM Mass at St. Michael's where we will memorialize John H. Carbone with a permanent plaque in the church for including the parish in his will. The UNICO **St. Joseph's Day Pasta Dinner** follows.

Planning continues for a number of events:

The **First Annual Parish Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 30** at 6 PM in Quaremba Hall - Our parish's first formal, sit-down, served, three-course dinner. We will honor our biggest donors and our most active parishioners. Buy a ticket after Mass or visit the parish office. Tickets are \$50.

Confirmation of nearly 200 students and adults on Saturday, April 1 with Bishop Sullivan. My thanks to the catechists who have prepared them!

The **Sister Shamus Walk on Saturday, April 29** starting from Memorial Hall (the school gym) - This is the school's biggest annual awareness- and fund-raising event. Save the date to participate or contact the parish office to volunteer.

And don't forget **Prayer for the Parish**, 45 minutes to pray for the success of our parish after the 5:15 PM Mass on March 20 and 27. Someone suggested I print the Amazing Parish Prayer we pray at the end:

**"This Sunday is the
11 AM Mass at St.
Michael's where we
will memorialize
John H. Carbone with
a permanent plaque"**

Heavenly Father, We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. **Amen.**

- 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.

Prayer for the Parish

A Prayer for the Parish will be held on Monday March 20th and 27th, 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.

Ducktown Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Ducktown Neighborhood Association will be **this Tuesday**, March 2st at 6:00 PM in the Dante Hall Theater. Plan now to attend.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank-you to all the students and parishioners who represented St. Monica's parish at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We would like to be able to name each parade participant, but space won't allow us to do so. Just know that we appreciate your willingness to come out and show your support for our city wide parish and your enthusiasm for Atlantic City.

Special thanks go out to Jack McAvaddy, Joe and Ailyn McDevitt, the OLSS students and those of you that walked with us. See you next year!

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 11-12

OFFERTORY \$16,203.00
BUDGET \$12,506.00
POOR \$709.00

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!

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.

HOST

Wine & Candles

The month of
March 2017

At St. Nicholas of Tolentine

In Memory of
Lorraine DeVice

Requested by
Thomas "Butch" Mathews

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 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)

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If in this calendar year (01/01/17. through 12/31/17), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m. Mass in Glassboro, at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish.

Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Registration deadline is May 26, 2017. For more information please contact your parish office.

LENTEN MASS

The Lenten Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel in Mays Landing, NJ on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

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

3er DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"Todo el que beba esta agua tendrá

"Todo el que beba esta agua tendrá sed otra vez." JUAN 4:13

Jesús nos recuerda que las cosas materiales, incluso algo tan básico como el agua, nunca nos pueden satisfacer por mucho tiempo. Cuando construimos nuestras vidas alrededor de posesiones materiales siempre queremos más. La verdadera alegría y paz sólo nos llega cuando seguimos a Jesús; cuando nos volvemos más "centrados en Dios" y menos "egocéntricos".

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 Juan 4: 5-42 y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para los adultos: La mujer samaritana fue a decirle a su gente acerca de Jesús. Cuáles son dos cosas que puedes hacer esta semana para evangelizar al Señor.

Reflexión para los niños: ¿Qué harías con el agua viva? ¿Cómo decidirías a quién darle?

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

Monday and Tuesday:	CLOSED
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

STARDUST TICKETS

Memberships are now available for the next cycle of the Stardust 50/50 Raffle Club. The donation is \$40 for a four month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 968 memberships have been sold, 32 memberships are still available for purchase.

Stardust Winners

March 10, 2017

First Prize - \$2,904.00

#649 - Gloria Henning, Pittsburg, PA

Second Prize - \$484.00

#411 - Nancy Gugliotti, Bellport, NY

Third Prize - \$484.00

#398 - Mike & Suzanne Miltenberger, Ventnor, NJ

Fourth Prize - \$484.00

#476 - Theodore LaMonica, Jr, Garden City, NY

Fifth Prize - \$484.00

#807 - Harold Rinko, Hallstead, PA

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week - March 19, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 18	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 Tỵ xin
Monday	Mar 20	7:00	Paul Wright/Joe Formica
		5:15	Andrew Beck/Mary Beck
Tuesday	Mar 21	7:00	Mr. Krumaker/A Friend
		5:15	Julia Lopez (L)/Berni Lee
Wednesday	Mar 22	7:00	Kelly T. Gottschall /Alexis Llort
		5:15	Charlie Diorio/Bill Wolf
		7:00	Miguel Amauri Matos/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Mar 23	7:00	John Giemza/Parish of St. Monica
		5:15	Victoria Guy/Cecilia Magalong
		6:30	Jorge Candelario & Ruben Reyes/ofrece su familia
Friday	Mar 24	7:00	Agatha Loflin (L) (97th Birthday)/Her Children
		5:15	Fred Shaw & Paul Maccagano/Emily Shaw
		7:00	David Ramos/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Mar 25	8:00	Harmon Burns/Maureen & Frank Previti
		4:15	Zachary Wolfe/Mary Ellen Maguire
		7:00	Luis Moya/ofrece su hijo

OLSS Church

Sunday	Mar 26	7:30	Bob Costello/Joe Formica
		9:00	Phillip Paparone/Family
		10:30	Luis Moya/ofrece su hijo
		12:00	Gigi Rocés/Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	Carmela Solari/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 18	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D)
Sunday	Mar 19	8:45	Anthony Palesa/Ray & Barbara Sands Emily Shaw (L)/Mr & Mrs. James Poulson
		10:30	Constancia Tizon/Blanca Proano William Thomas Taylor
		12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L) Randolph Zientarski (L)/Omer Ortiz
Monday	Mar 20	12:00	Fred Frost/Jim Pinchot Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Mar 21	12:00	Burke & Cox Families (L&D) Donna Marie Basmajian/Betty & Lou Cocomello
Wednesday	Mar 22	12:00	Mathew Anthony Colatrella Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Mar 23	12:00	Sonny Marsh/Daniel Smith & Family Robert Joseph Costello, Jr./Bill Wolf
Friday	Mar 24	12:00	Peter Carpanini/Jim Pinchot Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Mar 25	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) David Donati/Colleen Lennon

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Mar 19	11:00	John Krumaker/St. Michael's Preservation Society

Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 4:5-42 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: The Samaritan woman went to tell her people about Jesus. What are two things you can do this week to evangelize for the Lord.

Reflection for Children: What would you do with living water? How would you decide who to give it to?