



# 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 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent

### St. Joseph's Day Celebration

The 37th Annual UNICO Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph's Table was held last Sunday, from 12:00 - 6:00 PM in Quaremba Hall. The dinner benefitted the AC-UNICO Scholarship Fund. Quaremba Hall was packed all afternoon with people enjoying good food, good music and a good time. Thank you to all who participated.



### 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

Wednesday, March 29th 6:00 PM  
Feast of St. Ludovico da Casoria  
(Arcangelo Palmentieri)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAR 30

#### First Annual Parish Awards Dinner

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

### APR 9

#### Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

- School Cafeteria
- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### APR 10

#### Lent Penance Service

- OLSS Church
- 7:00 PM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish of Saint Monica • 2651 Atlantic Avenue • Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
www.accatholic.org • 609-345-1878

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

# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

## 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

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**

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/](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/).

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.

## The Depko Family Foundation

"The **Depko Family Foundation** helps families send their children to our school. You can support the Foundation through United Way using code 51551. You can also support it by selecting "Depko Family" in the Amazon Smile program."

## 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](http://accatholic.org). To date, 968 memberships have been sold, 32 memberships are still available for purchase.

## 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**  
*Facilities Manager*

**Mary Ellen Maguire**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Sandy Parker**  
*Office Manager*

**Joan Parker**  
*Bookkeeper*

**Ruby Brooks**  
*Gift Shop Manager*

**Laura Esparza**  
*Asst. for Hispanic Ministry*

**Henry Porvaznik**  
*Asst. for Special Projects*

## CONTACT

**RECTORY**  
609-345-1878

**FAX**  
609-348-0248

**RELIGIOUS ED**  
609-345-1878 x24

**SCHOOL**  
609-345-0648

**CONVENT**  
609-347-0434

**WEB SITE**  
[accatholic.org](http://accatholic.org)

## Support our school

Many times since July 2015, I have had the same experience. I spent a day integrating the city's four previously independent parishes, promoting the parish's cultures, managing our four campuses, expanding parish events like the Wedding of the Sea, and, yes, doing the "normal" priestly work of Masses, confessions, weddings, and funerals, and then as the day ends I realized I missed something. The school!

Our Lady Star of the Sea School was founded in 1908. Out of the six parochial schools once on Absecon Island, it is the only one to survive to this day. A great deal of sacrifice is necessary to keep the school open. Families must often sacrifice to pay their children's tuition, faculty and staff often sacrifice better paying jobs, and volunteers sacrifice their time to support the school in a myriad of ways, from teaching special classes to coaching sports to organizing fundraisers. Every one of us who believes in Catholic education should be grateful for these sacrifices. This past year, Fr. Pham and I have made the time to teach religion classes. We've seen first-hand all the people it takes to keep the school running.

Most people do appreciate that Catholic schools are struggling. Really, how could they not? Since 2000, 1,400 Catholic schools have closed in the United States. On the island, schools at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Holy Spirit, St. Michael's, Blessed Sacrament, and St. James have all closed. For people who have felt the pain of these closures and wish to keep the few schools we have left, the conclusion is often organizing a fundraiser.

While there is some truth to the sentiment that "every bit helps," the situation is really beyond the reach of fundraisers. Fundraisers are like little businesses: they have overhead (the cost of permits, mailings, advertising, food, music, t-shirts, etc.), they require personnel (alumni, parishioners, and other supporters, some of whom devote a considerable amount of time in the weeks before an event), and hopefully at the end turn a profit. In my experience, the profit is often small compared to the size of the effort to organize the fundraiser.

The "business" we need to focus on is running the school, not running fundraisers for the school. There is a difference. The best volunteer hours are those spent working with the children. I'm grateful to the people in our community and parish who teach classes, coach sports, serve as classroom aids, tutor students, read stories to the younger students, volunteer at special events like field day, etc.

Our school does have some important fundraisers: Stardust and the sale of Steel Pier tickets help the parish pay its annual subsidy to the school and the Sister Shamus Walk directly benefits the school. I understand that other fundraisers have been attempted over the years, but these have had the best reception.

Thankfully, our school and its students have been assisted by a network of supporters. Former Sen. Bill Gormley is a great supporter of the school. The Depko Family Foundation and a number of people who sponsor students for \$300/year help families pay tuition. These efforts require less work than most fundraisers and generally connect donors directly to our students or at least the mission of the school.

The best thing that most of us can do for the school is promote it. Tell people it's here. If you don't know much about the school, call and ask for a tour. The more you know about our parish's school, the more likely you'll promote it. And recruit students. Money is well and good, but with just over 150 students enrolled, we really need to fill more seats. Why? More students provides a richer experience. More friendships to be made, more teammates for sports, more members for the clubs. I understand that promoting and recruiting is harder than fundraising. Most of us feel comfortable passing out t-shirts at a fundraiser, but talking to people about the school and asking those with children if they've considered the school can be uncomfortable.

Nevertheless, I think the second approach is necessary. Fundraisers help our school *survive*. Recruitment will help our school *thrive*. And, in the future, a school with a larger student body that provides a richer experience for all *will help us survive* in the face of increasing competition from charter schools.

- 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  
APRIL 17, 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

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sister Shamus Walk

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Sister Shamus Walk" on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Registration will begin at 7:00 am in the school gymnasium. The walk begins at 8:30 am and will go from the gymnasium up to the boardwalk and back. Participants may walk 1, 2 or 3 miles.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School is Absecon Island's last standing Catholic school. We are promoting community involvement and fitness while at the same time raising money for the school.

All members of the community are welcome to join our faculty, students, parents and alumni members for this event.

All donations may be made payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School and mailed to the School attention "Sister Shamus Walk" 15 N. California Ave, Atlantic City.

### Prayer for the Parish

A Prayer for the Parish will be held on Monday March 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.

### Palm Sunday

PLEASE NOTE - PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH - **NO** 12 Noon Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Mass at 12 Noon will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church and St. Nicholas Church

**Pick up a copy of the complete Easter Mass schedule in the vestibule at the information center.**

### Feast of St. Ludovico da Casoria

A special Mass for the Feast of St. Ludovico da Casoria (Arcangelo Palmentieri) is being celebrated on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 PM in St. Michael's Church.

St. Ludovico is an ancestor of the local Palmentieri family. He was an Italian Franciscan priest who lived 1814-1885. He was a renowned social reformer. Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

### 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!

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAR 18-19

OFFERTORY . . . . . \$15,489.00  
BUDGET . . . . . \$12,506.00  
POOR . . . . . \$152.00

### 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 **House of Charity** supports the religious and charitable works of the Catholic Church in South Jersey. Our parish's 2017 goal is **\$143,000**. With **\$41,589** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **29%** of our goal. For information about pledging, e-mail [jthomas@ac-catholic.org](mailto:jthomas@ac-catholic.org).

"Help us through United way using code 445 or through PECC using code 9025. If you aren't asked for a code, write "House of Charity, 631 Market St, Camden NJ 08102" Ask to be acknowledged so your gift will count toward our parish's goal.

---

**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

### Rehearsal for First Communion

Tuesday, April 18th 11:00 AM -12:30 PM English  
Miercoles, Abril 19th 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Espanol

**First Communion rehearsals will be during spring break**

### 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

## 22ND ANNUAL NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

Celebrate with your family! The 22nd Annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally will be held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ on May 21st. This event is open to all families, youth groups, schools, scouting troops and you! Tickets are \$50 and includes park admission, all-you-can-eat lunch buffet, return ticket and parking. The Archdiocese of Newark is hosting 6 PM Mass at Plymouth Rock Arena. If you have any questions about this event or would like to purchase tickets please call Martha A. Scutte at 856-583-2909 or email at [martha.scutte@camdendiocese.org](mailto:martha.scutte@camdendiocese.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 the 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

### 4er DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

*"Dios no ve como lo hace el hombre, porque el hombre ve las apariencias, pero el Señor mira el corazón." 1 Samuel 16:7*

¿Con qué frecuencia invertimos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros en crear una apariencia que a Dios no le importa en absoluto? Nos esforzamos para impresionar con nuestra ropa, hogar, carrera, posesiones, automóvil y otras marcas distintivas. Pero ninguna de estas ilusiones de grandeza impresionará a Dios. En todo caso, Él mirará en nuestros corazones para ver cuánto lo amamos, cuánto amamos a otros y cómo mostramos ese amor por la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros aquí en la tierra.

## 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 a Juan 9: 1-41 luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada abajo.

Reflexión para Adultos: ¿Cómo la rutina de la vida cotidiana te hace "ciega" a las buenas obras de Jesús? Cuando se le pregunta acerca de su fe, ¿cómo responde?

Reflexión para los niños: Hacer ver a un ciego es muy sorprendente. ¿Qué puedes hablar de eso es tan asombroso que debe ser de Dios?

## 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

## STEWARDSHIP

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

True Stewardship

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness are true **Stewardship**. Instead, God will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Ladies Auxiliary #216 of The Knights of St. John & The Mother Emma Lewis Planning Committee would like to thank everyone for making Our Mother Emma Lewis Award Dinner a success. We truly appreciate your contribution and hope we will continue working together making The Parish of St. Monica in Atlantic City great!!

Thank You, Grazie, Danke, Salamat, Cam On Ban, Merci, Gracias, Assante, A dank, Dziekuje, Imela, Chokrane, Gratias ago

Ladies Auxiliary #216 of The Knights of St. John, The Mother Emma Lewis Planning Committee

# Mass Intentions for the Week - March 26, 2017

## OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 25	4:15	Zachary Wolfe/Mary Ellen Maguire
		7:00	Luis Moya/ofrece su hijo
Sunday	Mar 26	7:30	Bob Costello/Joe Formica
		9:00	Phillip Paparone/Family
		10:30	Luis Moya/ofrece su hijo
		12:00	Gigi Roces/Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	Carmela Solari/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People
Monday	Mar 27	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Cael Rankin (L)/Cecilia Mag-along
Tuesday	Mar 28	7:00	Danielle Salamone/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	Rev. Joseph Jung (L)/Berni Lee
Wednesday	Mar 29	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Barabara Bush/Bill Wolf
		7:00	Vicente Ortiz/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Mar 30	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Ben Mazzeo/Parish of St. Monica
		6:30	Felipe Then/ofrece su familia
Friday	Mar 31	7:00	Arlene McCarty/Peggy Schmei
		5:15	Anna Christian/Marcia Mancini
		7:00	Gladys Mendoza/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Apr 1	8:00	Erick Ericksen/G.L.Warrington

## OLSS Church

		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone
		7:00	Jose Ruiz/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Apr 2	7:30	Bob Costello/Aquilla Formica & Family
		9:00	William & Audrey Fritz/The Ruffolo Family
		10:30	Rosa Ocana/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Marie Braithwaite & Rosie Smith/Rodney Braithwaite
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	Giỗ LH Phêrô/ các cháu xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar 25	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) David Donati/Colleen Lennon
Sunday	Mar 26	8:45	Mr Joseph Colarco (L) & Rev. Jeffrey Cesarone (L)/Mr. & Mrs. James Poulson
		10:30	Fidel S. Montemayor Jackie Faccioli, Anna & Lily Casey/Aunt Annette
		12:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L) Roger F. Reyes (Healing/Thanksgiving)
Monday	Mar 27	12:00	The Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Mar 28	12:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Wednesday	Mar 29	12:00	Pedro & Felipa Palaganas Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Mar 30	12:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Friday	Mar 31	12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Apr 1	4:00	Pinchot Family ( L & D ) Juan Devesa/Roger & Aida Reyes

## Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 9:1-41 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: How does the routine of daily life make you "blind" to the good works of Jesus? When you are questioned about your faith, how do you respond?

Reflection for Children: Making a blind man see is very amazing. What can you talk about that is so amazing that it must be from God?