



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.

April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Awards Dinner Celebration



The parish's first awards dinner was held last Thursday in Quaremba Hall. It was a time to honor parishioners who have demonstrated an ongoing, persistent spirit of volunteerism to help make Saint Monica's a great and vibrant catholic parish. Pictured here are OLSS students who provided table and beverage service at the dinner.

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

Palm Sunday - April 9 12 Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 9

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

- School Cafeteria
- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Adults \$7.00
Children 8 and under \$5.00

APR 10

Lent Penance Service

- Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
- 7:00 PM

APR 29

8th Annual Sister Shamus Walk

- OLSS School Gymnasium
- Registration begins 7:00 AM
- Walk begins at 8:30 AM

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 our multi-cultural community.

The school community remembers Sister Grace Nolan, a Sister of Mercy, who passed away on Saturday, April 1. Sister Grace began her ministry in 1948 here as a teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. She went on to teach and serve as principal at several schools in New Jersey including the former Holy Spirit School. Since 1970, Sister Grace was known as administrator and coordinator of the Atlantic City branch of Catholic Charities, where she served for 41 years. We are very grateful for her legacy of service in the education of so many, as well as for her service to those in need.

The Students, Faculty, and Staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School wish our school families and our parishioners a most holy and joyous Easter. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make to ensure that Catholic Education endures and for this we keep you in our prayers.

School is closed for Easter vacation from April 13th to April 21st. Classes resume Monday, April 24th.

We hope you will support the Annual Sister Shamus Walk 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.

OLSS School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for Pre K 3 to Grade 8 and for students with Individualized Service Plans. If you are seeking a quality Catholic education, individualized instruction in a small class environment where a high level of success is encouraged, let us help you make that possible. We welcome new families to witness firsthand what sets us apart in addressing the needs of our students spiritually, academically, and socially. Please call to take a tour the school and speak to our Principal, Mrs. Tarrant. Financial assistance and transfer credits are available.

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."

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

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

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WEB SITE

accatholic.org

EASTER MASSES IN ATLANTIC CITY

PLEASE NOTE – PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH – There is NO 12 Noon Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
12 Noon Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church and St. Nicholas Church

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church 2651 Atlantic Avenue (near Tropicana)

Lent Penance Service: Monday, April 10 at 7:00 PM

Masses

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 13	6:30 PM – English
Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion Friday, April 14	3:00 PM – English 6:30 PM – Vietnamese
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Saturday, April 15	8:00 PM – English
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 16	7:30 AM, 9 AM, 12 Noon English 10:30 AM, 2:30 PM - Spanish 6:30 PM - Vietnamese

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church 1409 Pacific Avenue (between Bally's and Resorts)

Masses

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion Friday, April 14	12 Noon - English
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 16	8:45 AM - Traditional Latin 10:30 AM & 12 Noon -English

Saint Michael's Church 10 North Mississippi Ave.

Masses

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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.

Our Parishioners Give

The people of the Parish of Saint Monica raised \$105,000 in 2016 in response to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to support Catholic Charities and other diocesan ministries. Some of our parishioners also volunteer in the local office. Thank you all for your participation.

JOIN US

8th Annual Sister Shamus Walk

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School will hold its 8th 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 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.

ATTENTION: There will **NOT** be a 5:15 Mass on Tuesday, April 11, 2017

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

The complete Easter Mass schedule is available in the vestibule at the information center and online at accatholic.org under "Quick Links."

Lent Penance Service

The Lenten Penance Service will be held on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

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**. 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 APR 1 & 2

OFFERTORY \$14,084.00
BUDGET \$12,506.00
POOR \$261.00

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 **\$47,901.00** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **33.4%** of our goal. For information about pledging, e-mail jthomas@accatholic.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.

DIOCESANA MATRIMONIAL

La fecha límite es el 26 de mayo del 2017!
Si usted está celebrando su aniversario matrimonial número 25, 50, 60, 70 o más durante este año, Acompáñenos a celebrar la Misa con el Obispo Dennis Sullivan el Domingo, 18 de junio del 2017 a las 3:00pm (Tendremos un compartir sencillo después de la celebración en el salón parroquial)

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
500 Greentree Road
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles a través de su parroquia local. La fecha límite es el 26 de mayo del 2017. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con la oficina de su parroquia.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

CHRISM MASS 2017

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN WEDDING

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

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

"Mientras marchaban, se encontraron con un hombre de Cirene, llamado Simón y lo presionaron para que llevara su cruz." MATEO 27:32

El Señor nos llama a amar a Dios y a amar al prójimo. Cada día se nos presentan oportunidades para amar a nuestro prójimo y ayudarlo a "llevar su cruz". Estas oportunidades no suelen ser grandes eventos, suelen ser eventos ordinarios como ayudar a alguien a llevar sus comestibles o mantenerle la puerta abierta. La clave es poner las necesidades de la otra persona antes que las nuestras y no esperar nada a cambio.

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 los capítulos 25 y 26 de Mateo y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para Adultos: ¿Cómo somos Cristo cuando somos falsamente acusados? ¿Lo atacamos? ¿Perdonamos a los que nos acusan? ¿Qué lección nos da la Pasión de Cristo en nuestras propias vidas?

Reflexión para los niños: Poncio Pilato "se lavó las manos" de la crucifixión de Jesús. ¿Era la muerte de Cristo parte del plan de Dios que no podía ser detenido sin importar lo que Pilato hiciera?

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

PALM SUNDAY

Stewards Carry His Cross

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls His **Stewards** to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew chapter 25 & 26 then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: Christ was accused and killed for crimes He did not commit. How Christ-like are we when we are falsely accused? Are we humble enough not to strike back? Do we forgive those who accuse us? What lesson does the Passion of Christ provide us in our own lives?

Reflection for Children: Pontius Pilate "washed his hands" of Jesus' crucifixion. Do you think he is guilty of killing Jesus? Was Christ's death part of God's plan that could not be stopped no matter what Pilate did?

Mass Intentions for the Week - April 9, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr 8	4:15	Raymond Gormley/Family
		7:00	David Rodriguez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Apr 9	7:30	Anna Christian/Mary Ellen Maguire & Sandy Parker
		9:00	Leonardo & Remedios Magalong/Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	Iris Benavides/ofrece su familia
		2:30	Noel Rodas/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People
Monday	Apr 10	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family
		5:15	Kay Picard/Ed & Kay Colanzi
Tuesday	Apr 11	7:00	Carlos Trujello/Luisa Giraldo & Family
		5:15	NO MASS
Wednesday	Apr 12	7:00	John P. Dolan Sr & Jr/John Dolan
		5:15	Theresa & Basil Paparone/Cousins
		7:00	Julia Escobedo/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Apr 13	6:30	Dan & Rose Maguire/Family
Friday	Apr 14	3:00	Passion of the Lord
		6:30	Vietnamese
Saturday	Apr 15	8:00	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Apr 16	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		10:30	Rosa Feliciano/ofrece su familia
		12:30	Persecuted Christians/Christopher Simonetti
		2:30	Rosa Damian/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH AnnaMaria Giỗ 100 Ngày/Gia Đình xin

The week of April 9, 2017

At St. Michael's

In Memory of

Haas & Iannarello Family

Requested by

Maria Haas

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr 8	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Apr 9	8:45	Robert Ferris/Mr. & Mrs. James Poulson
		10:30	Mario J. Formica (D) & Family (L)
		12:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L) Jaime Bautista, Sr.
Monday	Apr 10	12:00	Victoria Ablan (L) Joseph Scott Bochniak
Tuesday	Apr 11	12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Apr 12	12:00	William Thomas Taylor Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Apr 13	6:30	Mass of the Lords Supper at OLSS Church 2651 Atlantic Ave.
Friday	Apr 14	12:00	Passion of the Lord
Saturday	Apr 15	8:00	Vigil Mass at OLSS Church 2651 Atlantic Ave.

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Apr 9	12:00	Angelina & Joseph Smedile/ The Family Haas & Iannarello Family/Maria Haas



Kindergarten students at OLSS experience a science lesson on plants. How does this Easter season help you to experience new life and new growth?

Hosts
Wine &
Candles