



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.

May 7, 2017 **4th Sunday of Easter**

Penny Auction



Mary Help of Christians sponsored their annual penny auction last Friday in Quaremba Hall. Hundreds of items were up for grabs as people bid on their favorite merchandise. Homemade pizza and cold drinks provided refreshments for the crowd on hand.

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

Wednesday, May 24 6:00 PM
Feast of Mary, Help of Christians

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>May 8 Parish Meeting Preparing for the Future of the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Michael's Quaremba Hall 6:30 PM All parishioners invited to attend 	<p>May 12 May Crowning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Begins at 11:15 AM All are invited to attend 	<p>May 15 Atlantic City Community Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with staff of city government Quaremba Hall Starts at 5:00 PM For info call Mimi Nambo 347-5400
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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

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 compassion to our multi-cultural community.

Congratulations to the following award recipients for the 2017 Catholic Daughters of America Education Contest: **Poetry-Division 1- 1st Armani Mensah, Division 2- 1st Darryl Davis, 3rd Andres Angulo; Essay- 3rd Yamillet Perez; Art- 2nd Sara Tran, 3rd Abigail Nunez & Catherine Scott; Photography-3rd Victoria Orengo; Computer Art- Division 1-3rd Dakarai Spencer & Teresa Pham, Division 2- 3rd Dan Luna**

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.

Stardust Tickets

Memberships are still available for the Stardust 50/50 Raffle Club. The donation is \$30 for a three month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 976 memberships have been sold, 24 memberships are still available for purchase.

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."

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

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CONVENT

609-347-0434

WEB SITE

accatholic.org

Moving Forward

Many thanks to those who attended the Sister Shamus Walk last Saturday, including Mayor Don Guardian and Maria Lacca. Maria and her sister Phyllis Lacca of Masterpiece Advertising provided two beautifully designed banners for the Walk.

Masterpiece Advertising also designed a Facebook page for the parish. Almost two years after the churches united, Masterpiece helped us unite the churches' individual Facebook pages! Please visit the new page at www.facebook.com/acatholic.

At Sunday's noon Mass at Star, I will offer a blessing for Elizabeth Terenik, who left her position as the city's director of planning and development to become the administrator of Upper Township. Elizabeth was well respected by residents and businesses alike for her passionate work to improve Atlantic City. She helped the parish sell Old St. Monica's (now under contract with a settlement date of July 1) and helped form the Ducktown Neighborhood Association, the first meeting of which was at Star of the Sea School. She also attended parish events like the Wedding of the Sea and the Mass for the Business Community.

The Catholic faith is important to Elizabeth so she considers prayer an essential step to success in work. May all of us follow her example of asking God to bless the work of our hands!

"Tomorrow, May 8 at 6:30 PM, there is a meeting in Quaremba Hall. I would like all parishioners to attend."

On Wednesday, May 10th, Fr. Pat Brady will lead a Memorial Mass at 5:15 PM for Sister Grace Nolan. The Voices in Praise Choir will sing at the Mass, with a special song sung at the end by Jim Craine, "the singing lifeguard." Many of you know Sister Grace as the longtime coordinator of the Atlantic County office of Catholic Charities. Others remember her as a school teacher and principal, both at Star of the Sea and Holy Spirit. Many people have told me she is the only person they have known who could be called a "living saint." Catholic Charities and the parish

will provide a light reception after the Mass in the school cafeteria. Feel free to spread the word about this Mass.

Tomorrow, Monday, May 8, the parish will hold its first discernment meeting. It's a sort of parish version of a town hall meeting. Starting at 6:30 PM, refreshments will be served in Quaremba Hall. At 7 PM, I will begin with a special presentation then the pastoral council chair, Stephen Williams, will open the floor for discussion. The meeting comes almost two years after the union of the city's churches. We have consolidated Mass schedules, staffs, and buildings. Now is the time to look toward growth. The meeting will not be as much a brainstorming session but a search for new parish leaders. Except perhaps for the details, we know what we need to do to reach fallen away Catholics and others. What we really need to decide is who will lead this work. **I am asking all parishioners to attend.** Consider it protecting your investment - for years or maybe even generations, you and your family have supported the Catholic churches and schools of this city. Now is the time to make sure the citywide parish has the right leaders to guarantee a bright future.

Finally, let us pray for the students receiving First Communion this weekend and next. The parish has been studying the sacrament of the Eucharist this year with the help of the "Minute in the Church" book hundreds of you bought in the fall and the three-week Bible study in Lent attended by more than 30 parishioners. These parishioners can better appreciate the great blessing of this sacrament that our students are receiving for the first of many times throughout their Christian lives.

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
MAY 15, 2017**

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Fellow Catholics: You know of the merger between our churches and we come to worship among you having left our parish which was located on the Northside of Pennsylvania Ave, St. Monica Church. We have a rich history and owe much of our Catholic roots to Mother Emma Lewis, Founder of the Mission which led to St. Monica's Church. After 77 years our church doors were closed and we scattered to various churches in the area. The 12 Noon Sunday Mass is attended by the African American majority of people who no longer can attend the old church. As African Americans we find ourselves immersed in a Multi-cultural church and we want to carve our niche in it. So here we are, we will have a sick list, hospitalization list and any news that parishioners want the church family to be aware of. Special events, marriages, births, deaths can be sent to or called to Alma Johnson 609-226-0807 or [email/johnsonflaky43@aol.com](mailto:johnsonflaky43@aol.com) or you can contact the parish office at 609-345-1878 or email to office@accatholic.org. We must receive all notices no later than 12 noon on Mondays.

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

Sister Grace Nolan Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass for Sister Grace Nolan, RSM will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5:15 PM. The Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, California and Atlantic Aves., Atlantic City. Sister Grace entered Eternal Life April 1, 2017.

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.

Parish Meeting

"Preparing for the Future of the Parish"
Monday May 8, 2017

St. Michael's Quaremba Hall

6:30 PM - Light Refreshments

7:20 PM - Special Report by the Pastor

7:30 PM - Q & A, Presentations and Open Discussion

Please come out and join your fellow St. Monica's Parishioners at this important meeting concerning the future of YOUR City-Wide Parish

Website Registration

Did you know this bulletin is available online? The digital version has clickable links that let you follow URL's printed here. You can stay on top of what is happening in your parish.

Type **www.accatholic.org** into your web browser 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 29 & 30

OFFERTORY \$17,836.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

POOR \$54.00

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 **\$68,064.00** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **47.4%** 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.



AROUND ATLANTIC CITY

City of Atlantic City

Presents

Community Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

Quaremba Hall (St. Michael's Catholic Church)

15 N. Georgia Ave

5:00 PM

Opportunity to bridge the neighborhoods of our community with the Staff of City Government.

Providing information on activities, programs and other topics for our residents.

For more information please contact: Mimi Nambo at 609-347-5400

La ciudad de Atlantic City

Presenta

Reunión de la comunidad

Lunes, 15 de mayo de 2017

Quaremba Hall (iglesia de San Miguel)

15 N. Georgia Ave

5:00 PM

Oportunidad puente de neighborhoods de nuestra comunidad con el personal de gobierno de la ciudad. Proporcionar información sobre actividades, programas y otros temas para nuestros residentes.

Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con: Mimi Nambo en 609-347-5400

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mass of Remembrance & Healing

A Mass of Remembrance & Healing will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Mannion on Monday, May 15th – 7:00pm at Church of the Resurrection in Marmora for those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age. We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this beloved child to join in this mass of celebration for the precious life that touched ours briefly, yet stays in our hearts forever! (Please bring a picture or special remembrance of your child. Roses will be available for those who have lost their child before birth.) For more information, please call: Betty at 609-425-3553 or email at elizpearce@comcast.net

Retreat Day for Marriage Preparation

DATE: Saturday, May 13, 2017

TIME: 9:30—4:00

PLACE: Newman Center at Stockton University
235 Pomona Road, Pomona, NJ 08240

COST: \$25 per person OR \$50/teams of 2
Continental Breakfast & Lunch are included

- This gathering is intended for all those involved in the ministry of preparing our couples for the sacrament of marriage.
- Also invited are others who may be thinking about becoming involved in the ministry.
- The diocese offers engaged couples a number of preparation options and a panel discussion will be held to familiarize attendees with these options.

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

4º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Y Pedro les dijo: <<Arrepiéntanse y bautícense cada uno de ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo ...>>"

HECHOS 2:38

La palabra "arrepentirse" significa abandonar el pecado, cambiar nuestras acciones. Cuando se trata de cambiar, ¿asumimos nosotros la responsabilidad de cambiar o pensamos que los demás tienen que cambiar? El cambio que es permanente viene desde adentro, debemos tomar el control y ser disciplinados. Recuerde que no estamos solos, Jesús está allí para ayudar a aliviar la carga.

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 Juan 10:1-10 y luego reflexione sobre la pregunta apropiada a continuación.

Reflexión para Adultos: Yo soy el buen pastor, conozco a mis ovejas y las mías me conocen. Oramos por las vocaciones en especial para que sean más claras y fuerte en el amor de Dios. Estamos nosotros diciendo SI, al llamado de Dios con todo nuestros talentos y hasta con nuestras debilidades, para vivir este llamado de amor y servicio?

Reflexión para los niños: Dios nos llama a todos. Le hemos dado las gracias a esos que han dicho sí al llamado de Dios para servir? has orados por ellos y su vocación?

First Holy Communion Schedule

Sabado Mayo 13th 10:00 AM Espanol

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

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 EASTER

Stewards Not Alone

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" ACTS 2:38A

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we as Christian **Stewards** take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 10:1-10 and then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: I am the good shepherd, says the lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. We all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger. Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. Are we saying yes to our call to serve the lord with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call of love?

Reflection for Children: A Call for All God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. Are we giving thanks to those who have given their lives for their vocations and are we praying for more vocations in our parish?

Mass Intentions for the Week - May 7, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 6	4:15	Sally McGettigan/Theresa Mc-Gettigan Kennedy
		7:00	Francisco Mata/ofrece su esposa
Sunday	May 7	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Marguerite Camille Bell/Steve Jones & Family
		10:30	Gabriela Herrera/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Royce Patrick Lawler, Sr/Steve Jones & Family
		2:30	Marcelina Condor/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Giỗ 3 Năm LH Maria/ Gia Đình xin
Monday	May 8	7:00	Anne Penny/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	Kevin Capone/Berni Lee
Tuesday	May 9	7:00	Phyllis & Nick Madonna & Family (L)/Friend
		5:15	Eleanor Wolf/Joe Formica
Wednesday	May 10	7:00	Craig Mantley/Alfred Bechard
		5:15	Sr. Grace Nolan
		7:00	Jose Castillo/ofrece su familia
Thursday	May 11	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family
		5:15	Jack Kelly, Jr. (Birthday)/Kelly Family
		6:30	Mateo Aguilar Martinez/ofrece su familia
Friday	May 12	7:00	Daniel Cahill/Frank & Maureen Previti
		5:15	Iu Naha (Healing)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Wilfredo Rodriquez/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Robert Tracy/Sunset Ave - AC Family
Saturday	May 13	4:15	Sally & Robert Basile/Marcie & Jack
		7:00	Jose Gonzalez/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	May 14	7:30	Barbara DeMarco/The Ruffolo Family
		9:00	Benedetta Paparone/Family
		10:30	Natalia Paredes/ofrece su familia
		12:30	Phyllis Philp/Carrieri Family
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH Anna/ Anh Chì Minh-Phượng xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 6	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Jean Novak/Michael & Wanda Christian
Sunday	May 7	8:45	Richard J. Higgins/Ray & Barbara Sands Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family Jacqueline Faccioli, Ann & Lily Casey/Aunt Annette
		12:00	Robert Drake/Lew & Annie Merkel Benjamin F. Mazzeo, Sr./Tom & Roseanne Morhauser
Monday	May 8	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory John "Jack" Wagner/Jack Imfeld
Tuesday	May 9	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	May 10	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Thursday	May 11	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	May 12	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Formica & Cesario Families (L & D)
Saturday	May 13	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory