



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 14, 2017 **5th Sunday of Easter**

New Parish Council Selected



New council members: Fr. Pham and Fr. Jon stand with the new members of our parish council. The new council was selected at Monday's discernment meeting in Quaremba Hall. Not pictured is new council member Blanche Toole. Read the full story on page three of this bulletin.

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** 8:00 AM

St. Michael's
10 North Mississippi Avenue

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16
Ducktown Neighborhood Association Meeting

- St. Michael's Quaremba Hall
- 6:00 PM

May 19
Mary Help of Christians Monthly Meeting

- Quaremba Hall
- Rosary beginning at 12:30 PM
- Meeting to follow

May 24
Feast of Mary, Help of Christians Mass

- St. Michael's Church
- 6:00 PM
- Light reception in Quaremba Hall after Mass

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

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.

As we honor Mary during this month of May we remember with gratitude all mothers, grandmothers and godmothers. May they receive abundant blessings.

We congratulate the following April Stars of the Month who received recognition for their effort in Art: Emma Sandoval, Sophia Damayo, Jayla Martin, Catherine Tran, Laura Jiminez, Teresa Pham, Francesca Perdomo, Lyna Tran, Cynthia Doan, Abigail Nunez and for their demonstration of gentleness: Justin Nguyen, Christopher Nunez, Jayden Grajales, Jason Dinh, Kenneth Tran, Sarahi Nunez, Ethan Candelaria, Australia Tran, Navaro Bernard, Katie Troung, Peter Tran. Lorrinda Bell

OLSS School is accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year for Pre K 3 to Grade 8 and for students with Individualized Service Plans. As expressed in our Mission statement, 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 is available and we offer a transfer credit.

Transfer grants provided by the Depko Family Foundation
for students transferring from a public school into 1st-7th grade
\$1,500 tuition credit the first year
\$1,000 tuition credit the second year

Stardust Tickets

Memberships are still available for the Stardust 50/50 Raffle Club. The donation is \$20 for a two month membership.

Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org. To date, 981 memberships have been sold, 19 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

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WEB SITE

accatholic.org

Tacking into the wind

Last Monday evening, over 100 parishioners gathered for refreshments and conversation about the parish's future. Although there was plenty of cheese and crackers and fruits and vegetables, the wine ran out early - and neither Fr. Pham nor I were able to repeat the miracle at Cana. Nevertheless, parishioners stayed for a conversation about the parish's future that included both the big picture and many of the details. In my address, the keyword was evangelization. We must work hard to regain inactive Catholics in the city and attract new Catholics. We cannot hesitate to change any part of the parish culture that discourages new members.

After my address, parishioners were allowed to speak for one minute each. Over twenty people spoke. This is what I heard:

- We need to attract Millennials, the US generation born between 1980 and 2000.
- We need more festivals, including both traditional religious processions and activities for young parishioners.
- We need regular multicultural, multilingual Masses.
- We need to reintroduce the financial appeal at St. Nicholas Church.

The goal of the discernment meeting was to form a new pastoral council to replace the current transitional council formed from the leaders of the previous city parishes. After the council chair, Stephen Williams, ended the open floor, he called for nominations. Twelve people were nominated. The council rules call for nine elected members and three appointed by the pastor primarily for the purpose of ensuring diversity. The nominees already being diverse, it was agreed that all twelve nominations would be accepted without an election. The new members will be seated at an organizational meeting in the fall. A photo of the new members is on the front page of this bulletin. I'm especially grateful to the current council's leadership, including Stephen Williams; Marvin Laws, vice chair; and Paula Geletei, secretary. Paula had to record the names of the speakers and the nominees, not easy at a fast-paced town-hall-style meeting.

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Regarding traditional processions, there will be a Corpus Christi procession on Thursday, June 15 following the 5:15 PM Mass at Star of the Sea Church. June 15 is the traditional date of Corpus Christi (the Thursday after Holy Trinity Sunday). This is part of our parish's "year of the Eucharist." The parish priests will lead a procession of the Blessed Sacraments through the streets between Star and St. Michael's Church. Please mark your calendars!

Also, you may wish to mark your calendars for two additional summer Masses: a 5:30 PM on Saturdays at St. Nicholas and a 11 AM on Sundays at St. Michael's. Both Masses will run in June, July, August, and the first two weekends of September.

May God continue to richly bless our parish.

- 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
MAY 15, 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

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!

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.

Padre Pio Comes to St. Monica's

Beginning Thursday, June 1, at the 5:15 Mass at OLSS, and each Thursday thereafter, we will be celebrating the wonder of Padre Pio! Starting at 4:45 we will recite Our Lady's rosary for world peace through the intercession of St. Pio...(the rosary...his favorite weapon) Thanks to some very generous people, we are blessed to have a relic available for your veneration immediately after Mass. We will also pray a favorite prayer of Padre.... won't take too long. We are very excited about this devotion. Won't you please mark your calendar accordingly and join us for our beautiful Mass! Spreading the word to your family and friends is truly appreciated! Together we can make this one wonderful devotion...unique to St. Monica's Parish of Atlantic City!

Parish Facebook Page

In addition to our regular parish website, we also just launched a user friendly page on Facebook. Go to Parish of Saint Monica on facebook and check it out. Like the page, leave comments, invite your friends to visit the page too. This is the place to find the latest info and events going on in your parish. Check it out today.

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAY 6 & 7

OFFERTORY \$15,261.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

POOR \$388.00

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!

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

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY NEWS

Irene Hill is home from a long hospital stay and came to church on 05/07/17. Donzella Hill, daughter of Irene Hill, is in the AC hospital, Blanche Toole is recovering from knee surgery.

Good news! Norma Briscoe celebrated her 89th birthday in April, Anne Walburg celebrated her 94th birthday this month and Laura McCottry turned 85 on May 10th. Fred and Nadege Mirville celebrated the christening of their Baby Grace by Fr. Pham on May 7th, 2017. Family and friends were present.

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 **\$70,289.00** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **49.0%** 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 THE DIOCESE

Summer in the City:

Cumberland County & Down the Shores

This program is a unique service-learning week for high school students. Part of every day is spent in direct service with people and places who are in need. The experience is focused on our pillars of service, social justice, community and spirituality. Teens learn about Catholic Social Teaching through hands-on activities, community living and group discussions about poverty, the dignity of the human person and solidarity.

WHERE: We will work, pray and learn in the Vineland area staying at the St. John Paul II Retreat Center (June dates) and the Metro Atlantic City area during the August session, while staying at Holy Spirit High School in Absecon.

WHO: Teens in grades 9-12.

WHEN: Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Friday, June 30, 2017 (Cumberland County) and Sunday, August 13– Saturday, August 19, 2017 (The Shore/Atlantic County)

COST: \$150 includes room, board, program tuition and transportation to and from work sites.

*Scholarships are available.

REGISTRATION: Is on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration for the Cumberland County session is due by June 10 and for Atlantic County is due by July 22, 2017.

QUESTIONS: For registration or additional information, contact Greg Coogan at Diocese of Camden – Youth Ministries 856-583-2908 or gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org.

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

5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"La piedra que los edificadores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular." 1 Pedro 2: 7

A todos se les dan dones únicos. Muchas personas son capaces de reconocer sus talentos y habilidades, pero hay muchos que no están seguros de sus dones. Esto puede hacer que se sientan inútiles. Si conoces a alguien que está luchando por encontrar el rumbo en su vida, dale un poco de estímulo. Ayúdales a discernir cómo podrían usar sus habilidades. Ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño o insignificante.

Palabra de Vida

Considere la posibilidad de releer los capítulos Juan 14:1-12

Reflexión para Adultos: Yo soy el camino la verdad y la vida, dice el señor; nadie va al padre sino es por mí. Estamos haciendo lo que quiere el señor? Lo amamos de la manera que el se merece?

Reflexión para los niños: Es Jesús en tu vida, la verdad y la vida?

La Casa Dominicana de NJ

Los invita a la
Celebración del Día de las Madres

Domingo, 28 de Mayo 2017

4:00 PM a 7:00 PM

Quaremba Hall, de la
Iglesia de Saint Michael

21 N. Georgia Ave, Atl. City, NJ

para mas información
por favor de llamar a

Luis Rodríguez

609-334-2563

este evento es gratuito

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.

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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewards Encourage Others

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7b

Everyone is given unique gifts. Good **Stewards** are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 14:1-12 and then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: I am the way, the truth and life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Are we following Jesus' example of love with one another?

Reflection for children: Do you really believe that Jesus is the truth and life for you?

Mass Intentions for the Week - May 14, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 13	4:15	Sally & Robert Basile/Marcie & Jack
		7:00	Jose Gonzalez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	May 14	7:30	Barbara DeMarco/The Ruffolo Family
		9:00	Benedetta Paparone/Family
		10:30	Natalia Paredes/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Phyllis Philp/Carrieri Family
		2:30	Mass for the People
	6:30	LH Anna/ Anh Chj Minh-Phuong xin	
Monday	May 15	7:00	Rafael & Paz Poson/Mimi Ermino
		5:15	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
Tuesday	May 16	7:00	Claudia Lashley (L)/Friend
		5:15	Kelly T. Gottschall/Berni Lee
Wednesday	May 17	7:00	For People Looking for Work/Charlie
		5:15	Basilio & Francesca Gerbino/Theresa & Mary Paparone
		7:00	Edward Valerio Done/ofrece su familia
Thursday	May 18	7:00	Rose Capille/Agatha Loflin
		5:15	Jack Kelly, 3rd/Kelly Family
		6:30	Epimenio Negrón/ofrece su familia
Friday	May 19	7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Mary McGettigan Lee/Berni Lee
		7:00	Edith Galindo/ofrece su familia
Saturday	May 20	8:00	Sonny & Ashley Magalong (L-First Anniversary)/ Cecilia Magalong
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family

OLSS Church

		7:00	Linda Peralta/ofrece su familia
Sunday	May 21	7:30	Steve Hicks/Frank Nelson & Family
		9:00	Mason Tran
		10:30	Adelina Lopez/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Royce "Pat" Lawler/Mary Ellen Maguire & Sandy Parker
		2:30	Adalberto Terrones/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 13	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	May 14	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Juanita Montemayor Alejandro & Demetria Ferrer
		12:00	Theresa Nolan Christine Eletto/Mom
Monday	May 15	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Joseph Scott Bochniak
Tuesday	May 16	8:00	Burke & Cox Families (L & D) Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	May 17	8:00	William Thomas Taylor Fr. Thomas Troy/Nancy Chakmakian
Thursday	May 18	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Most Abandoned Souls
Friday	May 19	8:00	Fructosa & Fermin Montemayor
Saturday	May 20	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Royce Patrick Lawler/Tony Zarych