



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 21, 2017 **6th Sunday of Easter**

May Crowning



Students of Our Lady Star of the Sea school recite the poem "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue" honoring our blessed Mother at last Friday's May Crowning. The entire month of May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of our Lord.

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 24

Feast of Mary, Help of Christians Mass

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

June 1

Padre Pio Prayer Group

- Star of the Sea Church
- Every Thursday at 4:45 PM
- Rosary and prayer before 5:15 Mass

June 13

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua Mass

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

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.

On Tuesday, May 16, eleven students represented Our Lady Star of the Sea School at a Creative Arts Festival sponsored by St. Mary School in Vineland. The students participated in visual or vocal arts workshops and either brought a piece of artwork or performed. Jessica Giordano, Peter Tran, and Joselyn McDevitt received special recognition.

We thank Mr. Juliano for his work preparing the art with his students. Mr. Juliano volunteers as an art teacher and along with volunteer Maria Matthews is helping to raise the level of art exposure for our students. Thanks also goes to Sister Christine and Miss Netherby for directing our choir and to Ms. Melchora our music teacher. We are very fortunate to have the arts alive at OLSS.

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. 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 2016-2017

HAS REACHED

ITS GOAL OF 1,000 MEMBERS!

Thank you for helping our parish keep
Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School open!
The only Catholic school left on Absecon Island

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

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The power of prayer

Some people have been telling me how much they enjoyed the parish discernment meeting on May 8. Particularly, they noted the high attendance. The enthusiasm for the new pastoral council was also clear. Yes, I was pleased that more than 100 parishioners cared enough about our parish to spend a Monday evening talking about its future. A few others told me they were sorry they missed it due to other obligations. I give the credit to God. On a few Monday evenings, forty or so people remained in Star of the Sea Church after the 5:15 PM Mass for "Prayer for the Parish." The intention of these forty-five minutes of prayer was singular: the success of the Parish of Saint Monica. We concluded each time with the Amazing Parish Prayer:

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.

We also prayed to our parish patrons:

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Our Lady Star of the Sea, pray for us.
St. Monica, pray for us.
St. Nicholas of Tolentine, pray for us.
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

I do believe this time spent in prayer for our parish has born fruit and will continue to bear fruit. It will bring inactive Catholics back to the Church, it will lead "Sunday-only Catholics" to join a ministry, it will heal old wounds and reduce tension in our Catholic community, it will bring us the financial resources we need to maintain our beautiful churches and expand our parish, it will help us reach our House of Charity goal, and it will accomplish things that we cannot even now imagine. Prayer works. If you want to see miracles in the Parish of Saint Monica, join us for Prayer for the Parish on the following dates or pray the Amazing Parish Prayer on your own.

Prayer for the Parish will resume on June 12, 19, and 26. Eucharistic adoration begins immediately after the 5:15 PM Mass and ends with benediction at 6:25 PM.

- Fr. Jon

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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
JUNE 19, 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> 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

Voices in Praise

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Adult Choir

If you like to sing in harmony, we invite you to join the choir which sings at the 9:00 AM masses on Sundays and Holy Days at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Voices in Praise choir sings contemporary and traditional hymns in a SATB format accompanied by the organ. Choir practices are on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

for more information call:

Kathryn Wilson, choir director: 377-6214 or
Carla Tosh, organist: 822-4382

Religious Education Registration

Registration for Religious Education for 2017-2018 will be held on the following dates in the Star of the Sea Cafeteria. The registration fee is \$85.00.

Monday, June 26 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, June 27 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, June 28 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, July 10 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, July 11 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, July 12 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, July 17 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, July 18 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Padre Pio Comes to St. Monica's

Beginning Thursday, June 1, at the 5:15 PM Mass at OLSS, and each Thursday thereafter, we will be celebrating the wonder of Padre Pio! Starting at 4:45 PM 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 13 & 14

OFFERTORY.	\$14,503.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR.	\$114.00

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!

"HOUSING OUR HEROES"

South Jersey Regional Walk for Our Homeless Veterans

June 8, 2017
Wildwood Convention Hall
Register 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Shotgun Start 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Questions contact: Bob Looby 908-894-0746 or email BobLooby@embarqmail.com or Jim Scanlon 732-306-9268 or email sajobsjds@aol.com

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY NEWS

Congratulations!!!

Caitlin Mensah, who is an altar server at the 12 noon Mass, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church was selected as a Press of Atlantic City Young Leader. Caitlin who will graduate from Holy Spirit High School this June will be attending American University in Washington D.C. this September.

Giselle Williams, who is an altar server at the 12 noon Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, was awarded a \$2,000.00 Black Catholic Ministries scholarship. Giselle who attends Saint Michael the Archangel, in Clayton, NJ, was one of three eighth graders to receive this scholarship and will attend Camden Catholic High School this fall.

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

Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated this year at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

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.

Stardust Winners

May 10, 2017

- First Prize - \$2,943.00
#960 - Joseph Geletei - East Brunswick, NJ
- Second Prize - \$490.50
#750- Anthony Pamela -Scranton, PA
- Third Prize - \$490.50
#542 - Hoang Thu Gam - Atlantic City, NJ
- Fourth Prize - \$490.50
#401 - Kathryn Wilson - Ventnor, NJ
- Fifth Prize - \$490.50
#60 - Joseph Silvestro - Mickleton, NJ

Congratulations to the winners !!

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

6º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Porque es mejor sufrir por hacer el bien, si esa es la voluntad de Dios, que por hacer el mal." 1 Pedro 3:17

Una frase antigua dice "si quieres hacer reír a Dios, cuéntale tus planes". Muchos de nosotros somos diligentes en nuestra planificación, asegurándonos de que las cosas están progresando sin problemas, y luego si ocurre un desastre, no obtenemos el resultado deseado. Surge un problema imprevisto. Muchas veces podemos responder negativamente. ¿Por qué yo? ¡Hice todo bien! Aquí está la cosa - Dios tiene un plan diferente y mejor para ti.

Palabra de Vida

Considere la posibilidad de releer los capítulos Juan 14,15-21

Reflexión para Adultos: Si alguien me ama, guardará mis palabras, dice el señor; y mi padre lo amará y vendremos a él. Estamos nosotros cumpliendo con los preceptos del señor? Lo amamos de igual manera?

Reflexión para los niños: Amas tu a Jesús de la misma forma que el te ama?

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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewards Follow God's Plan

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Good **Stewards** are diligent in their planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing - God has a different and better plan in store for you.

Word Of Life

Consider rereading John 14,15-21 and then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my father will love him and we will come to him. Are we doing what the lord says? Are we loving God the way he deserves?

Reflection for children: Do you love God in the same way he loves you?

Mass Intentions for the Week - May 21, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 20	4:15	Andrea Librone/Family
		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
Monday	May 22	6:30	Mass for the People
		7:00	Joseph & Elvira Cesario/Aquilla Formica & Family
Tuesday	May 23	5:15	Fr. Jon Thomas & Fr. Ed Kennedy (L-Anniversary)/Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	Bob Doncavage/Friend
Wednesday	May 24	5:15	William Leadbeater/Berni Lee
		7:00	Anne C. Bonacci-Gribbon/Anthony Pavese & Janet Adams
Thursday	May 25	5:15	Tom Hulme/Mary Ruane
		7:00	LH Marta và Antôn/ Chị Hương xin
		7:00	Mass for the People
Friday	May 26	5:15	Florence & Dan Fritz/Dan, Peggy & Trish
		7:00	Spanish Mass for the People
		7:00	Jean, Frank & Frank, Jr. (L)/ Friend
Saturday	May 27	5:15	Nick Colanzi & Kay Picard/Ed & Kay Colanzi
		7:00	Ruben Martinez/ofrece su familia
Saturday	May 27	8:00	Joseph A. Currie, S.J./Frank & Maureen Previti
		4:15	Chrissy (Ruane) Rush/Mary Ruane

OLSS Church

Sunday	May 28	7:00	Jose Cuadros/ofrece su familia
		7:30	Mass for the People
Sunday	May 28	9:00	Antonio Torres/Steve Jones & Family
		10:30	Yolanda Montano/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Thomas Joseph Carrieri/CARRIERI Family
		2:30	Karla Poblete/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Anna và Giuse (Giỗ)/ Ông Bà Đức xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 20	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
Sunday	May 21	8:45	Royce Patrick Lawler/Tony Zarych
		10:30	Frances Dudash/Megan & William Tulko
Monday	May 22	10:30	Kucharczuk Family (L & D)
		12:00	Skinner Family (L & D)
Tuesday	May 23	12:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	May 24	8:00	Rita Saint Laurent/Sister The Souls in Purgatory
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	May 25	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	May 26	10:00	John Ashbrook/Cheryl Bucikowski
		12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Saturday	May 27	8:00	Tony De Jesus/Mimi Ermino
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	May 27	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
			William Dooley



Sanctuary
Lamp

For the week of May 21, 2017

At St. Nicholas Church, in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and all mothers in Saint Monica's Parish. Given by Mr. & Mrs. James Poulson