



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 28, 2017 **7th Sunday of Easter**

Congratulations Fr. Pham



Happy 10th Anniversary Children of our Vietnamese community perform a Liturgical dance Tuesday, May 16 in Star of the Sea church. The special Mass was in celebration of Fr. Pham's 10th anniversary in the priesthood.

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

- Sunday** 11:00 AM
June 4th through September 10th

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Tues. May 30

Viet May Procession

- Star of the Sea Church
- 6:30 PM Procession around Church property
- Mass to follow

Thurs. June 1

Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

Tues. June 13

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua Mass

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

C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N

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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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is offering Summer School classes Monday through Thursday from July 5 to August 3.

Classes:

8:30-10:00 ELA-Reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary, grammar

10:00-11:00 Math

11:00-12:00 Science STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities

Cost: \$150.00 per class You may choose to attend one, two, or all three classes For more information please call the school office. Registration ends June 9th

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

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

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Mary Ellen Maguire

Pastoral Associate

Sandy Parker

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Bookkeeper

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Henry Porvaznik

Asst. for Special Projects

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609-347-0434

WEB SITE

accatholic.org

Summer's here: Mark your calendars

May 30 at 11 AM Memorial Day Service *O'Donnell Park where Atlantic Avenue splits at Boston Avenue* I will give the invocation. Many of our parishioners who are veterans will be in attendance.

June 8 at 7 PM Fr. Thom Schiavo Brotherhood Award *Beth El Synagogue, 500 N Jerome Ave, Margate* Bishop Dennis Sullivan is the 2017 honoree. I will give the invocation.

June 12 following 5:15 Mass Prayer for the Parish I will lead the rosary during Eucharistic adoration as we pray for the success of our parish.

June 18 5:15 PM Corpus Christi Procession Following a bilingual 5:15 PM Mass, we will process through the neighborhood with the Blessed Sacrament singing and praying in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Latin. It will be a unique experience, a powerful display of the tradition and beauty of our Catholic faith to the people of Atlantic City!

June 19 following 5:15 Mass Prayer for the Parish

June 26 following 5:15 Mass Prayer for the Parish

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for more religious
processions - well, here it
is, in a big way!"*

August 15 Wedding of the Sea Festival

11 AM Doors open at Boardwalk Hall

12 Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Sullivan

1:15 PM Procession to the surf led by Bishop Sullivan and Mayor Guardian

1 PM Festival grounds open at St. Michael's parking lot

8 PM Festival ends

When I was at St. Joseph Church in Somers Point in 2007 as a seminarian, the pastor, Fr. Joe Wagenhoffer, and I attended a meeting of a new group called Bridge of Faith. Several places have ministeriums, regular meetings of Christian clergy (Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant). Bridge of Faith was to be an interfaith gathering of religious leaders, including Christians, Jews, Muslims, and others. Bridge of Faith still meets downbeach and every year it hosts a unique awards ceremony. Father Thom Schiavo was a priest of our diocese with Jewish and Italian heritage. He was active in interfaith relations, especially with the Jewish community. He died young, so Bridge of Faith and Beth El Synagogue named an award in his memory that recognizes those who promote brotherhood among religions. The 2017 honoree is Bishop Dennis Sullivan. State Senator Jim Whelan, former Atlantic City mayor, will present the award. I will offer the invocation. I ask you to come to Beth El Synagogue in Margate on June 8 at 7 PM to support good relations among religions, especially Catholics and Jews, and to support our bishop.

I also ask you to come to another unique experience, our parish's first bilingual (English and Spanish) Mass with all three parish priests followed by a Corpus Christi procession through the streets. We will use the massive, gorgeous monstrance at St. Nicholas Church - the first time since the union of the city's churches two years ago. At our parish's discernment meeting a few weeks ago, a parishioner asked for more religious processions - well, here it is, in a big way! Join us for the 5:15 PM on Thursday, June 15 then stay we'll march from Star of the Sea to St. Michael's and back using the St. Nicholas monstrance. Singing and praying in Latin, English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Tagalog (Filipino)!

- 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
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

Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning June 3rd through September 10th two additional Masses will be celebrated during the summer season

Saturday 5:30 PM at St. Nicholas of Tolentine

Sunday 11:00 AM at St. Michael's Church

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.

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 20 & 21

OFFERTORY	\$13,391.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR.	\$672.00

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 **\$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.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY NEWS

Fellow Catholics: Since the July 2015 union of the city's churches, the African Americans who previously worshipped at St. Monica's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue have scattered to various churches in the area. Some, for instance, who live offshore now attend offshore churches. 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. We propose to preserve our roots and carry on her work! The 12 Noon Sunday Mass at Star of the Sea Church is attended by many of us. As African Americans we find ourselves immersed in a multi-cultural church and we want to carve our niche in it.

So here we begin the Black Catholic Ministry section of the bulletin. We will have a sick list, hospitalization list and any news that parishioners want the church family to be aware of. Special events, births, marriages, deaths, etc. can be sent to Alma Johnson at johnsonflaky43@aol.com or call 609-226-0807. All notices must be received by 12 noon on Monday to make the bulletin.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP. The following sessions will be offered in **June 2017**:

CAP Phase I

Sunday, June 4th 12:30 PM
Holy Family Parish, Sewell

Tuesday, June 13th, 7:00 PM
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marmora

CAP Phase 3

Sunday, June 4th 2:30 PM
Holy Family Parish Swell

REGISTRATION LINE at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **(856)583-6165**, or contact **Maryellen Schell** at maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org.

Please leave your name and the session date you plan to attend. You will not receive a call back. We ask that you register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cyp

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

7º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

""Estoy orando por ellos ..." Juan 17: 9

La oración es el fundamento de nuestra fe y el fundamento de la corresponsabilidad. Ora en los buenos tiempos y en los malos. La oración es siempre la primera y mejor opción en cualquier situación, no sólo el último recurso. Ora por tus amigos y familiares y por aquellos que no te tratan muy bien. Ora para alabar, para agradecer y para pedirle ayuda a Dios. Ora para ver lo que Dios quiere que hagas con los dones que Él te ha dado.

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 in AC
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

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayerful Stewardship

"I am praying for them..." John 17: 9a

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **Stewardship**. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given 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 28, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 27	4:15	Chrissy (Ruane) Rush/Mary Ruane
		7:00	Jose Cuadros/ofrece su familia
Sunday	May 28	7:30	Mass for the People
		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
Monday	May 29	7:00	May the Church not feel the ridicule of others
		5:15	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 30	7:00	Jacquelin Wunsch/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	John Tierney & Mary Touhey/Downey Family
Wednesday	May 31	7:00	Grace May/Agatha Loflin
		5:15	Ron Louie/Berni Lee
		7:00	Francisco Rivera/ofrece su familia
Thursday	June 1	7:00	Gail Pulice/A Friend
		5:15	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		6:30	David Lugos/ofrece su familia
Friday	June 2	7:00	Fr. Jon Thomas (Birthday -L)/Cecilia Magalong
		9:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	James Gill/John & Annette Di Somma
		7:00	Jose Castillo/ofrece su familia
Saturday	June 3	8:00	Msgr. Michael Coyne (Birthday - L)/Cecilia Magalong

Memorial Day
There will be **NO 5:15 PM** on
Memorial Day Monday May 29, 2017.

OLSS Church

		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Barbara Bello/ofrece su familia
Sunday	June 4	7:30	Nicole Fayata/A Friend
		9:00	Mass for the People
		10:30	Jose Calambas/ofrece su familia
		12:00	Marguerite Bell/Helen Lawler & Family
		2:30	Juana Amarante/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Micae Pham Minh Tuan/ Brian Kavanagh & Nhi Pham Kavanagh

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May 27	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) William Dooley
Sunday	May 28	8:45	Joseph Scott Bochniak
		10:30	William Thomas Taylor
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Monday	May 29	8:00	Teresita P. Montemayor (L - Thanksgiving) Angelie V. Pena (L - Thanksgiving)
Tuesday	May 30	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Most Abandoned Souls
Wednesday	May 31	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Gigi Gad Rocas
Thursday	June 1	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
Friday	June 2	8:00	Purgatorial Society Anna Maria Alvarez/Rene & Grace Gallofin
Saturday	June 3	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
		5:30	Mass for the People

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	June 4	11:00	Mass for the People