



# 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.

**June 25, 2017** **12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Beach Day



Students from grades K-7 enjoy a day on the beach last week, Tuesday, June 13th. The beach day marked the end of this school year. The last day of classes was June 16th. Enjoy the summer! See the next page for class registration for next year.

## 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, 5:30 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>June 25</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Michael's Quaremba Hall</li> <li>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</li> <li>Adults \$10.00, children under 12 \$5.00, Take out orders \$8.00s</li> </ul>	<p><b>June 26</b> <b>Prayer for the Parish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After 5:15 Mass</li> <li>45 minute period of Eucharistic adoration and Rosary</li> </ul>	<p><b>July 8</b> <b>Pulled Pork Dinner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quaremba Hall 15 N. Georgia Ave.</li> <li>Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Children 12 years and younger \$8.00</li> </ul>
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish of Saint Monica** • 2651 Atlantic Avenue • Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
www.acatholic.org • 609-345-1878

**Our Lady Star of the Sea School** • 15 North California Avenue • 609-345-0648

**Catholic Charities** • 9 North Georgia Avenue • 609-345-3448

# 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.**

We gathered at Mass as a school community on the last day of school to celebrate the many things to be grateful for, recognize our accomplishments and to realize as well that there is much to be done in the future.

As the only Catholic school on Absecon Island, we ask for your prayers as we work to provide the children of Atlantic City and the surrounding towns with a quality Catholic education.

Thank you to the many generous donors who enabled us to award over \$6,000 in scholarships.

YOU DO HAVE A CHOICE.....Registration for the full day Pre K 3 & 4 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade continues for the 2017-18 school year with financial assistance, transfer grants, and state transportation reimbursement (residing 2 miles or more from the school) available.

Transfer grants provided by the Depko Family Foundation for students transferring from a public school into 2-7<sup>th</sup> grade  
\$1,500 tuition credit the first year per student  
\$1,000 tuition credit the second year per student

Referral Credit: If any of our present families refer a new family to OLSS and they attend for the 2017-18 school year, their tuition account will be credited \$500.00 in February 2018. Contact Anne in the school office 609-345-0182 for further details.

Please visit [www.olsac.org](http://www.olsac.org) or call (609) 345-0648 for more information and registration packet.

## 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*

### John Mooney

*Outreach Director*

### Mary Ellen Maguire

*Pastoral Associate*

### Sandy Parker

*Office Manager*

### Joan Parker

*Bookkeeper*

### Laura Esparza

*Asst. for Hispanic Ministry*

### Henry Porvaznik

*Asst. for Special Projects*

## CONTACT

### RECTORY

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### FAX

609-348-0248

### RELIGIOUS ED

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### SCHOOL

609-345-0648

### CONVENT

609-347-0434

### WEB SITE

accatholic.org

# The truth and beauty of the Catholic faith

I first started writing this page at the suggestion of the then-business manager. He said that most parish bulletins include a short letter from the pastor. As a new parish, with a new pastor, the parishioners especially needed to hear from me. Some of my first "pastor's pages" were reflections on the history of the Church in Atlantic City or the beauty of the Catholic faith, especially its diversity. Some of you told me you enjoyed reading the reflections and even shared them with others. More recently, the pages have been reports of parish activity in the previous week or announcements of upcoming events. Just the other day, a parishioner commended the energy of the parish as described in my pages. I think that these pages, over the last two years, have helped you to get to know me, my pastoral style, and my vision for the parish. They have served their function. Now is the time for something else.

You have read in these pages that the parish must evangelize. An overcrowded Mass schedule is no substitute for inviting people to Mass. (Quite the contrary, it stretches thin the priests and musicians, thereby decreasing the "quality" of the Masses!) It's the role of everyone to invite people to Mass - or to invite them to pray or to read the Bible or another spiritual book, something which may later lead them to want to go to Mass.

I'm confident that if someone joins our parish, there's plenty of opportunities to get involved. We have plenty of spiritual events like the recent Corpus Christi procession. We have cultural events like the upcoming Wedding of the Sea Festival. We have plenty of community outreach, like the food distribution from St. Nicholas.

Events can keep people busy, but they don't necessarily change people. The Church is all about transforming people into saints - it's the Church's mission. Change comes in part from education and awareness, so from now on this page will present information about the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. There is so much to know so we cannot assume that Catholic school or a religious education program taught us everything or that we remember everything that we were taught. Also, Catholic teaching will mean something new to us as adults.

Before I close out this page, I do need to share something about Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Enrollment remains a huge challenge - it seems that every year more students graduate or leave the area (often because their parents cannot find local jobs) than new students enroll. To help the cause, I've asked parishioner Kitty Givens, an alumna, to work as the advancement coordinator. She will help principal Sue Tarrant both to promote the school and raise funds. I'm excited about this and I am sure that all of you who know Kitty are too. Her passion and enthusiasm for the school and knowledge of the area will serve her well in this new role.

Some of you might wonder if the school is worth all the effort. In fact, our students do very well at Holy Spirit High School. This year, the second and third highest ranked graduates were from Star. #2 was Kevin Huynh, an Atlantic City resident, who will attend the College University of Southern CA, majoring in biochemistry. #3 was Oliver Thiel, also a city resident, who will attend the University of San Diego, majoring in political science. Oliver has lectured at St. Nicholas this past year. I congratulate them both as well as this year's 8th grade graduates. Let us pray for their success and the success of our Catholic school!

***"This year, the second and third highest ranked graduates at Holy Spirit High School were from Star of the Sea school"***

- 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  
JULY 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> 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

### Prayer for the Parish

Monday, June 26 after the 5:15 Mass. There will be a 45 minute period of prayer and Eucharistic adoration and the rosary.

### Pulled Pork Dinner

Mary Help of Christians is sponsoring a Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday, July 8th in Quaremba Hall, 15 N. Georgia Ave. from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will consist of pulled pork, roasted corn, mac and cheese, coleslaw, and dessert.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets for children 12 years of age and younger are \$8.00. Tickets are available after each Mass or by calling Marcia @609.641.4634.

### Saint Monica Parish Indoor Flea Market

July 8th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Memorial Hall (Gym)

2651 Atlantic Ave, Atlantic City

Table Value: \$25.00

Reservations Call (609) 992-9504 or (609) 222-2028

### Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus, Council 405 invites you to an ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 25th in Quaremba Hall from 9 AM - 1 PM. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, assorted mini danish, coffee, tea, and orange juice. Adults eat for \$10.00, children under 12 years old \$5.00, and take out orders \$8.00. SEE YOU THERE!

### Christmas in July

Volunteers will be selling \$5.00 Sponsorships after all masses on 7/1 & 7/2 and 7/8 & 7/9. Add your family name to our donor board and join us in providing a Merry Christmas for area children.

Last year over 350 children and their families attended a festive musical program at Saint Nicholas Church and received a new toy and a photo with Santa. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are also being accepted.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Margaret Steadman at 609-703-9093.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR JUNE 17 & 18

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$16,209.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$18,206.00
POOR . . . . .	\$1,184.00

### 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 **\$81,174.00** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **56.6%** of our goal. For information about pledging, e-mail [jthomas@accatholic.org](mailto: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.

## SPANISH CONCERT

CONCERTO CELEBRANDO EL JUBILEE DE ORO  
DE LA RENOVACION CARISMATIC CATOLICA

SABADO 1ero DE JULIO - 2017  
8:00 PM A 10:00 PM - DONACION: \$5.00

CONTACTOS: (609)992-9504 - (609)222-2028

NUESTRA SENORA ESTRELLA DEL MAR

MEMORIAL HALL (GYM)  
2651 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 08401

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Seton Summer Spirituality Program "Our Lady Undoer of Knots"

Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Parish Hall

The Annual Seton Summer Spirituality Program will be exploring the mystery and wonder of "Our Lady Undoer of Knots". We all have "Knots" in our life. Knots may take the form of anxiety, depression, separation from God, family tension, and grief and loss. Mary full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit will help us in undoing the "knots" which cause difficulty in our life. Starting with the Invocation by pastor Father Perry Cherubini, our speakers will be Deacon Joseph Becker and Father Jaime King. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers. There is no charge for the program and no registration is required. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please call Frank Blee (609) 641-0272.

## AROUND THE CITY

### City of Atlantic City Weekly Farmer's Market

Thursday's thru September 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Center City Park, North Carolina Ave & Bacharach Blvd.

Sunday's thru September 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Bartram Avenue and the Boardwalk

Live Bands, Food, Fun and Hopefully Sun! Free Samples from our Vendors

For more information, please call Mark 609-226-9323

### Reunion Comunitaria

Día: Sábado Junio 24, 2017  
Lugar: Our Lady of the Sea Church (cafeteria)

2651 Atlantic Ave, Atlantic City  
Hora: 8:00 p.m.

Oportunidad para conectar los vecindarios de la comunidad con los empleados de la ciudad, organizaciones sin fines de lucros y Información sobre trabajos, servicios y eventos para nuestros residentes de Atlantic City.

### Los Esperamos!

Para información favor de llamar a Mimi Nambo al 609-347-5400

# 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

### 12º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Todo el que me reconozca delante de los demás, lo reconoceré delante de mi Padre celestial." Mateo 10:32

¿Compartes tu fe católica con otros? ¿Defiendes tu fe católica o guardas silencio cuando una situación se presenta? ¿Oras en público antes de las comidas? Oremos para tener la fuerza y el coraje de presentar un testimonio gozoso de nuestra fe católica cuando se nos presenta la oportunidad.

## Palabra de Vida

Considerar relectura Mateo 10:26-33 y luego reflexionar sobre la pregunta correspondiente más abajo.

Reflexión para adultos: Jesús nos dice que debemos temer a nada porque valemos mucho para Dios. ¿Conciencia de nuestra dignidad humana puede controlar nuestros miedos?

Reflexión para niños: Dios nos protege porque nos ama. ¿Cómo proteger las personas y cosas que te gusta?

## 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 - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, July 18 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## 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 am Mass. Please bring the child's Birth Certificate to the class.

## STEWARDSHIP

### 12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

#### Stewards Pray Publicly

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? **Stewards** pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

## Word Of Life

Consider rereading Matthew 10:26-33 and then reflect upon the appropriate question below.

Reflection for Adults: Jesus tells us we should fear nothing because we are worth so much to God. How can awareness of our human dignity control our fears?

Reflection for Children: God protects us because he loves us. How do you protect the people and things that you love?

## SANCTUARY LAMP

For the week of June 25, 2017

at St. Michael's Church

In Memory of Sabastian Cutaia

by Wife Concetta & Family & Nephews



# Mass Intentions for the Week - June 25, 2017

## OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	June 24	4:15	Virginia & John McAvaddy/ Family
		7:00	Matilde Jauregui/ofrece Rita
Sunday	June 25	7:30	Erma Melora/The Ruffolo Family
		9:00	Merlin Gonzales & Godofredo Borja/Borja Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/fa- milia Galindo
		12:00	Alfred Emmons/Steve Jones & Family
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	Tạ Ôn/ một gia đình xin
Monday	June 26	7:00	Samuel Gordon/Barry & Nina Shad
		5:15	Clement & Regina Mendonca & Deceased Members of Men- donca Family/Charles Men- donca
Tuesday	June 27	7:00	Marie Yohe/Robert & Colleen Rabena
		5:15	Bill Pierce/Ed & Kay Colanzi
Wednesday	June 28	7:00	Joseph Persenda/Wife & Family
		5:15	Barbara DeGuzman/Friends at the Tropicana
		7:00	Juan Felipe Marin/ofrece su familia
Thursday	June 29	7:00	Anne B. Bizinkiewicz/William Halligan
		5:15	Grace Jerome/William & Mi- chael Wolf
		7:00	Accion de Gracias por los 70 anos de Lidia Quaranta (Mama Padre Fernando)/ofrece Padre Fernando
		7:00	Pacifico Palmarine (Living)/ Friend
Friday	June 30	7:00	
		5:15	Mary Loftus Downey/Family
		7:00	Sara Ruiz/ofrece su familia
Saturday	July 1	8:00	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		4:15	William "Dagi" Mancini/Family

## OLSS Church

		7:00	Maria Ramirez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	July 2	7:30	Marie Keating (10th Anniversary)/Children
		9:00	Tom Cusack/Patricia Diamond
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/fa- milia Galindo
		12:00	Florence Sutley/The Roe Family
		2:30	Porfirio Dominquez/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Mass for the People

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	June 24	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D ) Marguerite Oldfield
		5:30	Madeline Hopper & Family
Sunday	June 25	8:45	Alice Clauss/Ray & Barbara Sands
		10:30	Joseph Scott Bochniak Patricia Brown/Smith Family
		12:00	Marie Theresa Mogan/Roseanne & Tom Morhauser Cielie Dougherty (L)/Robert McDevitt
Monday	June 26	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	June 27	8:00	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	June 28	8:00	Constancia Tizon Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	June 29	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Friday	June 30	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Most Abandoned Souls
Saturday	July 1	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		5:30	Madeline Hopper & Family

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	June 24	11:00	Carmella Negro/Family
			William "Dagi" Mancini & Emma Mancini/Family
			Joseph Culmone/Elena & Family