



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.

July 16, 2017 **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Christmas in July



Each Christmas the parish distributes toys and joy to needy children in Atlantic City. Sponsorships for the event were on sale after Masses the past two weekends. We thank everyone for their generous support. Pictured above, Reid Baker and Kathleen Fox display a promotional board at the welcome center in St. Nicholas Church.

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

July 18
Vietnamese Community Picnic

- Held at Estell Manor Park
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- All are invited

Aug 15
Wedding of the Sea Festival

- St. Michael's Parking Lot - Georgia Ave.
- 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Aug 15
Mass of the Assumption - Boardwalk Hall

- Doors open 11:00 PM
- Mass starts 12:00 PM
- Procession to surf following mass

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 unite our multicultural community through the Catholic values of academic excellence, compassionate service and respect for all."

Thanks to the continued support of our pastor, parents, faculty and staff, parishioners, and benefactors OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA REGIONAL SCHOOL will open for the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, September 6th. If your child is not presently part of our school community YOU DO HAVE A CHOICE.....come talk to us.

Transfer grants provided by the Depko Family Foundation for students transferring from a public school into 2-7th 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.olssac.org or call (609) 345-0648 for more information and registration packet.

Summer hours beginning July 17th are Monday through Thursday from 8:30-1:00. When the office is closed, please direct any questions or concerns to the rectory office 609-345-1878 x15 Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00. Thank you.

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."

2017-2018 STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club WE NEED YOU!

Memberships are available for \$100/10 months
First drawing is SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Drawings are held on the 10th of each month through June, 2018
Please help our parish keep Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School open, the ONLY Catholic school remaining on Absecon Island!
Applications & information regarding the club can be found in the racks at the church doors and online at accatholic.org

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

609-345-1878 x24

SCHOOL

609-345-0648

CONVENT

609-347-0434

WEB SITE

accatholic.org

The Faith Page •• La Fe

We attend Mass not only to witness the sacrifice of Christ but to become part of it.

"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." - *Romans 12:1*

"May he [Christ] make of us an eternal offering to you [the Father], so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect." - *Eucharistic Prayer III*

From the *Catechism* • learning the Catholic faith more deeply, a paragraph at a time

27 The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: Isaiah says that God's Word is always effective.

What is your experience of the power of prayer?

Children: What do you pray for?

Palabra de Vida

Lectura del Evangelio de hoy • Isaiah 55:10-11

Así dice el SEÑOR:
Igual que desde los cielos
La lluvia y la nieve caen
Y no vuelva allí
Hasta que hayan regado la tierra,
Haciéndola fértil y fructífera,
Dando semilla al que siembra
Y el pan a quien come,
Así será mi palabra
Que sale de mi boca;
Mi palabra no volverá a mí vacío,
Pero hará mi voluntad,
Logrando el final por el que lo envié.

Responda a la(s) pregunta(s) apropiada(s):

Adultos: Isaías dice que la Palabra de Dios es siempre eficaz. ¿Cuál es su experiencia del poder de la oración?

Niños: ¿Por qué oran?

Catholic Culture • a little something about feast days, prayers, and other Catholic traditions

Some prayers are named after the first words, like the Our Father and the Hail Mary. So is the Memorare, though the name comes from the first word of the Latin version.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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**

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor came to Philadelphia 148 years ago, 30 years after St. Jeanne Jugan took an elderly, blind and partially paralyzed beggar woman off the streets and placed her into her own bed in France. Jeanne Jugan's vision of "family" influenced her approach to the apostolate where today the Little Sisters of the Poor serve the elderly poor in 31 countries around the world in 180 Homes - begging for their sustenance daily. This Charism of simplicity and humility is faithfully lived out through their fourth vow of hospitality. "Making the Elderly Happy is Everything" JJ.

They will be visiting us, appealing for your financial assistance to support their work.

Your Support is GREATLY APPRECIATED and is God's tangible providential assistance poor.

Serving the Lord

While the parish strives to serve the community, our first responsibility is to serve the Lord. One often overlooked way to do that is to say grace before and after each meal. This is particularly important when dining in a public eatery. What a great way the community that you are a committed Catholic.

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

Wedding of the Sea Festival • Tuesday, August 15

Take part in this special tradition of the Parish of St. Monica in Atlantic City!

Mass of the Assumption of Mary • Boardwalk Hall

Doors Open • 11:00 AM

Program and Mass Begin • 12:00 PM

Procession to surf • following mass

Join the Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the Diocese of Camden in celebration of this beautiful Mass.

Festival – St. Michael's Church Parking Lot, Georgia Avenue • 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Free & open to the public. Free Parking at multiple locations.

Weddingofthesea.org • (609) 345-1878 • Facebook.com/WeddingoftheSeaFestival

In conjunction with the Wedding of the Sea celebration, there will be a special Mass at St. Michael's church at 4:15 PM on Sunday, August 13. Following the Mass there will be a multi-cultural dinner in Quaremba Hall at 5:30 PM. Tickets are only \$20 per person. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass at all worship locations or contact Marcia at 609-642-4634.

Stardust Winners

July 10, 2017

First Prize - \$3,000.00

#820 - Bernadine Lee - Ventnor, NJ

Second Prize - \$500.00

#692 - Louis Malone - Paramus, NJ

Third Prize - \$500.00

#729 - Marcia Mancini - Northfield, NJ

Fourth Prize - \$500.00

#685 - Jerry and Kristen Grady - Cherry Hill, NJ

Fifth Prize - \$500.00

#425 - Kristen Seddon - Schwenksville, PA

Congratulations to the winners !!

**We hope to see you again for
Stardust 2017-2018**

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JULY 1 & 2

OFFERTORY. \$17,397.00

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JULY 8 & 9

OFFERTORY. \$16,928.00

BUDGET \$18,206.00

POOR. \$147.00

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!

WHY A SECOND COLLECTION? "

About 15 times a year, the US bishops ask parishes to take a second collection for a special cause of national or international significance. For the sake of simplicity, our parish always takes a second collection. On unassigned Sundays, the second collection supports our parish in the same way as the first.

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 **\$85,494.00** of pledges from you so far, we have reached **60%** 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.

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, July 17 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, July 18 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Music Ministry at St. Nicholas

We are going to change the music ministry at St. Nicholas Church. Beginning soon, cantors will accompany Dr. Ball at the 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses. The quartet of Rowan students will only sing for the Latin Mass. There has been no music at the Saturday 5:30 PM summer Mass and we are considering reducing or eliminating the music at the Saturday 4:00 PM year-round Mass. I would appreciate your feedback regarding that proposal. For the Sunday Masses at least, the goal is to complement Dr. Ball's wonderful work on the organ with excellent singing. The best cantors sing well and encourage parishioners to join the singing - they are not supposed to be soloists - so Dr. Ball is putting together a list of such cantors.

On the subject of cantors, many of you have asked about Ashleigh Ayres. She is in back in NJ and was married at St. Nicholas last month. However, she and her husband have moved into a home an hour away. Please pray for this wonderful young Catholic couple! I do think you will be seeing (or hearing!) more of Kim Urban. Many of you have told me you enjoy her singing.

As I have said before, Msgr. Hodge and the his music director, Eric Dolch, had the foresight to put permanent hymnals in the pews. This is a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to the throwaway paperback hymnals. However, some of you have also mentioned that the songs in the hymnal are unfamiliar to most Catholics. Fr. Bob and I have put together a list of the familiar songs. Dr. Ball will also be using just two of the Mass settings in the hymnal (that is, the collections of sung Mass parts like the Holy, Holy and the Lamb of God). He has chosen the simplest ones so that, over a brief period of time, we can learn them and join in this singing confidently and enthusiastically. The two settings are the Mass parts included in the Order of the Mass section beginning on page 1 and the Mass of St. Francis beginning at #200. I hope that you will be open to following along.

As for the sound issues at St. Nicholas, they are caused by the fans we have been using for the last month. Once the HVAC is fully working, we will turn the fans off. Thank you for your patience.

BLACK MINISTRY NEWS

Any news please call Alma Johnson at 609-226-0807 or email her at johnsonflaky43@aol.com. News must be given before noon Monday to be published in bulletin.

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

15º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"La semilla sembrada entre espinas es la que oye la palabra, pero entonces las preocupaciones del mundo y la atracción de las riquezas ahogan la palabra y no da fruto." - MATEO 13:22

¿El engaño de las riquezas y los bienes materiales mantienen a Dios fuera de tu vida? ¿Estás tan atrapado en actividades mundanas que no tienes tiempo para Dios? La corresponsabilidad es un estilo de vida que se debe vivir cada día. Afecta todas las decisiones que tomamos. Lo que recibimos en la misa todos los domingos debe ser compartido con otros todos los otros días de la semana.

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

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

Stewardship Lifestyle

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

Around the Diocese

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This weekend program can help you too. Held at the beautiful Malvern Retreat house in Malvern, PA. For confidential information, call 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Select Pennsylvania, then choose Delaware Valley. The next weekend is being held August 11-13.

Consistent Life Conference

In today's polarized political climate, can you really be pro-peace and pro-life? Absolutely, and that's what the Consistent Life Network (<http://www.consistentlifeforum.org/>) is all about: supporting the right to life for everyone! Come learn more, and celebrate the Network's 30th anniversary, at the "Bridging the Life/Peace Divide" conference (<https://consistentlifeconference.wordpress.com>) taking place August 4-6 near Philly. "For carpooling from AC, e-mail parishioner Tony Masalonis at tonym@consistent-life.org."

Do You Have the Gifts to Serve Christ as a Deacon?

The Office of the Diaconate is hosting "Information Meetings" throughout the Diocese. If think you are being called to serve Christ as a Deacon, and are between the ages of 30 and 55, please consider attending an information meeting. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday July 19th 7:00 pm Saint Joseph the Worker, 901 Hopkins Road, Haddon Township

Thursday July 20th 7:00 pm Diaconate Center, 15 N. East Avenue, Vineland

Thursday August 10th 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic Street, Cape May CH

Wednesday August 23rd 7:00 pm Church of the Holy Family, 226 Hurffville Road, Sewell

For more information, please call the Office of the Diaconate at 856-583-2858 or email: michael.carter@camdendiocese.org

Mass Intentions for the Week - July 16, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 15	4:15	John Raymond Gormley, III/ Family
		7:00	Maribel Martinez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	July 16	7:30	Ronnell Moore/Mia Fiola, Jay P. Curry & Family
		9:00	Mass for the People
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Philip & Benedetta Paparone/Family
		2:30	Juan Hernandez/ofrece su familia
Monday	July 17	6:30	Bay Le
		7:00	Bill Brown (L)/Friend
Tuesday	July 18	5:15	Marie Yohe/Basil Beck
		7:00	Joe Autuso (L)/Friend
Wednesday	July 19	5:15	Philip Paparone/Family
		7:00	Florence & Dan Fritz/Dan, Trisha & Peggy
		5:15	Thomas A. & Margaret Campbell/Children
Thursday	July 20	7:00	Jose Cepeda/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Joel Ebstine (L)/Friend
		5:15	Charlie Dillon/Jack & Marcie McAvaddy
Friday	July 21	7:00	Edgar Atencio/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Sister Margaret Bulfin/Liddy Family
		5:15	Mass for the People
Saturday	July 22	7:00	Carmen Guerrero/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Ed McGinty/Suzanne McGinty
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
Sunday	July 23	7:00	Paula Peraza/ofrece su familia
		7:30	Joyce Muskett/Dean Castellani

OLSS Church

9:00	Amaday & Dorothy Marano/ Greg & Kitty Marano
10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
12:00	Albie Mallen/Donna Conner
2:30	Mass for the People
6:30	Giỗ LH Maria/ Ông Bà Thuận xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 15	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	July 16	5:30	Mass for the People
		8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family Mair B. Daisey/His Loving Family
		10:30	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke Born Family (L & D)/ Martha Dunham
Monday	July 17	12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L) Panagiota Theodosopoulos/Tom & Roseanne
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Most Abandoned Souls
		8:00	Juanita P. Montemayor
Tuesday	July 18	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Burke & Cox Family (L & D)
Wednesday	July 19	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Thursday	July 20	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Friday	July 21	8:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Mary, Albert & Mary P. Koenig/ John & Kathleen Cullen
Saturday	July 22	4:00	Mass for the People
		5:30	Mass for the People

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	July 16	11:00	Olive and Damiano Families/John and Helen Olive Rita M. Nanfara/Carmela Nanfara Deceased Members of Elena Italiano Family/Elena