



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 23, 2017 **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Salesian Sisters Jubilee



Sr. Loretta DeDomenicis, (1st row) a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco; Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, celebrated her 50th Jubilee July 16, in Haledon NJ. She is pictured here with her family, friends & parishioners of the Parish of St. Monica. Sr. Loretta and Sr. Joanne Holloman, (row 2), and Sr Theresa Kelly (row 3) are from St. Michael's parish, where the Salesian Sisters were assigned.

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 28

Mary Help of Christians Meeting

- Quaremba Hall
- 9 North Georgia Ave.
- 12:30 PM

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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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..... Registration for the full day Pre K 3 & 4 to 8th 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 2-7th 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.

The school office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30-1:00 When the school is not open, please direct any questions or concerns to the rectory office until 4 pm at 609-345-1878 x15. Thank you

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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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

28 In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behavior: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a religious being:

From one ancestor (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:26-28)

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: How much of your prayer is you talking to God? How much of it is you listening?

Children: Sometimes we are not sure what we want. Do you ever ask God to help you decide?

Palabra de Vida

Lectura del Evangelio de hoy • Romans 8:26-27

Hermanos:

De la misma manera, también el Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad; porque no sabemos orar como debiéramos, pero el Espíritu mismo intercede por nosotros con gemidos indecibles; y aquel que escudriña los corazones sabe cuál es el sentir del Espíritu, porque El intercede por los santos conforme a la voluntad de Dios.

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

Adultos: ¿Cuánto de su oración está hablando con Dios? ¿Cuánto de esto escuchas?

Niños: A veces no estamos seguros de lo que queremos. ¿Le pides a Dios que te ayude a decidir?

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

July 25 is the Feast of St. James the Apostle. According to legend, his remains are buried in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a popular pilgrimage route through Europe featured in the 2010 movie *The Way* starring Martin Sheen.

Grace before meals - Bless us O Lord and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace after meals - We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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 AUGUST 21, 2017

Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers)

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwestern Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in 'bush stations', teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and strong local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. A Marist Mission Cooperative will be held at the Parish of St. Monica on the weekend of July 29-30, 2017. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.

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 609-641-4634.

Padre Pio Comes to St. Monica

Each Thursday at the 5:15 PM Mass at OLSS 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. 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!

Celebrate your Parish

The parish has a webpage, a facebook page and a YouTube channel. This means you can publicize your church by sending photos, and now videos, to office@accatholic.org. When you attend an event, take photos in 1024 resolution or lower, take videos in 720p or lower, and email them to the office. They could be published on our official parish sites.

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JULY 15 & 16

OFFERTORY	\$15,942.00
BUDGET	\$18,206.00
POOR	\$664.00
SUMMER COLLECTION	\$2,357.00

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.

Frames for Sale

As we refresh the inventory of St. Nicholas Shoppe, we have decided to sell the entire collection of frames. We will sell them with the image intact although we expect that most people will want to use the frame for another image. Small frames are available for \$10, medium frames for \$20, and large frames for \$40. Some frames are matted. To look at the inventory, please call the office to arrange an appointment.

Room for Rent?

If you are interested in renting a room in your home, please contact the parish office. We are occasionally approached by parishioners and others who are in need of an affordable room with bathroom and kitchen privileges. Simply leave your contact information and a little about your room/house with the office staff. If there is a fit, Fr. Jon will call you.

Sanctuary Lamp

For the week of July 23, 2017 at
St. Michael's Church
Requested for Sebastian Cutaia
Requested by Wife Concetta & Family



Memorial Opportunities

Many of you have commented on the beautiful statue of Mother Emma Lewis, founder of St. Monica's Church, brought to Star of the Sea from Pennsylvania Avenue. A few of you have also noted that there is no walkway to the statute platform, as there is for the Sacred Heart statute on the opposite side of the church. We propose to create a walkway using memorialized pavers. Each paver will be memorialized for \$100. Call the office to put yourself on the list. We will need your contact information and the text for the paver. We will take payment when we call back to confirm the paver dedication.

We also propose to place hardbound English Bibles in the pews at both Star of the Sea and St. Nicholas. These Bibles will be available to people who come to the church to pray outside of Masses. They will be a visible encouragement to read the Sacred Scriptures, a profound source of blessings for Christians. The translation will probably be the New American - at least, it will be some translation approved by the Church. We will place a dedication label on the inside cover of each Bible for \$25. Call the office with your contact information, the text for the label, and the church where you wish the Bible to be placed. We will take payment when we call back to confirm the dedication.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY NEWS

Sadly we report Christina Mensa's Mother passed away and the family is in Ghana and will be there for a month.

Vanessa de Jean has a "go fund me page" to help with her trip in November. I hope everyone will support our young choir member.

These people are shut in and some are ill, if you can send them a card.

Jackie Selby
Laura McCottrey
Barbara Carey
Gloria and James Inloes
Carolina Young
Estelle Brooks
Bernice Rodgers

Our member Nadine Blackwell recently retired from Tropicana Casino and is enjoying herself traveling with relatives and friends.

The Parish of St. Monica still needs "volunteer greeters" at Masses.

Ladies Auxilary 416 member Carolyn Chrisp and husband John celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Wedding Anniversary Mass on June 18th with Bishop Sullivan and other couples.

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

16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"El reino de los cielos puede asemejarse a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo ... El que siembra buena semilla es el Hijo del Hombre, el campo es el mundo, la buena simiente los hijos del reino". - MATEO 13:24, 37-38

Como hijos de Dios, todos somos "buenas semillas", bendecidos por Dios con el potencial de lograr mucho bien en el mundo. Cumplimos el plan de Dios cuando compartimos nuestros talentos y nuestros dones financieros para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. ¡A través de nuestra corresponsabilidad sembramos "buenas semillas" en la tierra para finalmente ayudarnos unos a otros a llegar al cielo!

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

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

Stewards Sow Good Seed

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our **Stewardship** we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Around the Diocese

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."

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Pope Francis wants your input! The Church is listening to the voices of young people ages 16 - 30. Take 10 minutes to share your insights with the Vatican. A web survey can be found on the following here: <http://youth.synod2018.va>. The following is a direct link to the survey, which is available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese: <https://surveysynod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>.

World Youth Day Panama 2019

An exciting informational gathering will be held on August 3, 2017, from 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at the St. John Vianney Campus (former rectory at 2901 Good Intent Road, Deptford, NJ 08096). Everyone interested in joining a WYD pilgrimage in January 2019; or who might be thinking about it, should attend this prayer and information session. The full WYD pilgrimage will take place from January 19-28, 2019, and promises to be a life changing experience. If your schedule does not allow you to attend for 10 days, learn about a shorter WYD pilgrimage January 24-28 designed specifically for college students and working young adults. For more information, call 856 583 2908, gregory.coogan.camdendiocese.org, or visit www.camdendiocese.org

Mass Intentions for the Week - July 23, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 22	4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Paula Peraza/ofrece su familia
Sunday	July 23	7:30	Joyce Muskett/Dean Castellani
		9:00	Amaday & Dorothy Marano/ Greg & Kitty Marano
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/fa- milia Galindo
		12:00	Albie Mallen/Donna Conner
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	Giỗ LH Maria/ Ông Bà Thuận xin
Monday	July 24	7:00	Allfie Alloway (L)/Friend
		5:15	Ed McGinty/Marcie & Jack McAvaddy
Tuesday	July 25	7:00	Lynn Fox/Family
		5:15	Dorothy Bardaro/Berni Lee
Wednesday	July 26	7:00	Fr. Michael D'Amico
		5:15	Charlie DiOrio/Bill Wolf
		7:00	Lorena Guadalupe/ofrece su familia
Thursday	July 27	7:00	Alfredo Punzalan/Guillermo Lazo & Family
		5:15	Gerard A. Phelan/Frank & Mau- reen Previti
		7:00	Felicia Mancebo/ofrece su familia
Friday	July 28	7:00	Paige Parker/Parker Family
		5:15	Anthony Bardaro (L)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Apolinar Cruz/ofrece su familia
		8:00	John H. Carbone
Saturday	July 29	4:15	Mary DiSomma/John & An- nette DiSomma Deceased members of OLSS Class of 1977
		7:00	Cesar Espana/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Sunday	July 30	7:30	Ed McGinty/Rose & Anthony Dolceamore
		9:00	Thanksgiving/Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/fa- milia Galindo
		12:00	Joan Speciale (2nd Anniver- sary)/Mary Beck
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH Phaolô/ Anh Chị Đệ-Thúy xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 22	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Mary, Albert & Mary P. Koenig/ John & Kathleen Cullen
		5:30	Mass for the People
Sunday	July 23	8:45	James Persenda (Healing)/Mr & Mrs. James Poulson Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	John W. Applegate Nancy McGhee/Jimmy & Nancy Morgan
		12:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak(L)
Monday	July 24	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Tuesday	July 25	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Hilda L. Heffley/Colleen Lennon
Wednesday	July 26	8:00	Vincent & Anna DiVasto/Ann Kaplan
Thursday	July 27	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family The Souls in Purgatory
Friday	July 28	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	July 29	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Teresa Belo (L)
		5:30	Scott Saunders/Mark & Sue McNierney

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	July 23	11:00	Giuseppe & Giuseppa Nanfara/ Carmela Nanfara Barbara, Cohen and Daviso Families/Tess Cohen Haas & Iannerello Family/Maria Haas