



# 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 30, 2017** **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Before and After



Having made the commitment and despite the very hot weather last week, volunteer Sebastian Pisano, retired painter and Ducktown resident, came out to repaint the lamp posts in St. Michael's Church parking lot. Ask at the Welcome Center how you can share your time helping your parish.

## 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>Aug 7</b> <b>Anointing of the Sick Mass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Lady Star of the Sea Church</li> <li>• 7:00 PM</li> <li>• All are welcome to attend</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aug 15</b> <b>Wedding of the Sea Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Michael's Parking Lot - Georgia Ave.</li> <li>• 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aug 15</b> <b>Mass of the Assumption - Boardwalk Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doors open 11:00 PM</li> <li>• Mass starts 12:00 PM</li> <li>• Procession to surf following mass</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 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

609-345-1878

### FAX

609-348-0248

### RELIGIOUS ED

609-345-1878 x24

### SCHOOL

609-345-0648

### CONVENT

609-347-0434

### WEB SITE

[accatholic.org](http://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

**29** But this "intimate and vital bond of man to God" (GS 19 # 1) can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man. Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call.

## Word of Life

**Today's Scripture Reading** • Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

**Answer the appropriate question(s):**

Adults: What have you sacrificed in pursuit of the kingdom of heaven?

Children: How can you give a gift to God?

## Palabra de Vida

**Lectura del Evangelio de hoy** • Mateo 13:44-46

Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:

"El reino de los cielos es como un tesoro enterrado en un campo,  
Que una persona encuentra y se esconde de nuevo,  
Y de alegría va y vende todo lo que tiene y compra ese campo.

De nuevo, el reino de los cielos es como un mercader Buscando perlas finas.

Cuando encuentra una perla de gran precio,  
Va y vende todo lo que tiene y lo compra.

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

Adultos: ¿Qué has sacrificado en la búsqueda del reino de los cielos?

Niños: ¿Cómo puedes dar un regalo a Dios?

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

**August 4 is the Memorial of St. John Vianney** (1786-1859), the patron saint of parish priests. Let us pray for our parish priests past and present. Let us also pray for an increase in the number of priests in our diocese so that our parish will have priests in the future. In fact, Jesus specifically asks his disciples to pray for this: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

**Anointing of the Sick** is a sacrament of the Catholic Church that is administered to a Catholic "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age", except in the case of those who "persevere obstinately in manifest grave sin". The sacrament is also referred to as Unction, and in the past as Extreme Unction, and it is one of the three sacraments that constitute the last rites (together with the Sacrament of Penance and Viaticum).

The sacrament is administered by a priest, who uses olive oil or another pure plant oil to anoint the patient's forehead and perhaps other parts of the body while reciting certain prayers. It is believed to give comfort, peace, courage and, if the sick person is unable to make a confession, even forgiveness of sins. Our Anointing of the Sick Mass is on Monday, August 7 at Star of the Sea church.

# How We Serve

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### 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**

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

### 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.

### Anointing of the Sick

The parish annual celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Monday, August 7 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. All are welcome to attend.

### 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)

Together we can make this one wonderful devotion... unique to St. Monica's Parish of Atlantic City!

### Second Sunday Pilipino (Tagalog) Mass

The Filipino American Community and the Filipino Apostolate of SJ (Atlantic-CapeMay-Cumberland Chapter) invite you to the Second Sunday Pilipino (Tagalog) Mass on August 13, 2017 4:00 PM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, California and Atlantic Aves. Invite your friends and the whole family. For details contact Rene and Grace Gallofin 609-823-6381 or Cely Reyes 609-816-1474.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR JULY 22 & 23

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$11,547.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$18,206.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$70.00
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR . . . .	\$10,423.00

### 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.

## 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

On June 25, 2017, Wally & Molly Amado celebrated 62 years of wedded bliss. They were married in 1955 in the Rectory of St. Monica, (located at the time on Pennsylvania Ave). From their union they have three children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Wally has served as a Knight of St. John since 1975.

2017 National Black Catholic Men's Conference will be held October 5 - 8, 2017 in Miami, FL. If interested in more information contact Alma Johnson.

The Convocation of Catholic Leaders was held in Orlando, FL on July 1-4, 2017. Fr. Jon Thomas, as well as Bernard & Ann Reynolds were delegates. The Star Herald featured the event.

We have missed Roberta Battiglini and Sandy Stewart at Mass. Both are having health issues and need our prayers.

Lord, Give Me Wisdom - King Solomon, 1 Kings 3:8

# Comunidad Hispana

## Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves ..... 10am - 2pm

Viernes ..... 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza

609-345-1878 ext.19 [lesparza@accatholic.org](mailto:lesparza@accatholic.org)

## LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

### 17º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

*"Sabemos que todas las cosas sirven para el bien de los que aman a Dios, que son llamados según su propósito." - ROMANOS 8:28*

¿Confías en Dios de verdad? ¿Crees que todas las cosas funcionan para el bien? A veces la fe es un reto para todos. Poner nuestra confianza en Dios, en todo lo que hacemos, significa que el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas puede ser diferente de nuestro plan. Cuando una puerta se cierra, otra se abre. Confía en Dios, su plan es siempre mejor.

## 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

### 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

#### Stewards Trust God

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? **Stewardship** is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

# Around the Diocese

## Catholic Engaged Encounter

The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together.

Ideas presented by a team of married couples and a priest or deacon stimulate personal reflection and private couple dialogue.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, and close by 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

### Upcoming Weekends

August 11-13, 2017

November 10-12, 2017

March 9-11, 2018

June 8-10, 2018

*Registration for Engaged Encounter*

The registration fee of \$410 for Engaged Encounter includes lodging, meals and program resources for the weekend for two people. To register, go to [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org) and search Engaged Encounter. Questions: Please contact the Office of Faith and Family Life Formation by phone at (856) 583-2903 or (856) 583-2904 or email at [MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org](mailto:MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org)

## 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](http://gregory.coogan.camdendiocese.org), or visit [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

## 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. The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 held at the Family Center in Malvern, PA. For confidential information, call 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

# Mass Intentions for the Week - July 30, 2017

## OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 29	4:15	Mary DiSomma/John & Annette DiSomma Deceased members of OLSS Class of 1977
		7:00	Cesar Espana/ofrece su familia
Sunday	July 30	7:30	Ed McGinty/Rose & Anthony Dolceamore
		9:00	Thanksgiving/Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Joan Speciale (2nd Anniversary)/Mary Beck
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH Phaolô/ Anh Chì Đê-Thuý xin
Monday	July 31	7:00	Frank & Lorraine Formica/Joe Formica
		5:15	Arleen Walsh/Marcie & Jack
Tuesday	Aug 1	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family
		5:15	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
Wednesday	Aug 2	7:00	Palvo Pouleres/The Ruffolo Family
		5:15	Bob Picard & Bill Pierce/Ed & Kay Colanzi
		7:00	Griselda Martinez/ofrece su familia
Thursday	Aug 3	7:00	Fr. Brendan Sullivan
		5:15	Agnes Tierney Anderson/Downey Family
		7:00	Miguel Bolivar/ofrece su familia
Friday	Aug 4	7:00	Albert Mallen, Jr./Danny Fritz
		5:15	Mario Formica (L)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Esperanta Rocha/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Aug 5	8:00	Douglas Jung/Berni Lee
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family

## OLSS Church

Sunday	Aug 6	7:00	Jose Alejandro/ofrece su familia
		7:30	Albert John Mallen, Jr/Tim & Cathy Kelly
		9:00	Amaday & Dorothy Marano/Greg & Kitty Marano
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Charles Dillon/Frank Toner
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	Giỗ 1 Năm LH Rosa/ Gia Đình xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	July 29	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Teresa Belo (L)
		5:30	Scott Saunders/Mark & Sue McNierney
Sunday	July 30	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Michael McGhee/Jimmy & Nancy Morgan
		12:00	Meredith & Edward McNierney/ Mark & Sue McNierney
Monday	July 31	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Tuesday	Aug 1	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Aug 2	8:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
Thursday	Aug 3	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Aug 4	8:00	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	Aug 5	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. James Michael Formica (L)
		5:30	Mass for the People

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	July 30	11:00	Barbara, Cohen and Daviso Families/Tess Cohen Connie Cummings/ Her Children San Padre Pio/Carmela Nanfara Tony & Grace Sacco/Rosa Catalioti & Family