



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.

August 6, 2017 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Welcome New Sisters



The Sisters of the Renewal moved into St. Michael's convent July 31st. Community outreach is part of their mission here. Pictured above (L-R): Sr. Joseph; Fr. Hughes; Mother Lucille, Mother General; Sr. Agnes, Superior of this convent; Sr. Chiara; and Sr. Ann Kateri. The sisters plan to have an open house during the Wedding of the Sea Festival, Aug. 15.

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

Mondays CCD 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM
RCIA 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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.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 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

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

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

30 "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. and man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. (St. Augustine)

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • 2 Peter 1:16-19

Beloved:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable.

You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: Why do you believe in Jesus?

Children: Why do you think God is so pleased with his Son Jesus?

Palabra de Vida

Lectura del Evangelio • 2 Peter 1:16-19

Porque cuando os dimos a conocer el poder y la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, no seguimos fábulas ingeniosamente inventadas, sino que fuimos testigos oculares de su majestad. Pues cuando El recibió honor y gloria de Dios Padre, la majestuosa Gloria le hizo esta declaración: Este es mi Hijo amado en quien me he complacido; y nosotros mismos escuchamos esta declaración, hecha desde el cielo cuando estábamos con El en el monte santo.

Y así tenemos la palabra profética más segura, a la cual hacéis bien en prestar atención como a una lámpara que brilla en el lugar oscuro, hasta que el día despunte y el lucero de la mañana aparezca en vuestros corazones.

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

Adultos: ¿Por qué crees en Jesús?

Niños: ¿Por qué crees que Dios está tan complacido con su Hijo Jesús?

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

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration. There are three basic ranks of feast days, ranked from least to greatest importance: memorials, feasts, and solemnities. Most saints' feast days are memorials. The Apostles are commemorated on feasts. The highest rank, solemnity, is reserved for the greatest saints: Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, and Peter and Paul (commemorated together). Other feast days, like the Transfiguration, commemorate special events, just like Christmas and Easter.

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 29 & 30

OFFERTORY	\$12,689.00
BUDGET	\$18,206.00
POOR BOX	\$483.00
SOCIETY OF MARY (Marist Fathers and Brothers)	\$7,364.00

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

No more registrations for Religious Education/RCIA will be accepted after the month of August. You may register your child at the Religious Education office from 10AM-3PM from Monday-Thursday.

Spanish: No mas registraciones de Educacion Religiosa/ RICA seran aceptadas despues del mes de agosto. Pueden registrarse en la oficina desde las 10AM a la 3PM de lunes a jueves.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

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.

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.

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.

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.

Typist Needed

We are in need of a typist of any skill level to lend a hand typing up some written documents as part of a project going on right now. If you, or someone you know, has even average ability typing on a computer, please consider donating a few hours of your time & talent. You will learn about the Catholic Church in Atlantic City while helping your parish tremendously. Call the office at 609-345-1878 to make an arrangement.



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

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

"Y fue transfigurado delante de ellos; su rostro resplandeció como el sol y sus ropas se tornaron blancas como la luz." - MATEO 17: 2

Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, debemos reflejar la luz de Cristo al mundo. Cuando recibimos la Eucaristía, el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, estamos llamados a ser sobrenaturales para reflejar su amor, su misericordia y perdón a los demás. Cuando somos agradecidos por todo lo que Dios nos ha dado, la generosidad fluye a través nuestro porque estamos hechos a la imagen de Dios.

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Stewards Reflect Christ's Light

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." - MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Christian **Stewards** should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

Around the Diocese

29th Annual Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference

At the Wildwood Convention Center, Oct. 6th, 7th & 8th Celebrating the 100 Anniversary of Fatima Free Admission for Sunday's Noon Mass – Oct. 8th Our MC is Fr. Rene Canales, with Guest Speakers: Fr. Jim Blount, S.O.L.T, Fr. Yvans Jazon & Kathleen McCarthy

Music by Tommy Doyle – www.camdencharismatic.org

Engaged Encounter Ministry

Good things are happening on Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends!

Comments from recent weekends include:

"Re-affirmation of Catholic faith re-enforcing the strength of marriage." Couples are reporting a much needed weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Encourage your engaged couple, to consider attending a Weekend! Consider sponsoring them for this retreat.

Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583- 2903

2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father Robert Hughes is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land departing from Philadelphia on Thursday, February 15, 2018 and returning February 24th. Visit all of the sites important to our Catholic Faith from Mount Carmel and the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The cost is \$3,629 per person double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare, all airport taxes and fuel surcharges, 8 nights at centrally located first class hotels, airport transfers, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, breakfast daily, dinner with wine daily, professional Catholic guides, all admissions per itinerary, Mass and spiritual activities daily, luggage handling (1 bag), flight bag and portfolio of travel documents. Not included are lunches, tips to guide and driver, and optional travel insurance. An optional post-tour to Assisi (2 nights) and Rome (2 nights) is **also available**. To register online please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes; for more information contact Robert.hughes@camdendiocese.org or call 856-583-2807.

Mass Intentions for the Week - August 6, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Aug 5	4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Jose Alejandro/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Aug 6	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
Monday	Aug 7	7:00	Fr. James Smith
		5:15	Dorothy & Henley Eng/Berni Lee
Tuesday	Aug 8	7:00	Evelyn Dounton/Danny Fritz
		5:15	Guillermo C. Lazo, Sr/Guillermo Lazo, Jr. & Family
Wednesday	Aug 9	7:00	Jose Miguel Trujillo/Luisa Giraldo & Family
		5:15	Marie & James Boyd/Marcie & Jack
		7:00	Manuel Robles.ofrece su familia
Thursday	Aug 10	7:00	Charles P. Dillon/The Fritz Family
		5:15	Bill Tierney, Jr./Downey Family
		7:00	Jesus Rojas/ofrece su familia
Friday	Aug 11	7:00	Joe Franco/Berni Lee
		5:15	Roque Magalong/Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	Francisca Guzman/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Aug 12	8:00	Albie Mallen/Collins Family
		4:15	John DiSomma/John & Annette
		7:00	Dolores Ronco/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Sunday	Aug 13	7:30	Rita Librone/Maureen Murray
		9:00	Bill Downey/Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Charles Dillon/Marianne Christinziano
		2:30	Maximino Mervado/ofrece su familias
		6:30	Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Aug 5	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
		5:30	Mass for the People
Sunday	Aug 6	8:45	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family Mario J. Formica (D) & Family (L)
		12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Monday	Aug 7	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Aug 8	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Aug 9	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Aug 10	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Aug 11	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Aug 12	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
		5:30	Mass for the People

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Aug 6	11:00	Stefano and Josephine Nanfara/ Carmela Nanfara and Family Giuseppe Iannello & Lea Italiano/ Elena & Family Haas & Iannello Family/Maria Haas Mario Bongiovanni/Wife Maria and Children & Families