



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 20, 2017 **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wedding of the Sea Ceremony



Top: The statue of our Blessed Mother is carried from Boardwalk Hall last Tuesday following the Wedding of the Sea Mass. **Bottom:** A group of Vietnamese worshippers follow Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Mayor Don Guardian to the beach for the blessing ceremony. Some 3,000 people attended the Mass and festival.

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

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

St. Michael Convent • 10 North Georgia Ave • 609-343-1545 • Fax 609-343-1546

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.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

South Jersey Catholic schools are a community of schools bound by a commitment to faith-based education and a common curriculum. At the same time, we celebrate the distinct culture and areas of focus that make every South Jersey Catholic school unique.

From city to shore, pre-K through high school, you have a choice when it comes to your child's education. It is never too late to explore your options and discover why a Catholic school education is the gift of a lifetime.

Learn more: www.SouthJerseyCatholicSchools.org or 856-583-6103. **Parish of St. Monica** proudly sponsors Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please visit us at or call 609-345-1878 to learn more. Tuition assistance may be available.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon Thomas

Pastor

Rev. Thanh Pham

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fernando Carmona

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Robert Matysik

Hospital Chaplain

Maria Isabel Duran

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Erick Duran

Facilities Manager

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CONTACT

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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

59 In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred and his father's house, and makes him Abraham, that is, "the father of a multitude of nations". "In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed." **60** The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church. They would be the root on to which the Gentiles would be grafted, once they came to believe. **61** The patriarchs, prophets and certain other Old Testament figures have been and always will be honoured as saints in all the Church's liturgical traditions.

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • Isaiah 56:1-7

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people" and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree."

For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: Our parish is diverse, a true "house of prayer for all peoples." How do you benefit from the diversity?

Children: God wants everyone to be happy. How do you help others to be happy?

Palabra de Vida

Lectura del Evangelio • 1 Reyes 19:9-13

Así dice el Señor: Preservad el derecho y haced justicia, porque mi salvación está para llegar y mi justicia para ser revelada. Cuán bienaventurado es el hombre que hace esto, y el hijo del hombre que a ello se aferra; que guarda el día de reposo sin profanarlo, y guarda su mano de hacer mal alguno.

Que el extranjero que se ha allegado al Señor, no diga: Ciertamente el Señor me separará de su pueblo. Ni diga el eunuco: He aquí, soy un árbol seco.

Porque así dice el Señor: A los eunucos que guarda mis días de reposo, escogen lo que me agrada y se mantienen firmes en mi pacto,

les daré en mi casa y en mis muros un lugar, y un nombre mejor que el de hijos e hijas; les daré nombre eterno que nunca será borrado.

Y a los extranjeros que se alleguen al Señor para servirle, y para amar el nombre del Señor, para ser sus siervos, a todos los que guardan el día de reposo sin profanarlo, y se mantienen firmes en mi pacto,

yo los traeré a mi santo monte, y los alegraré en mi casa de oración. Sus holocaustos y sus sacrificios serán aceptos sobre mi altar; porque mi casa será llamada casa de oración para todos los pueblos.

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

Adultos: Nuestra parroquia es diversa, una verdadera "casa de oración para todos los pueblos". ¿Cómo se benefician de la diversidad?

Niños: Dios quiere que todos sean felices. ¿Cómo ayudas a otros a ser felices?

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

What is a cardinal? A cardinal is an honorary position bestowed by the pope upon bishops (in rare cases, priests) with special roles in the Church. Some cardinals head important archdioceses while others head Vatican departments. Cardinals advise the pope and (only those under 80) elect his successor. The number of cardinals under the age of 80 is usually limited to 120.

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

Visit our Website

You can read this bulletin on your tablet or smart phone! The digital version has clickable links that let you follow URL's printed here. Go to accatholic.org and pick "Bulletins" on the right side of the page.

You can also create a user account with the login form in the bottom right corner of the page. Registered users receive our newsletter and stay on top of what is happening in the parish. Make sure to get your parent's permission if you are under 18. A confirmation email will be sent to you. Join up now!

Evangelize Atlantic City

Once you've created an account on our website (see above) and login with your user name, you will have access to the special "user menu." Click the link on that menu - Evangelization Form. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Tell us how you think we can best bring more people in this town into the Catholic faith.

The Wedding of the Sea celebration last week bore witness to the strength of our faith in this town. More people need to know about it and your ideas matter. Please fill out the form.

Schoolbag Distribution

Many local children are in desperate need of school supplies. The right supplies are the foundation of a good learning experience. You can help by donating the following supplies to our children or anything a child aged 5-14 needs for school: Backpacks, pens and pencils, crayons & notebooks.

Drop off your donation at the welcome Centers at all the Churches. Distribution date is Saturday, September 2nd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at St. Nicholas Rectory.

Padre Pio at Saint Monica's

Give us your special prayer petitions, and we will pray for them! Located at the information desk in the rear of both OLSS and St. Nick's you will find a "prayer petition" box in which you can deposit your petitions to St. Padre Pio. Each Thursday at our 5:15 Mass, they will be placed at the foot of Padre's statue for the duration of the Mass. All in attendance will pray for them. Your petitions are not forgotten! Why not join us for this weekly Mass where together we can pray. Strength is in numbers!

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR AUG 12 & 13

OFFERTORY \$15,052.00

BUDGET \$18,206.00

POOR BOX \$134.00

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.

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. Send an email to office@accatholic.org 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

Taylor Epps, granddaughter of Phillip and Dorothy Epps, a Junior at Syracuse University, won Second Place for a story on Mental Health Among Black College Students awarded by National Association of Black Journalists. Her Aunt, Diane Epps, is very proud of her. Diane continues volunteering at our Parish as her parents used to do.

Our sympathy extends to Irene and Donzella Hill. Irene's sister passed away. She was 93.

Please pray for John Chrisp. He is undergoing medical tests. His wife, Carolyn is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. John.

SAVE THE DATE: August 27, 2017 - Dedication Plaque will be placed uptown to memorialize St. Monica's Church. Further news will be forthcoming.

The Knights of St. John have two new members: Fr. Jon Thomas and Steven Williams.

In case you don't know it, Fr. Jon has a pretty good voice, He sang "I Did It My Way" and believe me "he did it his way". Smile!

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

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LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

20º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque los dones y el llamado de Dios son irrevocables."
- ROMANOS 11:29

Dios tiene una misión especial en mente para cada uno de nosotros. Él nos ha dado los dones que necesitamos para cumplir con esa misión. Estamos llamados a ser buenos administradores usando esos dones para hacer el trabajo que El ha planeado para cada uno de nosotros. Si negamos nuestros dones o no los usamos como Dios nos llama a usarlos, entonces alguna parte de su obra quedará sin hacer.

Around the Diocese

Society of St. Vincent de Paul to Sponsor "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run"

The 4th annual "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" will be held Saturday 10 AM, September 9, 2017 on the Ventnor Boardwalk. Registration, rain or shine, will take place starting at the Gazebo at Newport and the Boardwalk, Ventnor, NJ beginning at 9:00 AM. A donation of \$15 dollars (kids free) is requested for participation which includes: a 4.2 mile walk/run, an event T shirt and refreshments at St. James Hall following the event. You may register and/or donate online: www.fopwalk.org

A Special Invitation to Honor Our Lady of Fatima's 100 Anniversary

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, National Blue Army Shrine Washington, New Jersey (Approx. 3 hr.)

DEPARTURES: BUS #1 6:45 AM Church of the Resurrection, Marmora - 7:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Linwood
BUS #2 6:45 AM St. Michael's Church, Atlantic City - 7:00 AM
O.L Perpetual Help, Galloway
Bus to arrive home at approximately 7:00 PM.

CONTACT: Melanie Stubee (609) 665-9161 or Email: melanie14@comcast.net COST: \$32.00 (Includes transportation & driver tip) Mail Check payable to: Melanie Stubee, 14 Randolph Blvd., Marmora, NJ 08223

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Calling

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good Stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

14TH Annual Holiday Fair

The Church Of St. Katharine Drexel
6075 West Jersey Avenue – Egg Harbor Township, NJ

More information available on our website: www.sk-d-parish.org

Friday, October 13th - 12:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 14th - 9:00am to 4:00pm

(New Hours! - WHITE ELEPHANT ROOM! SPECIALTY BASKET ROOM! ART ROOM!

TOY ROOM! & NEW OLDE ST. NICK'S SHOPPE)
We are looking for crafters to participate in our Holiday Craft Fair. Bring your Back to school, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas crafts.

Cost: \$35 per 8-foot display area
Table rentals available at \$5 for each 6 ft. table.

Displaying your crafts is an excellent way to enhance your business.

Reserve now to ensure availability.
Please call the Parish Office at -
609-645-7313 ext. 116.

Mass Intentions for the Week - August 20, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Aug 19	4:15	Susan Gentile/John & Annette DiSomma
		7:00	Natividad Vazquez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Aug 20	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Ronilo & Rowena Borja (21st Wedding Anniversary) & Ronina, Ronino & Rose Angel Borja
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Albert Mallen, Jr./Bill & Joan Parker
		2:30	Viridiana Esparza/ofrece su familia
Monday	Aug 21	6:30	LH Bênedictô/ GĐ. Ông Bà Bân xin
		7:00	Mr & Mrs. Tien Tran in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	Aug 22	5:15	Bill & Jeanette Norcutt/Christopher Simonetti
		7:00	Rita Librone/Mr & Mrs Donald W. Fenske, Jr/
Wednesday	Aug 23	5:15	Helen & Thomas Tang/Berni Lee
		7:00	Gary Lee (L)/Berni Lee
		5:15	Ed McGinty/Marcia Mancini
Thursday	Aug 24	7:00	Ed McGinty/Marcia Mancini
		7:00	Joe Salamone (L)/Tom & Clara Depko
		5:15	Patricia Weber/Peggy Alaimo
Friday	Aug 25	7:00	Elsa Wickham Carcace/hija Susana
		7:00	Juan Gonzales/Heidi Gonzales
		5:15	Ed McGinty/Downey Family
Saturday	Aug 26	7:00	Ed McGinty/Downey Family
		8:00	Patrick Keating/Mary Keating
		4:15	Louis DiSomma/John & Annette DiSomma

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Aug 27	7:00	
		7:30	Albert John Mallen, Jr./Steve & Dean Jones
		9:00	Mass for the People
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Michael Rankin(Birthday - L)/ Cecilia Magalong
		2:30	Georgina Johnson/Family
		6:30	LH Theresa Le/ Chj Lan xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Aug 19	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		5:30	Shaun Sless/C.Thomas
Sunday	Aug 20	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Monday	Aug 21	12:00	Bernardo P. Montemayor (L - Birthday)
		8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Aug 22	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Wednesday	Aug 23	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Living & Deceased Members of Burke & Cox Families
		8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Thursday	Aug 24	8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Friday	Aug 25	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
Saturday	Aug 26	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		5:30	Mass for the People

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Aug 20	11:00	Angelo Paoletta/John and Helen Olive Rosa and Rosario Toscano/ Emily Shaw Jack Iaconelli/Rosa Catalioti & Family Joseph Readeau/Family