



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.

September 3, 2017 **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mother Lewis Dedication



A crowd gathers behind Officer Wessler, of the ACPD, at Arctic and N. Carolina Avenues last Sunday to be part of the Memorial Dedication to Mother Emma Lewis, who founded the St. Monica's mission and church. After the ceremony, parishioners and local residents enjoyed free food and fellowship together. The bronze and stone plaque is visible whether walking or driving down Arctic Avenue.

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>Sept 8 Multilingual Rosary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OLSS BVM Shrine 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM All are invited to attend 	<p>Sept 29 Mass for Feast of St. Michael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Michaels Church 7:00 PM Reception to follow in Quaremba 	<p>Oct 15 Pasta Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored by Mary Help of Christians St. Michael's Quaremba More Information upcoming
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.acatholic.org • phone 609-345-1878 • fax 609-348-0248

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's Convent • 10 North Mississippi 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."

Please keep us in your prayers as we begin the new school year at Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School. Students in grades K-8 return on Wednesday, September 6th. We wish them all well.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

OLSS School is still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for K to Grade 8 and for students with Individualized Service Plans. As expressed in our Mission statement, if you are seeking a quality Catholic education, individualized instruction in a small class environment where a high level of success is encouraged, let us help you make that possible. We welcome new families to witness firsthand what sets us apart in addressing the needs of our students spiritually, academically, and socially. Please call to take a tour the school and speak to our Principal, Mrs. Tarrant. Financial assistance, transfer grants, and state transportation reimbursement (residing 2 miles or more from the school) are available.

Transfer grants provided by the Depko Family Foundation for students transferring from a public school into 1-7th grade
\$1,500 tuition credit the first year per student
\$1,000 tuition credit the second year per student

Please visit www.olssac.org or call (609) 345-0648 for more information and a registration packet.

The school is in need of substitute teachers for the 2017-18 school year. If you hold a college degree and are interested in being on our list, please contact the school office at 609-345-0648, or e-mail a resume to tarrant.susan@olssac.org.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is looking for a part-time art teacher and a part-time physical education teacher. If interested in applying please send resume to: tarrant.susan@olssac.org or call 609-345-0648

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

RELIGIOUS ED

609-345-1878 x24

SCHOOL

609-345-0648

SCHOOL CONVENT

609-347-0434

ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT

609-343-1545

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

64 Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts. The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations. Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel's salvation. The purest figure among them is Mary.

Star of the Sea (Stella Maris in Latin) is an ancient title of Mary. Our parish honors Mary under this title on September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. Pray the rosary in front of the Mary shrine next to Star of the Sea Church immediately following the 5:15 PM Mass this Friday, September 8. We're going to use a gigantic rosary and pray each decade in a language spoken by our parishioners.

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • Jeremiah 20:7-9

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: Even though Jeremiah was angry with God, he realized he could not keep himself from God for long. Describe a time when you were angry with God.

Children: Describe some of the things you love to do. Is doing God's work one of them?

Palabra de Vida

Lectura del Evangelio • Jeremías 20:7-9

7 Me persuadiste, oh Señor, y quedé persuadido;
fuiste más fuerte que yo y prevaleciste.
He sido el hazmerreír cada día;
todos se burlan de mí.
8 Porque cada vez que hablo, grito;
proclamo: ¡Violencia, destrucción!
Pues la palabra del Señor ha venido a ser para mí
oprobio y escarnio cada día.
9 Pero si digo: No le recordaré
ni hablaré más en su nombre,
esto se convierte dentro de mí como fuego ardiente
encerrado en mis huesos;
hago esfuerzos por contenerlo,
y no puedo.

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

Adultos: Aunque Jeremías estaba enojado con Dios, se dio cuenta de que no podía mantenerse apartado de Dios por mucho tiempo. Describe un tiempo en que te enojaste con Dios.

Niños: Describa algunas de las cosas que le encanta hacer. ¿Está haciendo el trabajo de Dios uno de ellos?

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

Feast of St. Nicholas of Tolentine: Next Sunday, September 10, is the feast of St. Nicholas of Tolentine. At the 12 noon Mass at St. Nicholas, "St. Nicholas bread" baked by Formica Bros. Bakery will be blessed and distributed. According to legend, St. Nicholas was healed after Mary appeared to him and told him to take a little bread moistened with water.

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 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 enewsletter 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.

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!

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

There are 333 memberships still 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

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR AUG 26 & 27

OFFERTORY	\$15,356.00
BUDGET	\$18,206.00
POOR BOX	\$94.00

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!

Hospice Volunteers Needed for AtlanticCare Hospice

AtlanticCare Hospice and Palliative Care is having Hospice Volunteer Training Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The training will be held at the hospice office in the Airport Commerce Center, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 210, Egg Harbor Harbor Township. To register or for more information, please call Kathleen Donadio at 609-407-2026 or Maureen Hope in the Volunteer office at 609-404-7477.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious Education Registration is now closed. For questions contact the Religious Education office at 609-345-1878 ext. 24.

The parents of the following children registered for religious education please contact the office immediately.

Yer Tran, Sarah Tran, Lorindo Bell, Magdalene Coleman

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Greetings! The unveiling and dedication for the plaque placed at Arctic and Mansion Avenue was well attended and enjoyed by all. It memorializes the fact that the church of St. Monica existed and rose up from a Mission founded by Mother Emma Lewis.

From time to time we will feature articles on the National Black Congress. Mrs. Blanche Toole-White will keep us informed. This is our first article, please read it, we can all learn from these articles.

The National Black Catholic Congress is an organization of African-American Roman Catholics founded in 1889 by Daniel Rudd. Their symbol is the Acacia. Their mission is to improve and enrich lives of African-American Catholics. National Black Congresses have been held every five years since 1987. This year's Congress XII met July 7, 8 & 9 in Orlando, Florida. The theme this year was "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God.*" National Black Catholic President, Most Reverend John H. Ricard, SSJ, reported that this year there were over 2,000 registered participants. Of that number: 107 dioceses were represented; attendees included one cardinal, 18 bishops, four archbishops, 123 priests, 45 deacons, seven seminarians, seven religious brothers, and 41 religious sisters. In this time following Congress XII, it will be up to Black Catholics to respond to the many challenges that were laid out and through the soon-to-be completed Congress XII Pastoral Plan. While most of the participants were enjoying the many features of the Congress event, Fr. Steven Thorne, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, was quietly meeting with a select group of Congress participants. They were set with the task of developing the framework of a Pastoral Plan, which they will continue to develop and which will be available in a few months. In his address to the Congress, Pope Francis urges "*that the congress...confirm(s) America's Black Catholics in their evangelical commitment to the pursuit of justice and human dignity, while encouraging a deeper reflection on our common baptismal calling to be missionary disciples, sent to the farthest reaches of society to draw hearts and souls to the transforming love Christ the Savior.*" As always, most attendees reported the Congress was informative and uplifting and many that experienced it for the first time stated it was truly a "feel good" experience. The Twelfth National Black Catholic Congress concluded with the Delegates' commitment to a Preamble laying out the principles of a Pastoral Plan of Action. Congress XIII will be held in five years. This as an event that all Black Catholics should experience. Talk to someone who has attended - you will feel the enthusiasm - and plan on attending the workshop when the pastoral plan is laid out. (more information to follow)

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

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.

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

22° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"¿Qué beneficio tendría uno de ganar el mundo entero y perder su vida?" - MATEO 16:26

San Francisco de Asís dijo una vez: "Recuerda, eres lo que eres a los ojos de Dios, y nada más." A menudo olvidamos esta sabiduría de la administración cuando gastamos todo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro para ganar más riquezas mundanas. Necesitamos establecer nuestras prioridades basadas en los valores de Dios y no en los valores del mundo material.

STEWARDSHIP

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Values

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this **Stewardship** wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Around the Diocese

Going to Stockton, Rowan or Rutgers-Camden?

The Catholic Communities at Stockton, Rowan and Rutgers welcome you to our campuses.

Please note the following information:

Catholic Campus Ministry Center – Stockton University

235 Pomona Road, Pomona NJ 08240

Telephone Number: 609-804-0200

Director: Alison Filion

Chaplain: Fr. James King

Sunday Mass: 6:00 pm at the Catholic Campus Ministry Center starting 8/27 (Dinner for students after this Mass)

ALSO: Additional Sunday Mass on campus Sept. 3, 10 & 17 in TRLC at 8:00 pm (near the freshmen dorms)

Daily Mass on Campus on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:45 pm check Facebook for up-to-date information

Newman Club: Wednesdays 8-9pm Mass before meeting at 7:00 pm. Snacks served during meeting. Check Facebook for up to date locations.

Contact Information: Alison.Filion@camdendiocese.org

Facebook: Stockton University Newman Club

St. Bridget University Parish/Rowan Newman House – Rowan University

1 Redmond Avenue, Glassboro NJ 08028

Telephone Number: 856-881-3474

Pastor: Fr. Michael Field St. Bridget University 125 Church St., Glassboro NJ 08028

ChurchParochial Vicar: Father Victorino Coronado

Coordinator of Campus Ministry: Ivan Soares

Email: isoares@stbridgetup.org

Mass Schedule: Sat - 4:30 pm

Daily Mass: Mon.-Thur. 12:30 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am, 1pm (Spanish) & 6 pm

Contact Information: Rowanccm@gmail.com Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Facebook: Rowan University Catholic Campus Ministry Sat 9:00 am

Website: www.rowanccm.com

Rutgers University – Camden

Catholic Campus Ministry

Campus Minister: Father Krzysztof Wtorek

Sunday Mass: 9 am (English) and 11:30 am (Spanish) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 632

Market Street, Camden, corner of Market and Broadway Streets

Daily Mass: 12 Noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Market and Broadway

Contact Information: Camden.CM@camdendiocese.org

Mass Intentions for the Week - September 3, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 2	4:15	Rose Maguire/Family
		7:00	Genaro Pacheco/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Sept 3	7:30	Rick Heiden/Mom, Dad & Family
		9:00	Rita Librone/Joe & Donna Gerace
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Cona & Joseph Paparone/Nieces & Nephews
		2:30	Georgina Johnson/Family
Monday	Sept 4	6:30	Mass for the People
		7:00	Karen Lee (L)/Berni Lee
Tuesday	Sept 5	5:15	NO MASS
		7:00	Joseph & Elvira Cesario/Aquilla Formica & Family
Wednesday	Sept 6	5:15	Angela Colanzi/Ed & Kay Colanzi
		7:00	Lynn Fox/Famiy
Thursday	Sept 7	5:15	Sr. Grace Nolan/Berni Lee
		7:00	Bladimir Martinez/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Mary Claire Dutton/Helen McGurk Fenske
Friday	Sept 8	5:15	William Miller/Nadia & Ray-Golowach
		7:00	Graciela Heredia/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Jim Haggarty/Margie
Saturday	Sept 9	5:15	Sister Joan Mary Baldrige, OP/ Anne M. Campbell
		7:00	Mario Zalazar/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Helen O'Rourke-Tierney/Downey Family
		4:15	John & Nan McGettigan/Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		7:00	Patricia Perez/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Sunday	Sept 10	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Charles Dillon/Janet Stiteler & Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Dan Maguire/Family
		2:30	Georgina Johnson/Family
		6:30	Jim Whelan/The City

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 2	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		5:30	Mass for the People
Sunday	Sept 3	8:45	Mario J. Formica (D) & Family (L)
			Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:30	Dougherty Family (L & D)
		12:00	Salomon Family (L & D)
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Monday	Sept 4	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Sept 5	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
Wednesday	Sept 6	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Thursday	Sept 7	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			Ponciano M. Palaganas
Friday	Sept 8	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Sept 9	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		5:30	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Sept 3	11:00	Joe and Terrie Camarota/ John and Helen Olive
			Maria Culmone (Anniversary)/ Daughter Elena and Family
			Mario Bongiovanni/Domenica Kurtzman
			Mario Bongiovanni/St. Michael's Preservation Society

LABOR DAY

There will be NO 5:15 PM Mass on Monday, September 4th at Star of the Sea church

Hosts
Wine &
Candles

For Special Intentions for the Month of September 2017