



# 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 10, 2017** **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## School Bag Distribution



These happy children are just a few of over 100 who received a school book bag at St. Nicholas church last week, September 4. Our annual distribution helps equip students with supplies like pads, pens, rulers, etc. so they are better prepared for the school year. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated and helped this year.

## 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
- 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

**First Sunday of each Month**  
11:00 AM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sept 29

**Mass for Feast of St. Michael**

- St. Michaels Church
- 7:00 PM
- Reception to follow in Quaremba

### Oct 11

**Christopher Columbus Day Mass**

- St. Michaels Church
- 11:00 AM
- Civic Awards Ceremony following Mass

### Oct 15

**Pasta Night**

- Sponsored by Mary Help of Christians
- St. Michael's Quaremba
- More Information upcoming

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish of Saint Monica** • 2651 Atlantic Avenue • Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
www.accatholic.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."**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School founded in 1908 and serving students K to Grade 8 opened its doors on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to begin its 110<sup>th</sup> year.

We are so fortunate to have many generous donors and individuals who shared their talents to enhance our core curriculum with enrichment courses such as:

**NDignite:** Offered by the University of Notre Dame to engage high-achieving middle school students in weekly on-line lessons and activities aimed at helping these students to develop academically and grow in service and leadership.

**ARCHITECTURE:** Mr. Tom Sykes, a well-respected, local architect and ND graduate, with the help of Dr. Richard Elmore, instruct a weekly class for our middle school grades to blend world history, the basics of architecture, and the students' environment into an interactive learning experience.

**CREATIVE WRITING:** Judge William Nugent, facilitates a class twice a week for our eighth grade students to enhance their writing skills as they prepare for high school.

If you wish to learn more about these programs or any other aspect of life at OLSS School, please call for an appointment. 609-345-0648.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

### Erick Duran

*Coordinator  
Facilities Manager*

### John Mooney

*Outreach Director*

### Kathleen Given

*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](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

**65** "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son." Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one. St. John of the Cross, among others, commented strikingly on Hebrews 1:1-2:

In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word - and he has no more to say... because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behaviour but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty.

There will be no further Revelation.

## Word of Life

**Today's Scripture Reading** • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.
- O that today you would listen to his voice!
- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

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

Adults: How do you sometimes test God? Do you ever say, "God if you... then I will..." What has God done that you can trust Him without question?

Children: What is your favorite church song? What do you like about the music? Do you know all the words?

## Palabra de Vida

**Lectura del Evangelio** • Salmo 95:1-2, 6-9

- 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: ¿Cómo usted prueba a veces a dios? ¿Alguna vez dices, "Dios si tú ... entonces yo lo haré ..." ¿Qué ha hecho Dios para que puedas confiar en Él sin cuestionar?

Niños: ¿Cuál es tu canción favorita de la iglesia? ¿Qué te gusta de la música? ¿Conoces todas las palabras?

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

**Feast of St. Nicholas of Tolentine:** Today 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

### Celebrate your Parish

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

### Parish Facebook Page

In addition to our regular parish website, we also just launched a user friendly page on Facebook. Go to Parish of Saint Monica on facebook and check it out. Like the page, leave comments, invite your friends to visit the page too. This is the place to find the latest info and events going on in your parish. Check it out today.

### 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](http://accatholic.org) and pick "Bulletins" on the right side of the page.

### 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](http://accatholic.org)

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR SEPT 2 & 3

OFFERTORY. . . . . \$27,191.00

BUDGET . . . . . \$18,206.00

POOR BOX . . . . . \$43.00

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Recently we were made aware that Mrs. Bernice Rodger's son has passed away. Mrs. Rodgers is a long-time member, also she is 93 years of age and attends church with her daughter, Trena, when able. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Many of us attended Mrs. Doris Carter's funeral service. She was of member of long-standing and her daughter, Sheila Platt sends her appreciation.

Good News! James and Gloria Inloes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married by Rev. Leo Hudzick on 8/23/53 at the St. Monica's located on North Pennsylvania Ave. Mr. James Inloes is 90 and wife, Gloria is 87. Karen, their daughter is on the Ministry Board.

Let us remember in prayer the victims of HurricaneHarvey.

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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

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### Memorial Opportunities

Many of you have commented on the beautiful statute 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 statue platform, as there is for the Sacred Heart statue 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.

### Volunteers Needed - Short Term

Can you help? We are in need of three to four people to help move things around in the Gift Shop at St. Nicholas. Once we prepare the space, we can begin arranging the historical exhibit that is going there. A few people can finish this in a matter of hours. Please call the office, 609-345-1878, or email [office@accatholic.org](mailto:office@accatholic.org) 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](mailto: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

### 23° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Tú, hijo de hombre, he nombrado vigilante para la casa de Israel." - EZEQUIEL 33: 7

Muchos de nosotros somos generosos con nuestros dones. Sin embargo, ¿con qué frecuencia nuestra generosidad está en el mínimo nivel requerido? Hacemos sólo lo suficiente o damos sólo lo suficiente. Recuerda, el Señor nos llama a ser generosos con todos los dones que Él nos ha dado, para acrecentarlos y devolverlos aumentados

## STEWARDSHIP

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Stewardship Generosity

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - EZEKIEL 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be **Stewards**, generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

# Around the Diocese

## The Samuel Group for Young Adults

The Diocese of Camden is offering a monthly gathering for young adults that aims at helping you grow in listening to God speak in your life through self-knowledge, inner healing, interior freedom and deep personal prayer. The monthly gatherings begin this coming Sunday, September 17, in Cherry Hill. For more information, and to register, please see the website: [www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup](http://www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup).

## 29th 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](http://www.camdencharismatic.org)

## St Vincent de Paul 4th Annual Chicken BBQ

Sunday September 17th 2-6pm, Hosted by the K of C #3451, Church Grounds, 5021 Harding Hwy, Mays Landing, Great Food, Music, 50/50 drawing and more \$14 adults, \$6 children

Contact Mark Middleton, 856-498-1587

## Engaging a New Generation

10/25/2017 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Includes heavy appetizers & beverages)

10/26/2017 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM (Includes continental breakfast, lunch & beverages)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton , 591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon

### What You'll Learn

This symposium will give you skills and strategies for growing mature teen disciples in today's world and build a practical plan to effectively minister. Designed for ALL adults who work with middle schoolers, high schoolers and young adults this two day event will nourish YOU and your team's mind, heart and soul so that you can better reach the minds, hearts and souls of our young people.

\$75 per person or \$65.00 per person for 3 or more from a parish/school Includes meals and symposium materials

Online at [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org) or call 856-583-2909 or email [mcutte@camdendiocese.org](mailto:mcutte@camdendiocese.org)

Register by October 12

# Mass Intentions for the Week - September 10, 2017

## OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 9	4:15	John & Nan McGettigan/Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		7:00	Patricia Perez/ofrece su familia
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
Monday	Sept 11	6:30	Jim Whelan/The City
		7:00	Dominic & Queenie Formica/ Joe Formica
Tuesday	Sept 12	5:15	Ed McGinty/The Christian Family
		7:00	Kirz Lozano/Gina Dixon
Wednesday	Sept 13	5:15	Maureen Lee Zane (L)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Mass for the People
Thursday	Sept 14	5:15	Meleth Sison(L)/Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	Genaro Pacheco/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Mass for the People
		5:15	Deceased Members of Simonetti Family/Christopher Simonetti
Friday	Sept 15	7:00	William Tejeda/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Mass for the People
Saturday	Sept 16	5:15	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		7:00	Gloria Guzman/ofrece su jiha
		8:00	Romualdo C. Yazar & Candida C. Yazar/Rosario Mojica
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Genaro Pacheco/ofrece su familia

## OLSS Church

Sunday	Sept 17	7:30	K Jang Markhmam/(Healing)/ Cecilia Magalong
		9:00	Rita Librone/Mary Ellen Maguire
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Jose & Mila Colon ( Anniversary -L)/Cecilia Magalong
		2:30	Georgina Johnson/Family
		6:30	Mass for the People

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 9	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Sept 10	5:30	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
		8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family Catherine Nemzek (L - Birthday)/ Robert & Laura Nemzek
		10:30	Stephanie Damico Morris/Martha
		12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Formica & Cesario Families
Monday	Sept 11	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Sept 12	8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Wednesday	Sept 13	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Sept 14	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Friday	Sept 15	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Sept 16	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Sept 10	11:00	Giuseppe, Crocifissa and Frank Italiano/Son Salvatore & Family Giuseppe & Angelo Genova/Elena & Family Haas & Iannerello Family/Maria Haas Catherine Brown Wilhelm/Ellen Duffy

Hosts  
Wine &  
Candles

For Special Intentions for the  
Month of September 2017