



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 17, 2017 **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Voices in Praise Choir



The Voices in Praise Choir sang at the 9/11 memorial service at Beth El Synagogue in Margate last Sunday, September 10, 2017. The choir can be heard at Our Lady Star of the Sea every Sunday at the nine o'clock Mass.

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

<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 8 Christopher Columbus Day Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Michaels Church 11:00 AM Civic Awards Ceremony following Mass 	<p>Oct 15 Pasta Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored by Mary Help of Christians St. Michaels Quaremba Hall 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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."

Congratulations to two of our eighth grade students, Navaro Bernard and Peter Tran, who were accepted to a special program of art instruction at the Fleisher Art Memorial in Philadelphia. There were 400 applicants for 100 spots and they were among the lucky ones chosen. Devoted parishioner and volunteer Mr. Juliano, our volunteer middle school art teacher, has inspired many of our students to pursue opportunities to enhance their talents.

If you wish to learn about life at OLSS School, please call 609-345-0648 for an appointment.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School needs:

- a part-time art teacher
- a part-time physical education teacher
- a part-time nurse/aide 5 days a week 10am-1pm
- substitute teachers with a college degree for the 2017-18 school year.

If you are interested in being part of OLSS in any of these positions, please contact the school office at 609-345-0648, or e-mail a resume to tarrant.susan@olssac.org.

Thank you for your continued support. Please keep Our Lady Star of the Sea School in your prayers as we embark upon our 110th year serving the children of Absecon Island.

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

There are 149 memberships still available for \$90.00/9 months

Next drawing is OCTOBER 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

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

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

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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

66 "The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ." Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

Word of Life

Today's Scripture Reading • Sirach 27:30-28:7

- 30 Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.
- 1 The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins.
- 2 Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.
- 3 Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?
- 4 If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins?
- 5 If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins?
- 6 Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.
- 7 Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Answer the appropriate question(s):

Adults: How do you calm down after a moment of anger? Is prayer part of it?

Children: How do you feel after forgiving someone?

Palabra de Vida

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

- 30 El enojo y la ira, éstos también son abominaciones, pero un pecador se aferra a ellos.
- 1 Los vengativos se enfrentarán a la venganza del Señor, porque él guarda un relato estricto de sus pecados.
- 2 Perdona a tu prójimo el mal que ha cometido, y entonces tus pecados serán perdonados cuando ores.
- 3 ¿Alguien tiene furor contra otro, y esperar la sanidad del Señor?
- 4 Si uno no tiene misericordia hacia otro como él, ¿puede entonces buscar el perdón por sus propios pecados?
- 5 Si un mero mortal alberga la ira, ¿Quién hará un sacrificio expiatorio por sus pecados?
- 6 Acuérdate del fin de tu vida, y apartad la enemistad; recordar la corrupción y la muerte, y ser fieles a los mandamientos.
- 7 Acuérdate de los mandamientos, y no te enojés con tu prójimo; recuerda el pacto del Altísimo, y pasa por alto las faltas.

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

Adultos: ¿Cómo te calmas después de un momento de ira? ¿La oración es parte de ella?

Niños: ¿Cómo te sientes después de perdonar a alguien?

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

What is an archangel? Simply put, an archangel is an angel of high rank. Three are mentioned in the Bible: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael. These three angels are given great responsibility and command of the other angels. St. Augustine wrote, "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit,' from what they do, 'angel.'" Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word." (Cf. CCC 329; Mt 18:10)

The archangels' feast day is September 29 and Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church at 7 PM. Refreshments will follow.

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

Pasta Night

Sponsored by Mary Help of Christians

Sunday, October 15th/4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

Quaremba Hall
15 N. Georgia Avenue

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 7 and under

Please call Marcia for tickets @609-641-4634 or after Masses.

Boscov's Saving Passes

Great way to start your Christmas shopping early.

The Boscov's Savings Passing offer up to a 25% discount and can be applied even to sales items. Join Friends and Family on Tuesday, October 17th at Boscov's for a great shopping event.

Tickets are available by calling Mary Paparone @609.347.4140, from any member of Mary Help of Christians, or in the rectory.

Cost is \$5.00 per ticket plus the opportunity win prizes..

RCIA 2017-2018

The RCIA program is for those interested in joining the Catholic Church and for those already baptized Catholic who have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Classes in English begin on Monday, October 2 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Rectory from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Classes will be held every Monday until the Easter Vigil 2018. Please contact Fr. Pham at 609-345-1878 ext. 20, with any questions.

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 SEPT 9 & 10

OFFERTORY	\$16,550.00
BUDGET	\$18,206.00
POOR BOX	\$533.00
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$586.00

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

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.

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 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.

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

I am sorry to report that Mrs. Roberta Battaglini, faithful and long-time Member has passed away after a lengthy illness. We will miss her volunteerism and her beautiful smile.

I spoke to Mrs. Bernice Rodgers and I had mistakenly stated her age as 93, oops, she is a "proud" 94.

Ms. Sandy Stewart told me that her grandson, Laquay Keith Brown, Jr. graduated on 8/4/17 from Coastal Carolina University. He only took 3 years to attain his degree, and also was a member of the football team and is currently studying for his Master's. Coastal Carolina University is near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

My friend, Roth Sonnyram, could not return to Trinidad until this week because of Hurricane Irma. Roth said he will miss us and hopes we all remain in good health and spirits until he returns.

If you have a September birthday here's a "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" blast being sent to you.

Stardust Winners September 10, 2017

- First Prize - \$2,553.00
#558- Bernadine Lee - Ventnor, NJ
- Second Prize - \$425.50
#001 - Diego Ramirez - Ventnor, NJ
- Third Prize - \$425.50
#508 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zink
Franklinville, NC
- Fourth Prize - \$425.50
#805 - Michael Scull - Cherry Hill, NJ
- Fifth Prize - \$425.50
#548 - Ray & Suzanne Dumas
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Congratulations to the winners !!

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 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

24° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque si vivimos, vivimos por el Señor, y si morimos, morimos por el Señor; entonces, sea si vivimos o morimos, somos del Señor" - ROMANOS 14: 8

Esta es la esencia de la corresponsabilidad: todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos es un regalo de Dios. No somos "dueños" de nada, simplemente somos "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha dado, especialmente de nuestras propias vidas. Ora a Dios, todos los días, y pregúntale cómo quiere que uses los dones que Él te ha dado.

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Essence

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's"
- ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of **Stewardship** – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "**Stewards**" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Around the Diocese

29th Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference

At the Wildwood Convention Center, Oct. 6th, 7th & 8th
Celebrating the 100th 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

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

Just Got Engaged?

St. Simon Stock Parish will offer PRE CANA for couples preparing for marriage. It will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 8 am–to 2:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Center, located on the parish grounds, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ. Both parties must attend! To register, call Titania at 856-767-2563 ext. 302

Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Come, consider the call. Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

September 17, 2017

October 15, 2017

November 12, 2017

January 14, 2018

February 11, 2018

March 11, 2018

April 15, 2018

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2864 or email: michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week - September 17, 2017

OLSS Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 16	4:15	Andrea Librone/Family
		7:00	Genaro Pacheco/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Sept 17	7:30	K Jang Markham/(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
Monday	Sept 18	7:00	Mario J. Formica/Aquilla Formica & Family
		5:15	Lisa Pierce/Ed & Kay Colanzi
Tuesday	Sept 19	7:00	Kirz Lozano/Tricia Kauffman
		5:15	Anna Bunting/Mary Paparone
Wednesday	Sept 20	7:00	Chuckie Favata (L-Birthday)/Friend
		5:15	Gladys Molinari (L)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Orfelina Viola/ofrece su hija
Thursday	Sept 21	7:00	Bob Hasson/Mom
		5:15	Denise Kelly (L-Healing)/Berni Lee
		7:00	Cristino Nolasco/ofrece su familia
Friday	Sept 22	7:00	Fabiola Velez/Luisa Giraldo & Family
		5:15	Theresa Tierney McCormick/Downey Family
		7:00	Mariela Garzon/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Sept 23	8:00	Florence Konczyk (Healing)/Grace & Ron Kaczorowski
		4:15	Larry Gormley/Jack & Marcie McAvaddy
		7:00	Cesar Marmolejo/ofrece su familia

OLSS Church

Sunday	Sept 24	7:30	Mary Claire Dutton/Mawhinney Family - Katie, Bobby & Christina
		9:00	Kellie Kauffman/John Shevlin
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Mary Anne Martin (L)/The Family
		2:30	Georgina Johnson/Family
		6:30	Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 16	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
Sunday	Sept 17	8:45	Living & Deceased Members of the Burke & Cox Families
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family
		12:00	James Patrick Burke & Mary Theresa Burke
Monday	Sept 18	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Sept 19	8:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Wednesday	Sept 20	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Sept 21	8:00	Mass for the People
Friday	Sept 22	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Sept 23	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)

Hosts
Wine &
Candles

For Special Intentions for the
Month of September 2017