



# 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.

**October 1, 2017** **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Renovations Have Begun



Building renovations at Star of the Sea church began last Tuesday. Members of the parish volunteered their time to remove the carpet and pews from the building. Thank you to all who helped. The church should reopen in time for the Christmas season.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Michael's Church

10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVE

#### 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Oct 8

#### Columbus Day Mass

- St. Michael's Church
- 12:00 PM
- Civic Awards Ceremony following Mass

### Oct 11

#### Tribute to Pavarotti

- Dante Hall  
14 N. Mississippi Ave
- Show Starts 8:00 PM
- Tickets \$20.00 in advance -\$25.00 at door

### Oct 15

#### Pasta Night

- Sponsored by Mary Help of Christians
- St. Michael's Quaremba Hall
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## 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

### Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

**Closed for Renovations**

# 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."**

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.

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

## 2017-2018 STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club

### WE NEED YOU!

There are 114 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](http://accatholic.org)

## The Depko Family Foundation

"The Depko Family Foundation helps families send their children to our school. You can support the Foundation through United Way using code 51551. You can also support it by selecting "Depko Family" in the Amazon Smile program."

## PARISH STAFF

### Rev. Jon Thomas

*Pastor*

### Rev. Thanh Pham

*Parochial Vicar*

### Rev. Fernando Carmona

*Parochial Vicar*

### Rev. Robert Matysik

*Hospital Chaplain*

### Joan Parker

*Business Manager*

### Maria Isabel Duran

*Religious Education  
Coordinator*

### Erick Duran

*Facilities Manager*

### John Mooney

*Outreach Director*

### Kathleen Given

*Pastoral Associate*

### 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)

# Migration & the Church

The Church's position on migration is rooted in the Gospel and in the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. A recent example of this teaching is in *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, a joint pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States. The pastoral letter promotes five principles that should be used to help formulate migration-related policy:

Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland. All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families. The Church recognizes that all the goods of the Earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories and their borders. However, wealthier nations, which have the ability to better protect and feed their residents, have a strong obligation to accommodate migration flows. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community.

This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment by enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. The Church recognizes the right of every sovereign state to control its borders in order to promote the common good. It also recognizes the right of every human being to migrate in order to enjoy his or her God-given rights. These teachings complement each other. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary.

## REFUGEES

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. An immigrant is someone who voluntarily leaves his or her country in order to improve the prospects for themselves and their families.

It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life and mercy of Christ, who himself was a refugee. As Christians, we are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution. We must remember that refugees from all over the world are sent to our communities and are fleeing danger, exploitation and persecution. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (USCCB/MRS) is one of nine national refugee resettlement agencies in the United States that assists refugees and advocates for the refugee community. Through a cooperative agreement and grants with the federal government, USCCB/MRS works in coordination with Catholic Charities and other partner agencies around the United States to welcome and ensure that the basic needs of each arriving refugee are adequately met.

# 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 OCTOBER 16, 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 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Quaremba Hall.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 7 and under. Please call Marcia for tickets at 609-641-4634 or after Masses.

### Tribute to Pavarotti at Dante Hall

On October 11, 2017 come and enjoy this One Night Only event on the Eve of the Birthdate of the legendary Italian Tenor Luciano Pavarotti. The tribute will feature direct from Ancona Italy the talented Tenor Augusto Celsi. Also appearing are versatile Soprano Stella Crispo and Marco Ricciotti, the Italian Pianist to Andrea Bocelli. Joe DeGennaro, Host of the TV Show 'Bringing Italy to You' will act as MC.

Show time is 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Dante Hall is located at 14 N Mississippi Avenue in Atlantic City. Free parking entrance on Georgia Avenue between Atlantic and Arctic Avenue.

Tickets are available at a Special price of \$20 when purchased in advance and \$25 at the door.

Look for tickets after parish masses or by calling Marcia at (609)641-4634 or (609)464-6171 and on line at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

### 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.

### 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..

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR SEPT 23 & 24

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$15,119.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$1,194.00
HURRICANE/EARTHQUAKE RELIEF . .	\$5,363.00

### 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.

### 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.

### Health and Wellness Fair

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services is hosting a Healthy Aging and Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 14th from 11 to 2, at The Village of St. Peter's, 21 West Black Horse Pike, Pleasantville, NJ. Come join us for free Screenings, Health Information, Entertainment and Refreshments. Free and open to the public. Rain or Shine. Call Karen Fisher at 856-583-6123 or visit [vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://vitality.camdendiocese.org).

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

For the past month we had the pleasure of Mrs. Jeanette Gvalzeh's presence at our Noon Mass on Sunday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. She is the mother of Mrs. Kou Kargbo, who is part of the Voices of St. Monica Choir. Mrs. Gvalzeh lives in Liberia, West Africa in the village of Dingmon. She told me she has 17 grand-children and 9 great-children. I see where Kou gets her lovely smile and personality when I am speaking with her Mother. You have no doubt about Mother and daughter, Kou has all her Mother's good looks and attributes. "Welcome to the Parish of St. Monica, Mrs. Jeanette Gvalzeh".

Mrs. Irene Hill reached the amazing age of 94 on September 15th. "Hats off to a wonderful person.."Mrs. Hill cleaned the "old church" well into her eighties. She is someone we should model ourselves to become, always has a good word to say for everyone.

Fall has arrived and Summer was fleeting and hot. When Christmas arrives we should be sitting in a refurbished church building with the altar from the "old church" part of our "new home". How does that song go "there is always something there to remind me". (smile)

### OUTDOOR ROSARY EVENT

TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

Saturday, October 14th, 12 noon  
Kennedy Park, Somers Point (next to Crab Trap)  
Sponsored by America Needs Fatima

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

### 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 in preparation for 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.

### MASS SCHEDULE REMINDER

The Mass schedule followed at Star of the Sea has not changed. Only the location has changed. Masses are being held at St. Michael's church according to the Star of the Sea schedule. See the cover of this bulletin for specific Mass times. Parking is available in St. Michael's lot, or consider parking at Star and taking the short walk over.

# 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)

## LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

### 26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

*"No hagan nada por egoísmo; más bien, humildemente consideren a los demás como más importantes que ustedes..."*  
"FILIPENSES 2: 3

El orgullo y el ego son cosas difíciles de controlar. Vemos cómo otros actúan o se visten y pensamos que somos superiores a ellos. Idolatramos nuestra propia imagen. Pero, si realmente creemos que todo es un regalo de Dios, ¡reconocemos a todas las personas que Dios ha puesto en nuestras vidas como regalos! Estamos agradecidos por cómo ellos enriquecen nuestras vidas. Ore todos los días por las personas presentes en su vida.

# Around the Diocese

## Cremation Burial | Group Funeral & Committal Service

Saturday, October 21, 2017 | Check-in at 10 AM  
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Nativity Church at  
2677 Delsea Drive, Franklinville and  
All Saints Cemetery and Mausoleum | Newfield, NJ

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is offering to bury cremated remains that you have in your possession. We are happy to make this offer at no cost to you. On Saturday, October 21, 2017, we will hold a funeral mass at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Nativity Church at 2677 Delsea Drive, Franklinville followed by a group committal service at All Saints Cemetery. In order to accommodate all who require this service, pre-registration is required. The deadline is Friday, October 13, 2017. To learn more and to pre-register, please visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org), call 800-594-4980 or ask your parish office for the pre-registration form. Completed pre-registration forms must be mailed to South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Camden at 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102.

## 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

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Stewards Value Others

*"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."* Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. **Stewardship** calls us to pray every day for the people in our lives.

## 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](mailto:michael.romano@camdendiocese.org).

# Mass Intentions for the Week - October 1, 2017

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 30	4:15	Guy Curcione/Carrier Family
		7:00	Iselza Sanchez/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Oct 1	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Rita Librone/Josephine Mancinelli
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		2:30	Luz Mancebo/ofrece su familia
Monday	Oct 2	6:30	LH Theresa Le/ Chj Lan xin
		7:00	Fr. Pawel Kryszkiewicz (Well Being)/Cecilia Magalong
Tuesday	Oct 3	5:15	Bob Costello/Berni Lee
		7:00	Naomi Ashton/Ron Grassi
Wednesday	Oct 4	5:15	Kellie Kauffman/Steve Ginsberg
		7:00	Grace McGowan (L)/Tom & Clara Depko
Thursday	Oct 5	7:00	Thanks to St. Mother Teresa/ Marcel Croteau
		7:00	Ana Rita Arias/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Alejandro Dumlao Sibayan & Maura Ricafort Sibayan/Family
		5:15	Lourdes Hortaleza (L)/Cecilia Magalong
Friday	Oct 6	7:00	Zuis Puertas/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Edith Kuziola/The Currans
		9:00	Sister Frances Hewitt/Mary Ellen & Rosemary Maguire
		5:15	Elva McGee (L) & Audrie Kirkland (D)
Saturday	Oct 7	7:00	Moises Molina/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Alejandro Almario/Anita Salvador

## St. Michael's Church

Sunday	Oct 8	4:15	William "Dagi" Mancini/Family
		7:00	David Lugo/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Oct 8	7:30	Marie Diresta/Ken Lasala
		9:00	Mass for the People
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Mr. Emmons/Helen Lawler
			Cheryl Palmentieri/Mr & Mrs. John Palmentieri
Sunday	Oct 8	2:30	Carmen Toral/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Têrêsa/ Chj Lam xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Sept 30	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) William Thomas Taylor
Sunday	Oct 1	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family Hedwig Veins/Ray & Barb Sands
		10:30	Lt. Colonel Carl Dunham, Jr.
Monday	Oct 2	12:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
		8:00	Guy Curcione/Jack Imfeld
Tuesday	Oct 3	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Wednesday	Oct 4	8:00	Mario J. Formica (D) & Family (L)
Thursday	Oct 5	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Oct 6	8:00	Purgatorial Society Elva McGee (L - 86th Birthday)
Saturday	Oct 7	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)