



# 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 8, 2017** **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Our Sisters' Ministry Grows



The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invited Bishop Sullivan to celebrate Mass last Tuesday for the opening of Father Benedict House, the former St. Nicholas convent. In this photo, Bishop Sullivan is blessing a picture of Fr. Benedict Groeschel, founder of the Franciscans of the Renewal. At right is Mother Lucille, superior general, and Sister Agnes, local superior.

## 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 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 13

#### 100 Years since Fatima

- All are invited to celebrate our Blessed Mother
- Confessions 6:00 PM
- Procession and Mass starts at 7:00 PM

### Nov 12

#### Pancake Breakfast

- Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
- Quaremba Hall, 8 AM
- All you can eat
- \$10 adults/\$6 kids

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

## It's never too late!

OLSS School accepts registrations for K to Grade 8 throughout the school year. 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 of the school and speak to our Principal, Mrs. Tarrant. Financial assistance and state transportation reimbursement (residing 2 miles or more from the school) are available.

Box Tops for Education-various grocery items feature a "Box Tops for Education" coupon. The school receives a rebate check based upon the number collected and these funds are used to purchase gym and playground equipment. Kindly help us with this effort by sending coupons into school or dropping them in the designated box in the rear of the church.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School needs substitute teachers with a college degree for the 2017-18 school year. If you are interested in being part of OLSS, please contact the school office at 609-345-0648, or e-mail a resume to [tarrant.susan@olssac.org](mailto:tarrant.susan@olssac.org).

Please keep Our Lady Star of the Sea School in your prayers and thank you for your continued support.

## 2017-2018 STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club

### WE NEED YOU!

There are 103 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)

## 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

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### RELIGIOUS ED

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### 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

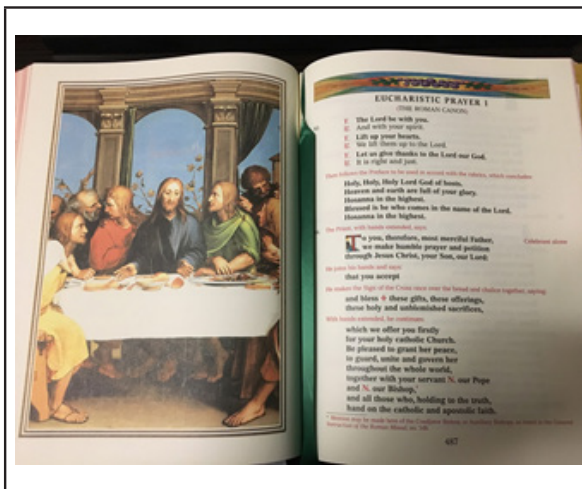
**We attend Mass not only to witness the sacrifice of Christ but to become part of it.**

"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*

## What do the Prayers Mean?

### A Study of the Prayers of the Mass



Tuesdays at 6 PM  
in Quaremba Hall

Who wrote the prayers of the Mass?  
What is "consubstantial"?  
What's this about "dewfall"?  
Why do we "dare to say" the Our Father?

***Enhance your experience at Mass - Increase the power of your prayer!***

***Learn why we pray what we pray - from three fellow parishioners***

October 10

Eucharistic Prayer I by Hon. Jesse Kurtz

October 17

Eucharistic Prayer II by Dr. Joseph Formica

October 24

Ordinary of the Mass including the role of music by Dr. Steven Ball

# 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 began 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.

### Black Catholic Ministries Day of Reflection

All are welcome to join the Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Ministries' Day of Reflection on Sat., Nov. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, Cherry Hill 08034. Fr. Richard Owens, O.F.M.Cap., Director of Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Black Catholics will facilitate, and the

Diocese of Camden Gospel Choir will sing. The cost of \$10 per person includes lunch.

Register by Nov. 3 by contacting Joanne.digennaro@camdendiocese.org or (856) 583-2904.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR SEPT 30 - OCT 1

OFFERTORY. . . . .	\$16,574.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$75.00
PRO-LIFE. . . . .	\$893.00

### **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS. . . . . 1977

### **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.

### **Christmas & Kids Ministry**

Calling all volunteers! Please join us on Sunday, October 22nd at 1pm for our meeting to plan this year's Christmas Program to be held December 16th. We will meet in the Saint Nicholas Rectory (entrance above the gift shop). Our ministry seeks to share the true meaning of Christmas with local families through a musical program, live Nativity and toy distribution. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to make a donation, checks can be made to The Parish of Saint Monica and mailed to the parish office marked attention Christmas for Kids Ministry. Please contact Margaret Steadman at 609-703-9093 with any questions.

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Happy Birthday to Mrs Elva McGee. She celebrates a birthday, October 6th. We also memorialized Mrs. Roberta Battaglini on Saturday. I cannot say enough about her, she exemplified "Philippians 2:1-11.

### **National Black Catholic Congress**

During the National Black Catholic Congress, which was held in July of this year, one of the many things that were in the planning was a "Day of Reflection" to be held in parishes within the dioceses. The information is now available. Flyers and registration forms will be available in the near future. Please try and register by November 3rd 2017. This year it will be held in at Holy Eucharist Parish Hall in Cherry Hill, NJ. Everyone is invited. So lets come together and join The Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Ministries on Saturday November 11, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Father Richard Owens O.F.M. Cap., Director of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be the facilitator for the day. The cost will be \$10.00, which includes lunch. Look for the flyer and Registration form to be available soon. **REMEMBER THE DATE**

### **Catholics Fight Racism: A Day of Prayer, Education and Action**

In his statement following the white supremacist demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia, Bishop Sullivan wrote, "Catholics have a crucial role to play in the fight for racial justice, inspired by our belief that every single person is sacred because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. Let us pray for an end to racism, hatred, and violence and work to promote respect and unity among all Americans."

In the face of racism in this country, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. What can we do to promote racial justice in our own communities?

This year's annual Diocese of Camden Life & Justice Gathering is called Catholics Fight Racism: A Day of Prayer, Education and Action. It is designed to help Catholics throughout South Jersey reflect on how they can fight racism in their parishes, schools, homes, and hearts. Through a process of reflection, dialogue, prayer, and education, the day will begin to equip you to work for racial justice.

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville

Cost: \$12. Lunch included.

Facilitated by Diocese of Camden Life & Justice Ministries and Aquinas Center, Philadelphia

More info and registration:

[www.camdendiocese.org/fightracism](http://www.camdendiocese.org/fightracism)

# 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

### 27° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"La piedra que los constructores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular ..." - MATEO 21:42

Jesús fue la piedra angular y fue rechazado por los líderes religiosos y políticos de su época, así como por los ciudadanos comunes. Vivir un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad puede hacer que usted sea "rechazado" por otros en la sociedad actual. Por ejemplo, dar gracias antes de una comida en un restaurante puede atraer algunas miradas extrañas de algunos. ¡Pero para otros es signo de que Dios está vivo y bien!

### Raffle for the Virgin of Guadalupe

Join us in Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe! Win Great Prizes!

\*All Prizes VISA Gift Cards \* Tickets are \$5.00 Donations

1st (US) \$500.00

2nd (US) \$400.00

3rd (US) \$300.00

4th (US) \$200.00

5th (US) \$100.00

\*For additional information please contact the Main Office at (609) 345-1878 (EXT 19)

### Renovación Carismática Católica

#### Siervos De Cristo - Grupo de Oración

2nd y 3rd miércoles de mes después de Misa

"Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu hacia que hablaran" – Hechos 2,4

## 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

### 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Stewards Pray

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a Stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

### Cremation Burial | Group Funeral & Committal Service

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - Check-in at 10 AM  
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Nativity Church  
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.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - October 8, 2017

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 7	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
		2:30	Carmen Toral/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Têresa/ Chj Lam xin
Monday	Oct 9	7:00	Conversion of the World/Cecilia Magalong
Tuesday	Oct 10	5:15	Royce "Patrick" Lawler/Lucy Eccles Weber
		7:00	Larry Gormley/The Sisters at Star of the Sea
Wednesday	Oct 11	5:15	Margaret Campbell/Family
		7:00	Jim Whelan/The Sisters at Star of the Sea
		5:15	Kellie Kauffman/Robert & Colleen Rabena
Thursday	Oct 12	7:00	Eusebia Fera/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Trinidad Gonzales/Heidi Gonzales
		5:15	Mario Bongiovanni/Maureen & Frank Previti
Friday	Oct 13	6:30	Prospero Vega/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Doroles Espinoza/Luisa Giraldo
		5:15	For the Souls of the Croteau Family/Marcel Croteau
Saturday	Oct 14	7:00	Dolores Ronco/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Juan P. Gonzales/ Heidi Gonzales
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family

## St. Michael's Church

		7:00	Isidro Mora/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Oct 15	7:30	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		9:00	Rita Librone/Suzanne McGinty Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		10:30	
		12:00	Basil Paparone/Cousins
		2:30	Mass for the People
		6:30	LH Phêrô, Ông Cẩn/ Gia Đình xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 7	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Sunday	Oct 8	8:45	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family
Monday	Oct 9	12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Formica & Cesario
		8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Oct 10	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Joseph Scott Bochniak
Wednesday	Oct 11	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Oct 12	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Oct 13	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Oct 14	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Whatever is lovely, gracious and pure, think on those things - St. Paul**