



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 15, 2017 **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Prayers of the Mass



Jesse O. Kurtz addresses a crowd in Quaremba Hall last Tuesday evening. The topic was Eucharistic Prayer 1, what does it mean? The session was the first in a three part series to help us parishioners better understand the prayers of our Holy Mass. The series continues next Tuesday when the speaker will be Dr. Joseph Formica. The class is free.

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Closed for Renovations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 17

Prayers of the Mass

- In Quaremba Hall 6:00 PM
- The Eucharistic Prayer II presented by Dr. Joseph Formica

Oct 25

Healing Mass

- 6:00 PM Mass in English and Spanish
- St. Michael's church
- Celebrated by Frs. Fernando and Ariel Hernandez

Nov 2

All Souls Mass

- 10:00 AM at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel
- Contact Mary Ellen at Holy Cross for details 609-625-2123

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

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.”

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

Student Leaders

On October 6th the following members of the 2017-18 Student Council were installed: President, Ahnjeles Maldonado; Officers: Jessica Giordano, Novalyn Grossman, Joselyn McDevitt, Cassidy Ross, and Peter Tran; Class Representatives: Meliyah Parks, Annaleigha Kelly, Emma Sandoval, Le Nguyen, Li'Arian Kinlaw, Anna Tran, Daniel Shah, and Melissa Tran. Please pray for our student leaders as they assist students and faculty in achieving our mission.

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 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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RELIGIOUS ED

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SCHOOL

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SCHOOL CONVENT

609-347-0434

ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT

609-343-1545

WEB SITE

accatholic.org

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



The topic of last week's class was Eucharistic Prayer 1. This Tuesday Dr. Joe Formica will explain the meaning of Eucharistic Prayer 2.

2 Meetings Left

October 17

Eucharistic Prayer II by Dr. Joseph Formica

October 24

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

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?



Jesse O. Kurtz gives the presentation on Eucharistic Prayer 1 last week in Quaremba Hall.

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

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

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 TOMORROW 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

The Parish of Saint Monica is happy to present two new members approved by the Vatican to be invested into the Order of Knights & Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Saturday, October 21st. Their Mass of Thanksgiving & presentation to our Parish will be Sunday, October 29th – Noon Mass at Saint Michael's Church.

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre traces its origins back to 1099 & the First Crusade. It is among the oldest Orders in the Catholic Church as a lay & ecclesiastical association placed under the protection of the Holy See since 1496. Its name derives from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which was built over the site of the Crucifixion & burial place of Christ. Today, the mission of the Order is the religious & charitable commitment to help maintain a Christian presence through prayer & financial, charitable, cultural support for the Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. The chivalric virtues of Humility, Charity, Courtesy, Generosity & Loyalty are symbolized by the Jerusalem Cross members wear on their capes.



Lady Marilyn Kirkland, LHS – becomes the first laywomen in Atlantic City to be invested into the Order. Her religious, charitable & civic activities include her service in Saint Monica's Church as volunteer secretary; Coordinator of Community Services; volunteer for the homeless & Food Bank; religious education instructor; Eucharistic Minister & Lector. Her active Catholic memberships include the St Vincent de Paul Society, Filipino Apostolate, Padre Pio Prayer League, Mary Help of Christians Sodality & the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St, John # 216. Marilyn's vocation of service has influence her spiritual life with the motto: *Vivo ut Serviam* / "I live that I may serve."

Sir Steven Ball, KHS – is a Fulbright scholar who holds a doctorate degree in music from the University of Michigan, the first ever done so with a degree in organ performance. His recognition in the field with the organ allowed him to study, travel & perform abroad throughout Europe & even at Saint Peter's Basilica. Dr. Ball served as the organist & recent Director of Outreach for Boardwalk Hall & the world's largest pipe organ here in Atlantic City. His interest in music & instruments with his Catholic insight to sacred music in liturgy is on display for the Sunday Latin Mass at St. Nicholas Church, where he is the Director of Music Ministry. Previously involved in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia & Detroit before relocating locally, Sir Steven is impressive in his scholarly understanding of Canon Law of the Catholic Church. His has adopted as his knighthood motto: *Gere Fortiter* / "Carry on bravely."



BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR OCT 7 - OCT 8

OFFERTORY.	\$13,419.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$122.00

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 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 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

Our prayers go out to two Members of our Church Community: Mrs. Yvonne Cover will have cataract surgery on 10/17/17 and Mrs. Sandy Stewart will have back surgery on the same date.

We're sending a "smile and shout out" to Mrs. Anne Walburg, we miss her and remember all the volunteerism she gave to St. Monica's. We love you Anne.

Mr. Wally Amado celebrated his 89th birthday on 10/01/17. He exemplifies "service, dedication and evangelism". He is a "quiet, down to earth, wonderful person. A good role model for youngsters and adults.

HELPING EACH OTHER

Recently two charitable organizations asked our parish for help. Our parishioners answered the call and gave generously in support of both the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Marist Missions. Your kindness was gratefully noticed and acknowledged by leaders of those organizations. Below are excerpts of letters they sent to our office. The letters were addressed to Fr. Jon, but their gratitude belongs to you, the parishioners of Saint Monica's.

Little Sisters of the Poor, September 26, 2017

St. Monica's parish Family truly witnesses to the value of the elderly and their worth through their generosity of \$8,519 collected in our most recent appeal for Holy Family Home.

Our Family of residents and Little Sisters continue to offer monthly Masses, daily rosaries and personal prayers, assuring you of our deep and sincere gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Veronica Susan, Isp
Collecting Sister

Marist Missions, October 4, 2017

May I thank you sincerely for the check we received from the Diocese of Camden on behalf of the Marist Mission Co-op at St. Monica Parish. It will go a long way in assisting our Marist Missionaries in their ministries around the world. Please convey to your parishioners our deepest thanks and continue prayers.

May the blessing of Jesus be on you and the good people of St. Monica Parish.

Sincerely,

Rev. Walter Gaudreau, SM
Director

Comunidad Hispana

Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 10am - 2pm

Viernes 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza

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LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

28° 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!

Romamos para que no tengamos miedo de vivir nuestra fe por temor a ser rechazados por otros.

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Lifestyle

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Phillipians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a **Stewardship** lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a **Stewardship** lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Pray that we as Christian Stewards are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

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

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 or call 800-594-4980. Completed pre-registration forms must be mailed to South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Camden at 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102.

Trunk-or-Treat returns to Bader Field

Tuesday, October 31 from 5-7pm. This is a fun and safe trick-or-treating opportunity for our kids. **We need volunteers** to supply decorated trunks or activity stations and pass out treats. Also, a donation box will be set up in the vestibule for treat donations (candy, stickers, toothbrush, etc). If you are interested in participating as a trunk host, please contact Shelly Bigler at 856-854-0544.

Mass Intentions for the Week - October 15, 2017

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 14	4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Isidro Mora/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Oct 15	7:30	Erick Ericksen/G.L. Warrington
		9:00	Rita Librone/Suzanne McGinty
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Basil Papparone/Cousins
		2:30	Mass for the People
Monday	Oct 16	6:30	LH Phêrô, Ông Cẩn/ Gia Đình xin
		7:00	Florence & Dan Fritz/Dan, Trisha & Peggy
Tuesday	Oct 17	5:15	Prayer Service/No Mass
		7:00	Al Bigler/Bigler Family
Wednesday	Oct 18	5:15	Prayer Service/No Mass
		7:00	Anne Marie Pendergast(D)/ Isabel Allen
Thursday	Oct 19	5:15	Patricia Bishop Latz/Eileen & Alex Cioffi
		7:00	Ouidio Velez/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Danielle Hermann(D)/Isabel Allen
Friday	Oct 20	5:15	Carmen Rickey Carcilli/Wife Emily & Son John
		6:30	Jose Mejia/ofrece su familia
		7:00	Jim Whelan/Sister Shamus
Saturday	Oct 21	5:15	Edward Joseph McGinty/ Carolyn, Herb, Peter & Patrick Grana
		7:00	Rosa Reyes/ofrece su familia
		8:00	Christopher Renze/Your Friends
		4:15	Carole Schiavo/Marcia
		7:00	Gloria Guzman/ofrece su familia

***I can do all things through Christ,
who strengthens me - St. Paul***

St. Michael's Church

Sunday	Oct 22	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Rita Librone(D)/Patricia Diamond
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Albert Mallen, Jr./Mary Ellen & Rosemary Maguire
		2:30	Nancy Mazo/ofrece su familia
		6:30	LH Phêrô, Ông Cẩn/ Gia Đình xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 14	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Oct 15	8:45	William Thomas Taylor Daniel Dattilio/Ray & Barbara Sands
		10:30	Kucharczuk (L&D) Solomon (L&D)
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Monday	Oct 16	8:00	Living & deceased members of the Burke & Cox families
Tuesday	Oct 17	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Most Abandoned Souls
Wednesday	Oct 18	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica(L)
Thursday	Oct 19	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Oct 20	8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Saturday	Oct 21	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Bernardo B. Ferrer (L-Birthday)

Stardust Winners - October

Anthony Zarych, Atlantic City, NJ - \$2,706
 Vincent and Susan Christinziano, Wells, ME - \$471
 Leonard LaMonica, Garden City, NY - \$471
 Rita Marley, Egg Harbor Township, NY - \$471
 Rodolfo C. Janairo, Staten Island, NY - \$471