



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 22, 2017 **29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Outstanding Outreach



Margaret Steadman shows off the award she received from Catholic Charities for her strong dedication to the Christmas toy drive and distribution program every year. The awards program was held at Resorts last week. You can help Margaret and her team make children happy by calling 609-703-9093. See more on page five.

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 24

Prayers of the Mass

- In Quaremba Hall 6:00 PM
- Music and the Liturgy presented by Dr. Steven Ball

Oct 25

Healing Mass

- 7:00 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 Church

Closed for Renovations

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

School News

To commemorate October as the month of the Holy Rosary, the faculty and staff of OLSS School prayed the “Living Rosary” together. We call this the “Living Rosary” because the students formed the rosary, one student recited the Mysteries and each student prayed one of the prayers.

OLSS School continues to accept registrations for K to Grade 7 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.

2017-2018 STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club

Memberships still available. Next drawing is NOVEMBER 10, 2017
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

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

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SCHOOL

609-345-0648

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 2. This Tuesday Dr. Steven Ball will explain the meaning of music in the Liturgy.

One Meeting Left

October 24

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

Tuesday 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 during the first session of the series 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 NOVEMBER 20, 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

Group Meeting - Mary Help of Christians

Mary Help of Christians is having their monthly meeting on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 12:30 PM in Quaremba Hall. Anyone is invited to attend.

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.

Seven Stars Book Club

Our guest for the afternoon will be, Author James Rahn, (Atlantic City Native) longtime leader of the Rittenhouse Writers, Rahn's new book is "Rittenhouse Writers: Reflections on a Fiction Workshop." Rittenhouse Writers: Reflections on a Fiction Workshop, a volume that's actually two books in one. The first half is a memoir that covers Rahn's life as a writer, including his years with Rittenhouse Writers' Group. The latter half is a collection of 10 stories written by Rahn's current and former students. Thursday October 26th, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Location - Dante Hall Theater of the Arts (3rd floor, elevator available), 14 N. Mississippi Ave, Atlantic City, NJ.

Flu Shot

Monday 10/23/17

In the Gym of

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Atlantic City

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Most insurance are accepted.

If not there is a \$25 fee per shot

More information calls the office

609-345-1878

Special Mass on All Souls Day

The Traditional Requiem Latin Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pham at Saint Nicholas Church on Thursday November 2nd at 7pm. You are cordially invited to join to pray for all souls, especially for all your deceased loved ones.

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR OCT 14 - OCT 15

OFFERTORY.	\$10,058.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$341.00

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 Donations and Other Opportunities

You can help ensure that Catholicism has a bright and solid future in Atlantic City. To the extent you are able, will you give to the parish from the blessings you have received from God? You can sponsor a school student, have a chalice engraved with the name of a loved one, have a memorial stone placed by the Mother Lewis statue, purchase a pew bible, even support building renovations. Giving is easy, quick, and secure if you use our online giving page. Go to <http://accatholic.org/how-you-can-help/66-giving-opportunities-01>

Of course you can still call the office and mail in your donations.

Christmas & Kids Ministry

Calling all volunteers! Please join us on **TODAY** 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

Lets let Mrs. Jackie Ruffin know she is missed at Mass. She had an accident and broke a couple of bones in her foot. Get well soon!

Please keep Fr. Overton Jones in your prayers, He has had some complications and needs our support and friendship.

The Day of Reflection is November 11, 2017. Please try to attend and let them know because they serve lunch and need to have a count. It is a day of learning and networking and always proves to be worthwhile.

If anyone knows of any parishioners who are "shut in" and like to have a visitor, let me know.

I know we all enjoyed Fr. Brady's balloon homily. Fr. Brady makes you "think". You know you have been to Mass when he shares the Liturgy of the Mass with us.

My good friend, Roth Sonnyram will retire from his work as a Supervisor of Corrections in Trinidad. He has more than 30 years and will celebrate at a party given to him on October 17th, his last working day. He also turns the big "60" on October 18th., October 18th is the Feast of Divali. Congratulations from your St. Monica Family.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Star of the Sea church has been scaffolded half way throughout the building up to the ceiling.

Cleaning and painting of a section by the Altar and ten pews to the ground floor has been completed. All ceilings and wood work are completed.

This week the contractors will be working on altar walls and doing big repairs on other walls and ceilings.

We should see some walls already painted by this coming weekend.

World Mission Sunday

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith - leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains in his message for this year's celebration on October 22.

The collection on the next-to-last Sunday in October is unique. It is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and Peace.

Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan

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

29º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Den al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios".

MATEO 22:21

Todo lo que somos y todo lo que tenemos pertenece a Dios. No somos dueños de nada, simplemente somos administradores de los dones que Dios nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros. Lo único que Dios nos pide es que devolvamos una porción de lo que Él nos dio. Esta es la esencia de la corresponsabilidad. Dios debe ser nuestra primera prioridad en todo. Todo lo demás viene en segundo lugar.

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Lifestyle

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

- Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

That we realize we aren't "owners" of anything but blessed to be "Stewards" of the gifts God has given us.

Vacuna para la gripe

Lunes 10/23/17

En el Gimnasio de la escuela

Our Lady Star of the Sea

En Atlantic City

De 6:00pm a 8:00pm

se aceptan todos los seguros médicos
si no tienes, el costo es de \$25 dólares
para mas información puede llamar a la oficina

609-345-1878

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 22, 2017

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 21	4:15	Carole Schiavo/Marcia
		7:00	Gloria Guzman/ofrece su familia
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
Monday	Oct 23	7:00	Barbara Glaz/Ron
		5:15	John McAvaddy, Sr./Family
Tuesday	Oct 24	7:00	Lucila PascualReqby/Ursula & Rudy
		5:15	Rich Gowdy/Family
Wednesday	Oct 25	7:00	Rita Librone/Bernie Lee
		5:15	Julius Valente/Betty & Louis Cocomello
		7:00	Jesus Luna/ofrece la familia
Thursday	Oct 26	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/Liddy Family
		5:15	James Morgan/Mr. & Mrs. Christopher LaRocca
		6:30	Ana Guerrero/ofrece su familia
Friday	Oct 27	7:00	Elizabeth Sykes/Bill Wolf
		5:15	Thomas A. Campbell/Children
		7:00	Francisco Yescas/ofrece su familia
Saturday	Oct 28	8:00	Praxedes Riteza/Heidi Gonzales
		4:15	Patrick McGeehin/Rosemay & Mary Ellen Maguire
		7:00	Orfe/ofrece su familia

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Oct 29	7:30	Edward Gernhardt/Mike Cusack
		9:00	Rita Librone/Marilyn Gernhardt
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/Galindo familia
		12:00	J. W. Lawler/Helen
		2:30	Misa por los Mundo
		6:30	LH Phêrô, Ông Cẩn/ Gia Đình xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Oct 21	4:00	Pinchot Family/(L&D) Bernardo B. Ferrer (L-Birthday)
Sunday	Oct 22	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
		12:00	Jim DiDomenico/Tom & Rosanne Morhauser
Monday	Oct 23	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Oct 24	8:00	William Thomas Taylor Most Abandoned Souls
Wednesday	Oct 25	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Oct 26	8:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Friday	Oct 20	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Oct 28	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)

The Gospel does not come by word alone, but with power, through the Holy Spirit - St. Paul

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