



# 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.

**November 12, 2017** **32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Congratulations Fr. Fernando



On November 1, 1998 Fr. Fernando Carmona was ordained. In this picture you can see when Fr. Fernando Carmona, after the rite of ordination where his parents Lidia Quaranta and Arturo Carmona were manaturgia his hands. On November 1, 2017 he celebrated his 19th years of anniversary.

## 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

### Nov. 12

#### Pancake Breakfast

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

### Nov. 21

#### Vietnamese Martyrs

- 6:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Michael's Church
- Followed by a reception in Quaremba Hall

### Nov. 26

#### Religious Education Retreat

- Begins with the 2:30 PM Mass
- Follows with a meal
- \$10 adults/\$5 kids

## 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 grades 1 - 5 and 7 PM to 8 PM grade 6 - 12. 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 REGISTRATION

Letters of suitability cannot be issued to persons not registered with the parish. You can register in person in the office or online.

## 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

Many thanks to our eighth graders who, with the guidance of Sister Christine, planned and implemented a wonderful Halloween Carnival providing a memorable experience for their fellow students. The Carnival, from the Moon Bounce to face painting to games, food, and prizes, is a tradition the eighth grade, as well as the entire student body, looks forward to each year. Then, as a reminder to our students that they are members of the communion of saints and to recognize the many Saints they learn about daily who dedicated their lives to God through sacrifice, service, and the spreading of His word, a prayer service for All Saints Day was facilitated by the seventh and fourth grades.

Please keep connected by following us on Facebook: our lady star of the sea school acnj

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.

## 2017-2018 STARDUST 50/50 Raffle Club

Memberships still available. Next drawing is DECEMBER 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](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*

### Maria Isabel Espinoza

*Secretary*

### 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](http://accatholic.org)

# The Pastor's Page

**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*



Some of you have asked about the St. Nicholas Shopper's reopening. There are two reasons for the current renovation: to eliminate the slow-moving inventory and to clean and reorganize the space. Some inventory, such as the expensive framed art, did not sell even during 50% off sales. Other inventory did not fit a Catholic gift shop (I found several Etch-a-Sketches!) Or was seasonal merchandise that become year-round because it wasn't selling (e.g., Christmas). Some retail experts suggested narrowing the product range to items that have year-round appeal to locals and visitors alike, including holy cards, medals, rosaries, crucifixes, small statues, Bibles, and other inexpensive items. As a result of so much stagnant inventory, shelves were full and products were often stored

on the floor and become moldy (the gift shop is in the basement, after all). So we are reducing the inventory and cleaning and reorganizing the space.

Frankly, we underestimated the amount of inventory in the shop. Besides the three rooms and hallway, there is also an inventory room in the back. The Christmas Bazaar on the weekend of December 9 and 10 is an opportunity to sell the excess inventory at significantly reduced prices when people are more interested than usual in shopping. We'll also benefit from the high traffic at St. Michael's as Masses will still be celebrated there until Christmas Eve. In the meantime, please be patient. A new and improved St. Nicholas Shopper is coming!

## Understanding the Prayers of the Mass - Bonus Session

**Wednesday, November 15 at 6 PM  
in Quaremba Hall.**

### Eucharistic Prayer III

In a 60 minutes presentation, including opportunity for Q&A, Fr. Jon will demonstrate that Eucharistic Prayer III contains a beautiful synopsis of salvation history and the essence of the Christian message.

"...we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and...we look forward to his second coming."

"May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect."



The Vietnamese are at it again! They have improved the landscaping at St. Michael's. I'm so grateful for all that they do! May their example inspire others!



# 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

### Pancake Breakfast

Come join us Sunday, November 12 in Quaremba Hall for a pancake breakfast that will include pancakes, sausages, orange juice, coffee and assorted danish. It's an all-you-can-eat affair that's \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Take out is \$8. Breakfast benefits your appetite as well as the Knights of Columbus and your parish.

### Vietnamese Martyrs Mass

On Tuesday November 21, the Vietnamese Community will celebrate their Feast Day with a 6:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Michael's Church, followed by a reception in Quaremba Hall. Please come and join the celebration

### Religious Education Retreat

Maura Serrano from Mexico, Christian psychologist, is presenting a retreat called, "Jesus, Heal Me." Sunday, November 26 from 2:30 to 6:30 PM in St. Michael's Church. It begins with the 2:30 PM Mass then follows with a meal then presentations by Ms. Serrano. Children are \$5, adults \$10. For more information, call Maria Isabel Duran at 609-345-1878, Ext-24 or e-mail mduran@accatholic.org.

### Debby Boone Concert

BUS TRIP - "MUSIC AND MEMORIES" – Debby Boone will be performing at the Investors Bank Performing Arts Center in Sewell, NJ on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Proceeds from the show is to benefit the South Jersey Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is running a bus trip to the show which will include the bus, dinner at Illiano's in Hammonton, show and tips for \$95 per person. Bus will pick up at OLPH Parish/Assumption and also at the St. Nicholas Church. Call the parish office at 609-652-0008 or visit our website: [OLPHparish-nj.org](http://OLPHparish-nj.org).

### Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Join in a celebration of gratitude with fellowship, non-denominational prayer, preaching & music.

**When:** Monday Nov. 20, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Shirat Hayam  
700 N Swarthmore Ave  
Ventnor, NJ 08402  
609-822-7116 Ext-103

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR NOV. 4 - NOV. 5

OFFERTORY. . . . .	\$13,579.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$127.00

### 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.

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

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.

## RENOVATION UPDATE

Scaffolding has been completely remove from building and paint is 90% completed.

Framing for bathroom and church sub floors paneling are being install this week.

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

This week a lot happened, Halloween made lots of youngsters get to enjoy Trunk or Treat. On Saturday we got to get to sleep an hour more when we "fell back". by setting our clocks. Now we get to anticipate Thanksgiving and gathering with loved ones. We don't have any news to speak about but I want everyone to enjoy the upcoming days. Autumn is when we get to see the foliage at its finest, take a ride and enjoy the splendor GOD gives us this time of year. Put a couple of cans of food aside to donate, help out in a food kitchen, pay forward. It's time to gather your thoughts and send me some news (smile). I appreciate hearing from the community.

### Black Catholic History

A History of Black Catholics in the United States: All are welcome to this presentation by Rev. Msgr. Leonard G. Scott, on Wed., Nov. 15, 2017, at Holy Angels Parish from 7-9 p.m. in the basement of St. Patrick Church, 64 Cooper Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. This is a Black Catholic History Month event co-sponsored by Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity, and the Life and Justice Ministry of Holy Angels Parish. Light refreshments will be served.

## STEWARDSHIP

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Living Stewardship

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to live your **Stewardship?**

That we as Christian **Stewards** understand God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

Pour into our hearts the Spirit of understanding to enlighten all who we encounter, especially **teens and young adults**, as we all strive to follow Christ and live by his Word. We pray to the Lord

# 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.**

## Educacion Religiosa

### Horas de Oficina

Lunes a Jueves ..... 10 am - 3 pm

**Maria Isabel Duran, Directora**

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## 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.

### 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

### 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)

## Oraciones de los Estudiantes de CCD

### Primera Oracion

Thank you God for giving me another day to wake up happy and healthy. Help everyone in the world who suffer from diseases and who get bullied. Please help me get good grades, so I can become a good Doctor. De parte de la estudiante *Dayanara Villanueva*.

### Segunda Oracion

I thank God for everthing he has done for me and the people I love. Amen

De parte de la estudiante *Jennifer Lopez Gonzaga*

## LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

### 32º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Por tanto, manténganse despiertos, porque no conocen ni el día ni la hora." MATEO 25:13

Muchos de nosotros hemos dejado de hacer algo porque pensamos que estamos demasiado ocupados. Todos hemos dicho: "Lo haré más tarde cuando tenga tiempo". Desafortunadamente, muchos de nosotros aplicamos esta actitud a nuestra fe. La llamada de Jesús es urgente, en el aquí y ahora, en sus circunstancias actuales. No te demores, ¿cómo te está llamando Dios a usar hoy tus dones?

Para que comprendamos que el llamado de Dios es urgente, en el aquí y ahora, en nuestras actuales circunstancias.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - November 12, 2017

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov. 11	8:00	Angie Polisano/Joe Formica
		4:15	Andrea Librone/Librone Family
		7:00	Viridiana Esparza/ofrece su familia
Sunday	Nov. 12	7:30	Edward Gerhardt/Patricia Diamond
		9:00	Charles Dillon/Marge & Dick Beach
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/familia Galindo
		12:00	Remlean De Vera (L)/Cecilia Magalong
		2:30	Bladimir Martinez Blanco/ofrece su familia
		6:30	Các LH nội ngoại/ Anh Chị Phúc-Hồng xin
Monday	Nov. 13	7:00	Terry Watson / Liddy Family
		5:15	Jasmine Magalong / Cecilia Magalong (Birthday (L))
Tuesday	Nov. 14	7:00	Helen Aluise / Jack & Marcie McAraddy
		5:15	Charles Dillon / Berni Lee
Wednesday	Nov. 15	7:00	Zenaida Ancela Lazaro / Delsa & Alfred Bechard
		5:15	Erick Ericksen / G.L. Warrington
		7:00	Miriam Loaziga / Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Nov. 16	7:00	Joe Salamone / Clara & Tom Depko
		5:15	Dan & Florence Fritz / Dan, Trisha & Peggy
		6:30	Francisca Vidal Guzman / Ofrece su Familia

### VETERANS

"God, please let every Veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants."

## St. Michael's Church

Friday	Nov. 17	7:00	Marilyn Kirkland / Richard Negro (L)
		5:15	Hass & Iannerello Family / Maria Hass Deceased Member of Mary Help of Christians - Memorial Mass
		7:00	Jose Mejia / Ofrece su Familia
Saturday	Nov. 18	8:00	Fr. George Weber / Joe Formica
		4:15	Danny Coan / Mary Ruane
		7:00	Mass for the People
Sunday	Nov. 19	7:30	Helen Adelman / Peggy Schmei
		9:00	Charles Dillon / Marce & Dick Beach
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento / Ofrece Familia Galindo
		12:00	Robert (D) & Marilyn Kirkland (L) / R/B Maryanne
		2:30	Lidia Suibate / Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	LH Phêrô và Anna/ Ô.B. Bàn xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov. 11	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Richard Family (L & D)
Sunday	Nov. 12	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family Sister Mary Francis, SSJ for Healing/ Poulson Family
		10:30	Joseph Scott Bochniak
		12:00	Tessie & Bernie Ferrer (L - Thanksgiving)
Monday	Nov. 13	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Nov. 14	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Wednesday	Nov. 15	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Nov. 16	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Friday	Nov. 17	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Nov. 18	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
		8:45	Doargherty (L & D)
Sunday	Nov. 19	10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family
		12:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke Jim DiDomenico / Mary Moffa