



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 19, 2017 **33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A Look Back



Star of the Sea Church Mass celebration during the 1940's. Notice the checkered tile and railing at the altar. The priests are facing the altar and didn't start facing the congregation until after Vatican ii. The church currently is undergoing renovation and will look better than ever. Continue to pray that the contractors finish in time for Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Michael's
10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVE

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 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
- Wednesday** 7 PM (Spanish)
- Thursday** 6:30 PM (Spanish)
- Friday** 7 PM (Spanish)
- Saturday** 8:00 AM, 4:15 PM
- 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

Nov. 20

Interfaith Service

- 7:00 PM at Shirat Hayam in Ventnor
- 700 N Swarthmore Avenue
- Music and fellowship

Nov. 21

Vietnamese Martyrs

- 6:30 PM 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
- Open to the community

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
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

Monday 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM for grades 1 - 6 and 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM for grades 6 - 12. Adults 6:00 - 7:00 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 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."

School News

SAVE THE DATE: "All You Can Eat Holiday Breakfast Buffet", sponsored by Friends of OLSS School on Sunday, December 10th 8am-1pm at Quaremba Hall

Did you know that:

OLSS School has small classes and an outstanding curriculum designed to differentiate instruction for each student at one third the cost of a public school.

Technology tools are integrated into daily instruction including the addition of Chrome books and coding classes.

Students compete in sports and academic competitions.

To learn more visit us on Facebook: our lady star of the sea school acnj or call 609-345-0648.

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

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

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John Mooney

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SCHOOL CONVENT

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ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT

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WEB SITE

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*

The Holiday Season

Can you believe that next Thursday is Thanksgiving? The holiday season is upon us! I know many Christians look for "things to throw" when they hear the term "holiday season." I'm not sure why. Years before the battle over Christmas began, I remember using the term to include the time from Thanksgiving to New Year's which includes Christmas but is book-ended by secular holidays.

Actually, I get upset when I hear "Turkey Day." Although Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, it expresses a religious sentiment. Forget about secularism - why most people make everything inane? I also think of the proliferation of "Keep Calm and X" T-shirts. The original words, "Keep Calm and Carry On" expressed a noble sentiment, if not a religious one, of persevering in the face of tremendous challenges. The original context was the bombing of London in World War II. But I digress!

As Christians, we gather every Sunday (some of you on Saturday evenings) to give thanks to God. In the past year, I strove to teach the parish more about our key ritual, the Eucharist. Hopefully you heard along the way that Eucharist, in Greek, means something like thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a holy word! How holy of our nation to break one day each year to give thanks together!

You may also remember a slogan I have promoted in my homilies, the 3 G's of "Grace - Gratitude - Generosity." In the first step, we realize that everything is grace, that is, everything is the gift of God. God is good, God is gracious. This is the way that religious people see the world. It is not a resource to be exploited, it is a gift to be unwrapped. In the second step, we are moved to give God thanks for the wondrous gifts which surround us. In another word, thanksgiving! In the third step, we realize it is not enough to simply give thanks. God's graciousness has profoundly changed us. We are moved to respond to God's graciousness with personal generosity.

May I make a bold suggestion? We all know the holidays can be expensive. Hosting big dinners, throwing parties or attending parties (decorations, new dresses and suits, getting the hair done!), travel and of course gift-buying also cost lots of money. Are there places you can cut back? Will you make an effort to save money during the holiday season, so that in the new year you have a "generosity fund?" It will surely be a profound expression of your thanksgiving unto God, of your true Christmas spirit, that will start the new year in the footsteps of Christ.

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

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.

For more information and a full list of services, please visit: <http://catholiccharitiescamden.org> or call 609-345-3448.

WHAT WE GIVE

Bags of Food Monthly: 300

Children at Trunk or Treat: 1,000

Easter baskets Distributed: 200

House of Charity donations given by parishioners in 2017: \$105,000

Christmas Toys Distributed: 250

To help with the Christmas Toy Program this year, contact Margaret Steadman at: 609-703-9093.

SERVING THE LORD

While the parish strives to serve the community, our first responsibility is to serve the Lord. One often overlooked way to do that is to say grace before and after each meal. This is particularly important when dining in a public eatery. What a great way to show the community that you are a committed Catholic.

Join Us

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 with the community!

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.

Advent Day of Reflection

You are invited to an Advent Reflection Day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at St. Nicholas Church on December 9th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Join us for Mass, a talk by a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, lunch, adoration, confession, music, healing service, vespers and benediction. No cost or RSVP needed. We look forward to being with you and praying with you.

Women's Prayer Night

Women ages 18-35 are invited to a *Handmaid's Prayer Night* with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at St. Michael's convent on December 8th at 7:00 PM. The night includes Holy Mass, adoration, confession, music, Rosary, night prayer and social. For more information and to RSVP, please call the convent at 609-343-1545.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jon Thomas, Pastor Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Atlantic City, NJ

When: Sunday Nov. 19, 2017

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Where: Grace Family Church
3901 Filbert Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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. 11 - NOV. 12

OFFERTORY \$13,055.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

POOR BOX \$221.00

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

Asbestos Abatement is being done this week and the installment of the church new flooring has started.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

- Promote a vibrant ministry that will spiritually nurture and sustain Black Catholics within the Diocese and that will ensure the survival, growth, and liturgical expression of Black Catholics in the Diocese who originated from Africa, Haiti, North and South America, or elsewhere in the African Diaspora.
- Evangelize Blacks outside of the Catholic community to grow the Black Catholic community.
- Foster understanding, appreciation and respect of Black Catholic culture and worship among all Catholics within the Diocese for the continuing conversion and transformation of the faithful into the one body of Christ.
- Be a voice to the Bishop for the diverse populations of Black Catholics within the Diocese.
- Create opportunities for and foster support of greater Black Catholic involvement in lay ministry for leadership at the parish and diocesan levels.
- Promote interest in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious congregations among the Black Catholic community and work to remove barriers where they exist.

STEWARDSHIP

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Grows

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

In **Stewardship** God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

That we as Christian **Stewards** answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

Comunidad Hispana

Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana

Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 10am - 2pm

Viernes 11am - 2pm

Secretaria Laura Esparza

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Horarios de Oficina Educacion Religiosa

Lunes a Jueves 10am - 3pm

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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

Dear God, thank you for everything you gave me and my family. Help my mom get a job again so my family has more money to buy us the stuff we need. Amen. De parte de la estudiante *Valentina Olarte*.

Segunda Oracion

Querido Dios, gracias por una semana mas de vida. Amen.

De parte de la estudiante *Paola Garcia S.*

LITURGIA DEL DOMINGO

33° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Bien hecho, mi buen y fiel servidor. Puesto que has sido fiel en asuntos pequeños, te daré grandes responsabilidades." MATEO 25:21

Dios espera que nutramos y desarrollemos los dones que Él nos ha dado y entonces generosamente devolvamos una porción aumentada. No quiere que desperdiciemos ni acumulemos los dones que Él nos ha dado; Él espera que hagamos crecer nuestros dones, los usemos sabiamente y seamos generosos con ellos. Desafortunadamente, muchos de nosotros no somos generosos en proporción a todo lo que Dios nos ha dado.

Para que respondamos al llamado de Dios para nutrir y desarrollar nuestros dones y reintegrarlos con aumento.

Mass Intentions for the Week - November 18, 2017

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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
Monday	Nov. 20	6:30	LH Phêrô và Anna/ Ô.B. Bàn xin
		7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy / Liddy Family
		5:15	Rose M. Twardzik(D) / The Christian Family
Tuesday	Nov. 21	7:00	Croteau Family / M. Croteau
		5:15	Fred Shaw / Wife Emily & Son John
Wednesday	Nov. 22	7:00	Aubin and Family / M. Croteau
		5:15	Thomas Donnatucci / Berni Lee
		7:00	Lambert & Familia / Ofrece M. Croteau
Thursday	Nov. 23	9:00	John & Nan McGettigan / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy

St. Michael's Church

Friday	Nov. 24	7:00	Thanks to St. Pio / M. Croteau
		5:15	Nevil Tauro / Family
Saturday	Nov. 25	7:00	Morillo & Familia / Ofrece M. Croteau
		8:00	Nan McGettigan / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		4:15	Milagros Colon (L) / Cecilia Magalong
Sunday	Nov. 26	7:00	Morrillo & Family / Ofrece M. Morrillo
		7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Rita Librone / Loretta & Carl Heiden
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento / Ofrece Familia Galindo
		12:00	Remedios & Leonardo Magalong / Cecilia Magalong
		2:30	Luz Mancebo / Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	Theresa Cat-Tuong Pham / Sunset Ave

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov. 18	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D)
Sunday	Nov. 19	8:45	Doargherty (L&D)
		10:30	JMadeline Hopper & Family
		12:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke Jim DiDomenico / Mary Moffa
Monday	Nov. 20	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Nov. 21	8:00	John W. Applegate
Wednesday	Nov. 22	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Dr. James Patrick Burke (L)
Thursday	Nov. 23	8:00	Bern Family (L&D)
Friday	Nov. 24	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Nov. 25	4:00	Pinchot Family (L & D) Dr. Joseph Michael Formica (L)
Sunday	Nov. 26	8:45	Joseph Scott Bochniak Sister Rose Amata, SSJ for healing / Paulson Family
		10:30	Larry Gormely / Regina Pe-pedino & Family
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family

The Virtuous Woman

*Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting;
The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors.*

Proverbs 31:30-31