



# 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.

## December 31, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### Final Touch and Clean Up



After long hours of working in Our Lady Star of the Sea, the contractors finished just on time for Christmas Celebration. We want to extend our appreciation to all our volunteers, donors and everyone that had make this possible. May God Bless you for kindness!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Our Lady Star of the Sea 2651 ATLANTIC AVENUE

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM, 4:15 PM 7:00 PM (Spanish)
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish) 12:00 Noon 2:30 PM (Spanish) 6:30 PM (Vietnamese)

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Mon. - Fri.</b>	7:00 AM, 5:15 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM (Spanish)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM (Spanish)
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### Saint Nicholas of Tolentine 1409 PACIFIC AVENUE

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 AM (Traditional Latin) 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Mon. - Fri.</b>	8:00 AM
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#### Saint Michael's Church 10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

**First Sunday of the Month**  
10:00 AM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Dec. 31</b> <b><u>New Year's Eve Party</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, December 31, 2017</li> <li>• Start at 8:30 PM</li> <li>• Quaremba Hall</li> <li>• \$35 per person</li> <li>• Rich at 609-464-6171</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jan. 6</b> <b><u>Three Kings Celebration</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, January 6, 2018</li> <li>• From 8:00 AM to 12:00PM</li> <li>• Quaremba Hall</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jan. 10</b> <b><u>Old Testament Course (CMIC)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/10/18 to 2/14/18</li> <li>• 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM</li> <li>• St. Joseph's Church, Somers Point, NJ</li> <li>• Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org</li> </ul>
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

## 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 6:00 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

# 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."**



## Sixth grade gingerbread house project.

Thank you to our first, second, and third graders and choir members who so prayerfully presented the Christmas Story in school and at the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve.

Classes resume Monday, January 2nd.

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

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For any additional information please call Sally Krause 609 822-4008, not the parish office.

## 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

**RECTORY**  
609-345-1878

**RELIGIOUS ED**  
609-345-1878 Ext-24

**SCHOOL**  
609-345-0648

**SCHOOL CONVENT**  
609-347-0434

**ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT**  
609-343-1545

**WEB SITE**  
accatholic.org

# The Faith 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*

## **Word of life**

### **LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Adults:** In this feast of the Holy Family, we think of all Christian families. Are there holy families, other than Jesus, Mary, and Joseph?

**Children:** Since childhood, Jesus loved and respected his parents. Do you love and respect your parents?

## **Palabra de Vida**

### **LC 2:22-40**

Transcurrido el tiempo de la purificación de María, según la ley de Moisés, ella y José llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentarlo al Señor, de acuerdo con lo escrito en la ley: Todo primogénito varón será consagrado al Señor, y también para ofrecer, como dice la ley, un par de tórtolas o dos pichones. Vivía en Jerusalén un hombre llamado Simeón, varón justo y temeroso de Dios, que aguardaba el consuelo de Israel; en él moraba el Espíritu Santo, el cual le había revelado que no moriría sin haber visto antes al Mesías del Señor.

Movido por el Espíritu, fue al templo, y cuando José y María entraban con el niño Jesús para cumplir con lo prescrito por la ley, Simeón lo tomó en brazos y bendijo a Dios, diciendo: "Señor, ya puedes dejar morir en paz a tu siervo, según lo que me habías prometido, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos; luz que alumbraba a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo, Israel".

El padre y la madre del niño estaban admirados de semejantes palabras. Simeón los bendijo, y a María, la madre de Jesús, le anunció: "Este niño ha sido puesto para ruina y resurgimiento de muchos en Israel, como signo que provocará contradicción, para que queden al descubierto los pensamientos de todos los corazones. Y a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma". Había también una profetisa, Ana, hija de Fanuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era una mujer muy anciana. De joven, había vivido siete años casada y tenía ya ochenta y cuatro años de edad. No se apartaba del templo ni de día ni de noche, sirviendo a Dios con ayunos y oraciones. Ana se acercó en aquel momento, dando gracias a Dios y hablando del niño a todos los que aguardaban la liberación de Israel.

Y cuando cumplieron todo lo que prescribía la ley del Señor, se volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él.

**Adultos:** En esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia pensamos en todas las familias cristianas. ¿Hay familias santas, además de Jesús, María y José?

**Niños:** Desde niño, Jesús amo y respeto a sus padres. ¿Tu amas y respetas a tus padres?

# 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 JANUARY 15, 2018**

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

### New Year's Eve Party

**When:** Sunday, December 31, 2017  
**Time:** 8:30 PM  
**Where:** St. Michael Church (Quaremba Hall)  
**Price:** \$35 per person (Purchased by 12/27/2017)  
**Contact:** Rich at 609-464-6171  
Kitty at 609-345-1878 Ext. 10  
newyear2018celebration@gmail.com

***!This event will supports Our Lady Star of the Sea School!***

### Bingo at St. Gianna Church

**When:** Sunday, December 31, 2017  
**Time:** 9:30 PM (Doors open at 8: PM)  
**Where:** St. Gianna Parish Hall  
1421 New Rd. Northfield, NJ  
**Price:** \$20 per person  
!Over \$2,000 in Prizes!

### Advent supplies, reading materials and religious gift for Christmas

**Where:** Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts  
2249 Shore Rd. - Linwood, NJ  
609-927-5600  
**Time:** Mon. - Thu. 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Fri. 8:30 AM - 12 PM

### Old Testament Course (CMIC)

**When:** 1/10/18 to 2/14/18  
**Time:** 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon  
**Where:** St. Joseph's Church  
Somers Point, NJ  
**Contact:** Colleen Mayhew  
Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 16 - DEC. 17

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$13,308.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$252.00

### 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.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous donors and amazing volunteers that made our annual Christmas Flowers Offering a success! Our volunteers and donors represent the best of The Parish of Saint Monica united in a desire to share the joy of Christ's birth with our friends and neighbors. May God Bless you for kindness!

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

It goes without saying we all ask our dear Lord and Savior to bless us with a Healthy, Happy and New Year.

We wish all our church members who celebrate January birthdays happiness on their "special day".

My new e-mail address is: [alma.johnson75@yahoo.com](mailto:alma.johnson75@yahoo.com).

Please send any news to that site.

I hope everyone enjoyed their lives in 2017.

## STEWARDSHIP

### December 31, 2017

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Stewards Forgive

"...As the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to act in Stewardship and give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now. That God will provide Christian Stewards the strength to forgive those that have hurt us. For those Teens and Young Adults who feel themselves drawn to the message and personality of Jesus: may we be willing to welcome their enthusiastic witness and may they be willing to share it with us. We pray to the Lord...

## SCHOLARSHIP

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# 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

## Horarios de Oficina Educacion Religiosa

Lunes y Jueves ..... 10:30am - 3pm

Maria Isabel Duran, Directora

609-345-1878 ext. 24 mduran@accatholic.org

## 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

## ORACIONES DE ESTUDIANTES DEL CCD

### FELIZ NAVIDAD CATEQUISTAS! 2017

Para todos los que participan y nos ayudan en nuestra catequesis de "**Santa Monica**"

El equipo de catequesis de Santa Monica en Atlantic City les desea, queridos catequistas, a todos ustedes, y su familias y comunidades una feliz navidad, con el deseo de que como los angeles y los pastores nos pongamos en camino para anunciar la ternura de Dios con la venida del niño Jesus en nuestros corazones.

Que mirando a Maria con el niño, volvamos a creer en lo revolucionario de la ternura y el cariño.  
(cfr. Papa Francisco, Evangelii Gaudium 288)

## STEWARDSHIP

### 31 de diciembre de 2017

#### La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

"... así como el Señor los ha perdonado, así deben perdonar ustedes." - COLOSENSES 3:13

Perdonar - una de las cosas más difíciles de hacer para las personas. Es increíble cuánto tiempo podemos guardar rencor o estar enojados con alguien. Mientras celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, aproveche esta oportunidad para dar el regalo del perdón a alguien - tal vez alguien de su familia, tal vez un amigo, tal vez un compañero de trabajo o un vecino o, tal vez a usted mismo. Levante el teléfono o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien ahora mismo.

Para que Dios nos dé la fuerza para perdonar a los que nos han herido.

### Felicitaciones a los ganadores

#### Rifa Virgen de Guadalupe

**1er Premio** - \$500.00 Visa gift cards

# 2845 - María Quiro

**2nd Premio** - \$400.00 Visa gift cards

#2144 – Maribel Fraticelli

**3er Premio** - \$300.00 Visa gift cards

#0535 – Maria I. Vazquez

**4to Premio** - \$200.00 Visa gift cards

#2321 – Lidia Feliciano

**5to Premio** \$100.00 Visa gift cards

#0097 – Rodrigo Mechor

**Gracias por su participación**

**Dios los Bendiga**

# Mass Intentions for the Week - December 31, 2017

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec. 30	8:00	For the Unborn Childs
		4:15	Joseph Giordano/ John & Annette DiSomma
		7:00	Edith Galindo Sarmiento Family
Sunday	Dec. 31	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Edward Gerhardt (D) / The Christian Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Dorothy Bergen (D)/ Her Kids
		2:30	Eloy Paez/ Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	LH Anna/ Ô.B. Bân xin
Monday	Jan. 1	9:00	Concetta Polisano/ Rosa Catalioti
		7:00	Isidro Hernandez/Ofrece su Familia
Tuesday	Jan. 2	7:00	For the health of our Pastor
		5:15	For the health of Kennia Quijano
Wednesday	Jan. 3	7:00	Most Abandon Souls
		5:15	Mass for the People
		7:00	Joaquin Cortez/Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Jan. 4	7:00	Concetta Polisano/ John&Natalie Iaconelli
		5:15	Edna Nay/ Judith Fenelon
		6:30	Ana Rivera/Ofrece su Familia
Friday	Jan. 5	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/ Liddy Family
		9:00	Mass for the Children
		5:15	Francis Tierney/Marie McGettigan
		7:00	Carmen Criaes/Ofrece su Familia
Saturday	Jan. 6	8:00	For the health of Luz Posner
		4:15	Mary J. Morris (D)/Mary Hulme
		7:00	Angela Villalobos/Ofrece su Familia
Sunday	Jan. 7	7:30	Jean Spadaro/Jersey Shore Red Hat Mammass
		9:00	Ed Gerhardt/Joe & Carla Tosh
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	Edwin Custodio/Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	LH Matta/ Ô.B. Bân xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec. 30	4:00	Pinchot Family (L&D) Peggy Delany Harley / Kathy Moore
Sunday	Dec. 31	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Cheryl & Alicia Smith/Tony Zarych
		12:00	Geletei Family
Monday	Jan. 1	8:00	Fidel & Juanita Monte Mayor
Tuesday	Jan. 2	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Jan. 3	8:00	Mario Formica(D) & Family / Joe Formica
Thursday	Jan. 4	8:00	Mass for the People
Friday	Jan. 5	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Jan. 6	4:00	Michael Styer/Palladino Family
Sunday	Jan. 7	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Dean & Warren Hill "Memorial Mass" / Garry Hill
		12:00	Catherine Geletei (Living) Mary J. Morris / Nolan Family

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Jan. 7	10:00	Fr. Andrew Apostoli / Marcia Mancini

