



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.

January 7, 2018 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Our Lady Star of the Sea School students performed the Nativity story on Christmas Eve. The newly renovated church provided a beautiful setting for this annual Christmas pageant.

MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2651 ATLANTIC AVENUE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 8:00 AM, 4:15 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
10:30 AM (Spanish)
12:00 Noon
2:30 PM (Spanish)
6:30 PM (Vietnamese)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Thursday 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine
1409 PACIFIC AVENUE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:45 AM (Traditional Latin)
10:30 AM
12:00 Noon

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM

Saint Michael's Church
10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

First Sunday of the Month
10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 10
Old Testament Course (CMIC)
• 1/10/18 to 2/14/18
• 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
• St. Joseph's Church, Somers Point, NJ
• Colleen.Mayhew@cam-dendiocese.org

Jan. 15
Food Pantry
• Monday, January 15, 2018
• **CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**
• St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Jan. 21
Virgen of Altagracia Celebration
• Sunday, January 21, 2018
• 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Mass at OLSS Church
• Celebration to in the Cafeteria

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.”

The faculty and staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School wishes all our families, friends, and loyal supporters a happy, healthy, and blessed 2018.

Thank you to those who continue to support us.

You are always in our prayers. It's basketball season and we would love to see you at our games in Memorial Hall (OLSS gym). Please come support our student athletes.

Home games:

January 10, Wednesday vs. Cape Trinity

5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Varsity Girls, 7:00 Varsity Boys (the same each week)

January 17, Wednesday vs. Bishop McHugh

February 7, Wednesday vs. St. Vincent

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

The Mary Help of Christians Sodality of The Parish of St. Monica, Atlantic City, will be awarding a \$1000 Scholarship to a female high school senior planning to further her education in the fall of 2017. She must meet all the criteria, including a connection to Mary Help of Christians Sodality either from the former St. Michael's Parish or The Parish of St. Monica. Applications are now available through the local high schools' guidance department.

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

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Outreach Director

Kathleen Given

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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

MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Adults: Have you been a star leading our young people to Jesus?

Children: What gift are you going to give to Baby Jesus?

Palabra de Vida

MT 2:1-12

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo".

Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: "En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel".

Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: "Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo".

Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

Adultos: Tu ha sido una estrella que guía a nuestros adolescentes hacia Jesús?

Niños: Que regalo le vas a dar al niño Jesús?

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: >300

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

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

Networking Classes, Reduced Cost

When: From February 6, 2018 to June 28, 2018

Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30 PM to 7:30PM

Where: Asbury United Methodist Church
1213 Pacific Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Price: \$250.00 per person (Normally \$3,000.00)

Contact: Call 609-348-1941
www.asburyumcac.org/cisco

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

Atlantic City Gateway Career Fair

Presented by Stockton University

When: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Atlantic City Convention Center
Room 411 & 412

Contact: Brian K. Jackson 609-652-4900
Sharon Hunt 609-626-5503

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 23 - DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS \$31,222.00

PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 30 - DEC. 31

OFFERTORY \$15,210.00

BUDGET \$12,506.00

POOR BOX \$130.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY \$1,041.00

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 Solemnity of Mary 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

Since I received no "news" I will pass this along: Fable of the Porcupine. It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities. GOD made all of us unique and yet we have a commonality that we share. This New Year is starting off frigid but if we huddle together we will stay "warm".

STEWARDSHIP

January 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

Stewardship Prayer

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Christian Stewards must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share! That, as Christian Stewards like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

Give us your Spirit of good counsel that all Teens and Young Adults may be blessed in the choices they make throughout life's journey. We pray to the Lord.

RETROUVAILLE FOR COUPLES

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. **Retrouvaille** is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. **Retrouvaille** can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of **February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA**. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: **www.HelpOurMarriage.com** or **call 1-800-470-2230**.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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 a 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

Los Invitamos a Celebrar

Las Fiestas de la

Virgen de La Altagracia

Día: Domingo 21 de Enero 2018

Hora: 2:30pm a 3:30pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS)

Padre: Patrick Brady

Dirección: 2651 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City,
NJ 08401

Después de la Misa tendremos Celebración en
la Cafetería

De la escuela OLSS

Para más información comunicarse con:

Luis Rodríguez

609-334-2563

ORACIONES DE ESTUDIANTES DEL CCD

Primera Oracion

I want to give my prayers to everyone in the world helping them to live, and for them to have a Merry Christmas when our Lord and Savior Jesus was born. Amen. Del estudiante *Edwin Feria-Serna*.

Segunda Oracion

Dear God, thank you for all the presents because without you my mom wouldn't have the money to buy presents. Amen. De la estudiante *Valentina Olarte*.

Tercera Oracion

Gracias por darme una familia. La oportunidad de existir y que balla a la misa. Por darme el amor que tengo y unos padres grandiosos, los amos. Amen. Del estudiante *Gerald Renden*.

Cuarta Oracion

Gracias por darme una familia y porque estoy bien hoy y estoy bien gracias a ti.

STEWARSHIP

7 de enero de 2018

Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

"... se arrodillaron y lo adoraron. Entonces ellos abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron dones de oro, incienso y mirra ... "- MATEO 2:11

Observa el orden de los eventos en la visita de los Reyes Magos. Primero, se arrodillaron ante Jesús y le rezaron. Luego le presentaron sus regalos. Nosotros también debemos tomarnos un tiempo para orar antes de presentar nuestros dones al Señor. ¡Nunca sabemos lo que Dios nos puede estar pidiendo que compartamos!

Para que, al igual que los Reyes Magos, generosamente compartamos nuestros dones con el Señor, confiando en que Él nos proporcionará todo lo que necesitamos.

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 7, 2018

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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 Mammias
		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. Bàn xin
Monday	Jan. 8	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Concetta Polisano / Richard Negro
		7:00	For the health of our Pastor Darlene Walton (D) / Bernadine Lee
Tuesday	Jan. 9	7:00	For the health of our Pastor Darlene Walton (D) / Bernadine Lee
		5:15	For the health of our Pastor Darlene Walton (D) / Bernadine Lee
Wednesday	Jan. 10	7:00	Most Abandon Souls
		5:15	Grace Sacco (D) / Rosa Cataliotti & Family
		7:00	Jose Calambas / Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Jan. 11	7:00	Francis J. Tierney (D)/Bernadine Lee
		5:15	Francis J. Tierney (D)/Bernadine Lee
Friday	Jan. 12	6:30	Jesus Estrada/Ofrece su Familia
		7:00	Leonardo & Remedios Mag-along/ Cecilia Magalong
		5:15	Lawrence Watson / Family
Saturday	Jan. 13	7:00	Nancy Mendoza/Ofrece su Familia
		8:00	For Protection of Unborn babies & their Families/ Cynthia Verrecchia
		4:15	For Protection of Unborn babies & their Families/ Cynthia Verrecchia
Sunday	Jan. 14	7:00	Benita Rodriguez/Ofrece su Familia
		7:30	Jean Spadaro/The Domino Ladies
		9:00	Mass for the people
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	For Protection of Unborn babies & their Families/ Cynthia Verrecchia
		2:30	Thelma Torrez/Ofrece su Familia
6:30	LH Augustino ya Matta/ Ô.B. Bàn xin		

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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 (L) Mary J. Morris / Nolan Family
Monday	Jan. 8	8:00	William Nolan Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Jan. 9	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Jan. 10	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Jan. 11	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Jan. 12	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Jan. 13	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Jan. 14	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Burke & Cox Families / Joe Formica
		12:00	Dr. David Smith & Family (L)/ Office of the City Clerk



St. Michael's Church

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