



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 21, 2018 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Three Kings Celebration



The celebration of the Three Kings was re-schedule from January 6, 2018 to January 13, 2018 due to the snow storm on January 4, 2018. Thank you to all our parishioners and volunteer for the support and participation.

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

<p>Jan. 26 Mary Help of Christians Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday, January 26, 2018 12:30 PM Quaremba Hall 	<p>Feb. 12 Great Gala Dinner Saint Valentine 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 PM Quaremba Hall \$35.00 per person 	<p>Feb. 17 Religious Education Penance for Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturday, February 17, 2018 1:00 PM Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
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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

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.

ANOIDTING 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 second grade is learning about Mass, beginning with building Lego altars. Here, students are working with Mrs. Juliano, who brought the "Father Leopold Celebrates Mass" Lego kits to the students.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as Stars of the Month for December: Caroline Davila, Julietta Gonzalez, Kim Hoang, Ryan Tran, Amir McGraw, Dayson Nguyen, Sharon Luna, John Bulthuis, and Sheillyf Rivera for always being cheerful and Annaleigh Kelly, Ana Prada, Zena Tonquin, Sarahi Nunez, Joshua Rodriguez, Yanelys Blanco, Melanie Torres, and Cassidy Ross for their efforts in English Language Arts.

Save the date: We invite you to learn about OLSS School during our Catholic Schools Week Open Houses, Sunday, January 28 following the 11:30-1:00 and Wednesday, January 31st 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

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

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
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Maria Isabel Espinoza
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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

MK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Adults: How long does it take for you to repent from your sins?

Children: Are you going to join Jesus in helping other people to get to heaven?

Palabra de Vida

MK 1:14-20

En una ocasión en que los discípulos de Juan el Bautista y los fariseos ayunaban, algunos de ellos se acercaron a Jesús y le preguntaron: "¿Por qué los discípulos de Juan y los discípulos de los fariseos ayunan, y los tuyos no?"

Jesús les contestó: "¿Cómo van a ayunar los invitados a una boda, mientras el esposo está con ellos? Mientras está con ellos el esposo, no pueden ayunar. Pero llegará el día en que el esposo les será quitado y entonces sí ayunarán.

Nadie le pone un parche de tela nueva a un vestido viejo, porque el remiendo encoge y rompe la tela vieja y se hace peor la rotura. Nadie echa vino nuevo en odres viejos, porque el vino rompe los odres, se perdería el vino y se echarían a perder los odres. A vino nuevo, odres nuevos".

Adultos: Cuanto te toma arrepentirte por tus pecados?

Niños: Vas ha unirte a Jesus para ayudarlo con otras personas para que vayan al cielo?

Generosity Guides

Grace --> Gratitude --> Generosity

116 parishioners returned Generosity Guides last weekend. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with the parish! Other parishioners can still return their Generosity Guide in the collection this weekend.

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 FEBRUARY 19, 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

AtlanticCare Hospice and Palliative Care

Offering a Hospice Volunteer Training

When: Saturday, January 27, 2018
Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Where: Airport Commerce Center
6550 Delilah Road, Suite 210
EHT, NJ 08234
Contact: Kathleen Donadio 609-407-2026
Maureen Hope 609-404-7477

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

First Saturday Reflection Day

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Where: St. Michael's Church
Contact: 609-343-1545
Include: Mass, speech by Franciscan Friar, lunch, adoration, confessions, music, rosary, healing service, vespers, and benediction.

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Handmaids Women's Prayer Night

When: Friday, February 2, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: St. Michael's Church
Contact: R.S.V.P call 609-343-1545
Note: Invite all young women (ages 18-35)
Include: Eucharistic adoration, music, meditations, confessions, the rosary and formal time of prayer ends with benediction.

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. 30 - DEC. 31

OFFERTORY	\$14,700.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$269.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS 2003

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 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.

Stardust Winners

January 10, 2018

#93 - Paul Bershefski, Harrison, NJ - \$3,000

#50 - Jack Przybyski, Mays Landing, NJ - \$500

#646 - Charles Stelmokas, State Island, NY - \$500

#518 - MaryJane Martin, Simpsonville, SC - \$500

#394 - Joan Daly, Atlantic City, NJ - \$500

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We celebrated and honored Dr. Martin Luther King on January 15, 2018. The President met with various groups in the Oval Office and read a Proclamation as part of his Presidential duties. We know Rev. Dr. King espoused "peace" and received a Nobel Peace Prize because he wanted all people to treat each other fairly and recognize GOD made all of us. The United States has a standing to uphold globally and we must all teach our children that "some people" do not want equality and until we are on the "right page" our country will go backwards. We can say a prayer "that one day people will be judged by their deeds and not by the color of their skin". GOD BLESS ALL OF US AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

STEWARDSHIP

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewards Follow

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good Stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

That we as Christian Stewards may hear Jesus' personal invitation to "Follow Him" and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

For all Teens and Young Adults who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that the sufferings of the present lead them to the glory promised to us, let us 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

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Lunes a Jueves 10:30am - 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

Escuela de Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar

Les invita a conocer y ha aprender las clases de ayudas para que sus hijos sean estudiantes el proximo año escolar. Las puertas de la escuela estaran habiertas el Domingo 28 de Enero del 2018 despues de la misa de las 10:30 AM. Si tienen mas preguntas por favor llamar al 609-345-0648. LES ESPERAMOS!!

Gran Cena de Gala

San Valentín 2018

Lunes, 12 de Febrero

A las 7:00 PM

\$35.00 dólares por personas

grandes sorpresas

Quaramba Hall de

Saint Michael, Atl. City, NJ

ORACIONES DE ESTUDIANTES DEL CCD

Primera Oracion

Thank you God for another day of living. Help me to become a good person, and get good grades. Help the people who don't have food, homes or parents. Amen. De la estudiante *Dayanara Villanueva*.

Segunda Oracion

God, thank you for our church today and our peace on earth. Amen. Del estudiante *Christopher*.

Tercera Oracion

I send my prayers to my family and friends and to do great in school and for all the poor to do better. Amen. Del estudiante *Edwin Feria-Serna*.

Cuarta Oracion

Gracias por mi familia y por que hoy estoy completa. Amen. De la estudiante *Daisy Ramos*.

Quinta Oracion

Trato de ayudar a mis hermanas, las ayudo con que hacer. A veces ayudo a cocinar. Quiero pedir por mis padres que me dan lo que necesito y a mi familia. Amen. De la estudiante *Geraldly Renden*.

Sexta Oracion

Thank you God for this beautiful day. Amen. Del estudiante *Kevin*.

STEWARSHIP

3er domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Siganme y los haré pescadores de hombres" - MARCOS

1:17

¡El llamado de Jesús a "seguirlo" es un llamado a todos los cristianos! La llamada está en el aquí y ahora, en nuestras circunstancias actuales, no cuando pensamos que estamos "listos" o que todo está en orden. Una buena administración de los dones que Dios nos dio significa que las cosas no siempre van a ir de acuerdo con nuestra agenda y que Dios tiene un plan mucho mejor reservado para cada uno de nosotros.

Para que podamos escuchar la invitación personal de Jesús a "Seguirlo" respondiendo generosamente al compartir todos nuestros dones.

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 21, 2018

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan. 20	8:00	Mass for the people
		4:15	George Pavlidies/ Carol Val-Dee
		7:00	Ana Peña/Ofrece su Familia
Sunday	Jan. 21	7:30	Mass for the people
		9:00	Santina Meo/ Concheta Cutacia & familia
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Concetta Polisano/ Maria Spena & Family
		2:30	Mass for the people
		6:30	LH Phanxico/ Ô.B. Bân xin
		7:00	Mass for the people
Monday	Jan. 22	7:00	Bernadine Lee (Birthday)/ Family
		5:15	Family
		7:00	Mass for the people
Tuesday	Jan. 23	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	James McGettigan/ Dowey Family
Wednesday	Jan. 24	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Mass for the people
		7:00	Miguel Torronez/ Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Jan. 25	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Mass for the people
		6:30	Josefina Alicea/ Ofrece su Familia
Friday	Jan. 26	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Mass for the people
		7:00	Bernardo Mejia/Ofrece su Familia
Saturday	Jan. 27	8:00	Mass for the people
		4:15	George Pavlidies/ Carol Val-Dee
		7:00	Jesus Flores/Ofrece su Familia
Sunday	Jan. 28	7:30	Mass for the people
		9:00	Vince Spena (Birthday)/ His Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Ruth & Bob (Anniversary)/ Cecilia Magalone
		2:30	Julian Reinoso/ Ofrece su Familia
6:30	LH Benedicto/ Ô.B. Bân xin		

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan. 20	4:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
			Edward Shaw (D)/ Francis & Jennifer Shaw & Family
Sunday	Jan. 21	8:45	Sara T. Persenda/ Mr. & Mrs. James Poulson
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family
		12:00	Mariano & Imelda Montemayor Timothy Rivers (Birthday)
Monday	Jan. 22	8:00	Mass for the people
Tuesday	Jan. 23	8:00	Mass for the people
Wednesday	Jan. 24	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Jan. 25	8:00	Mass for the people
Friday	Jan. 26	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Jan. 27	4:00	Mass for the people
Sunday	Jan. 28	8:45	Sara T. Persenda
			Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Baby Filiciello
		12:00	Janessa Nicole Velazquez/ Rosanne & Tom Morhauser

St. Michael's Church

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



"Come after me, and I will make you become fishers of men." It is the beginning of a process.