



# 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 28, 2018** **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week 2018 is January 28 - February 3. Our Lady Star of the Sea School will be having an Open House on Sunday, January 28th, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and on Wednesday, January 31st., from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Parents, visitors and parishioners alike are invited to see what continues to make OLSS so special.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Feb. 3

#### Consulado Mexicano

- Sabado, Febrero 3, 2018
- Cita Solamente, llamar al 877-639-4835
- Our Lady Star of the Sea (Gym)

### Feb. 12

#### Great Gala Dinner Saint Valentine 2018

- Monday, February 12, 2018
- 7:00 PM
- Quaremba Hall
- \$35.00 per person

### Feb. 17

#### Religious Education Penance for Confirmation

- Saturday, February 17, 2018
- 1:00 PM
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 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

## 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 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**  
Pastoral Associate

**Maria Isabel Espinoza**  
Secretary

**Laura Esparza**  
Asst. for Hispanic Ministry

**Henry Porvaznik**  
Asst. for Special Projects

## CONTACT

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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

### MK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**Adults:** A true prophet delivers God's message to His people, will you?

**Children:** Jesus can do many amazing things, what would you like Him to do for you?

## Palabra de Vida

### MK 1:21-28

En aquel tiempo, se hallaba Jesús a Cafarnaúm y el sábado siguiente fue a la sinagoga y se puso a enseñar. Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad y no como los escribas.

Había en la sinagoga un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo, que se puso a gritar: "¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros? Ya sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios". Jesús le ordenó: "¡Cállate y sal de él!" El espíritu inmundo, sacudiendo al hombre con violencia y dando un alarido, salió de él. Todos quedaron estupefactos y se preguntaban: "¿Qué es esto? ¿Qué nueva doctrina es ésta? Este hombre tiene autoridad para mandar hasta a los espíritus inmundos y lo obedecen". Y muy pronto se extendió su fama por toda Galilea.

**Adultos:** Un verdadero profeta lleva el mensaje de Dios a su gente, tu lo harías?

**Niños:** Jesús puede hacer muchas cosas maravillosas, que te gustaría que el hiciera por ti?

## 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 Easter Basket 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Diocese of Camden - CAP 1 & 3 Training

### For Employees and Volunteers

#### CAP 1 Session:

**When:** Monday, February 5, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** Assumption Regional School  
146 S. Pitney Rd., Galloway, NJ

#### CAP 1 Spanish Session:

**When:** Thursday, February 8, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** St. Joachim  
601 W. Browning Rd, Bellmawr, NJ

#### CAP 1 Session:

**When:** Thursday, February 8, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Where:** Bishop McHugh School  
2221 Rt 9 N., Cape May Court House, NJ

#### CAP 3 Session:

**When:** Monday, February 26, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Christ Our Light (St. Mary Room)  
402 Kings Hwy N., Cherry Hill, NJ

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 30 - DEC. 31

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$13,638.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$438.00
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA . . . . .	\$430.00

### 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

Every Year The Office of Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity host a beneficial and outstanding event. The elegant affair is normally held in February but last year it was held in April which was very pleasing to many of the regular attendees because of the milder weather. It is a great way to support them and to enjoy old and new friends. There are many reason I suggest you attend this affair this April, but the most significant reason is that the Office of Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity sponsor this affair to provide scholarships for Catholic school students. The students are selected based on school performance, activities, a written essay and face to face interview. The office has increased the number of students to award scholarships and recently have included not just eight graders going to a catholic high school but also high school students going to College. Many parents need help with tuition and this is a great avenue to explore. There are many scholarships available, this is just one. I encourage parents to seek out scholarship, ask a member of the Black Catholic Leadership Ministry about the scholarships awarded through the Black Catholic Ministry Commission of the Diocese of Camden, and research others that are available. If you attend the Afternoon if Jazz, Plus, in April, you will be supporting a young person to further their Catholic education. The tickets are \$40.00, which includes dinner. The affair is held at Masso's Crystal Manor, Glassboro NJ. from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. More information will follow.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Pray "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32**

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the Stewardship word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. That we as Christian Stewards may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings. For Teens and Young Adults, all children of God throughout the earth, especially those forced to live less than the life for which God made them, 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](http://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

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Numero Directo 609-470-9157

## 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 abiertas 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

## INFOMACION PARA LA CONFIRMACION 2018

\***Confirmacion de Saint Monica** es Martes, Mayo 1, 2018 a las 5:00 PM.

\***Confesiones** es Sabado, Febrero 17, 2018 a las 1: 00 PM en la Iglesia.

\***El Retiro** es Sabado, Marzo 3, 2018 de 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM en la Cafeteria.

\***Practica con los padrinos** es el Sabado, Abril 28, 2018 de 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM en la Iglesia.

\***El costo del Alba de Confirmacion es de \$25.00.** Por favor traer el pago el dia de la practica en un subre que diga "Confirmacion Gown". Para entregarle su vestimenta exclusiva para usted.

## STEWARSHIP

### 4º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**"Hermanos y hermanas: me gustaría que estén libres de ansiedades". (1 CORINTIOS 7:32)**

¿Cuánta ansiedad nos causamos al preocuparnos constantemente por no tener lo suficiente o por no lograr más cosas? Dios no necesariamente te dará todo lo que deseas, pero Él te proporcionará todo lo que necesites.

Prueba esto: usa la palabra "orar" en lugar de la palabra "preocuparse" en el futuro.

Para que podamos abrir nuestros corazones para recibir más plenamente todas las bendiciones simples y abundantes de Dios.

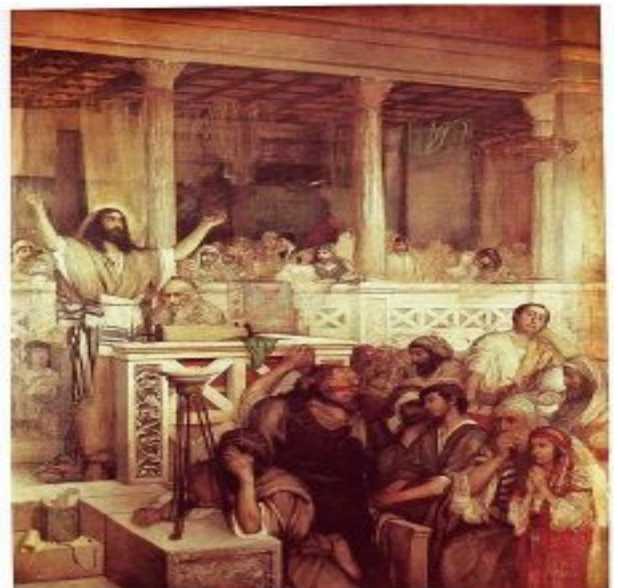
# Mass Intentions for the Week - January 28, 2018

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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. Bàn xin
		7:00	Daniel J. Fritz/ Peggy, Trisha & Dan
Monday	Jan. 29	5:15	Alice D'Amico/ Mauriello Family
Tuesday	Jan. 30	7:00	Nestor & Valerie Magalong (Birthday)/Cecilia Magalong
		5:15	Jack Kelly, Jr./ The Kelly Family
Wednesday	Jan. 31	7:00	Idamae Risley/ Danny Fritz
		5:15	Ethel Kriger/ Peggy Schmei
		7:00	Eugenia Osorio/ Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Feb. 1	7:00	Vincent Musumeci/ Mary Help of Christians
		5:15	Elaine Peskoe/ Peggy Schmei
		6:30	Artemio Molina/ Ofrece su Familia
Friday	Feb. 2	7:00	Mass for the people
		9:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Claudia Billings/ Mauriello Family
Saturday	Feb. 3	7:00	Ramon Ortiz/Ofrece su Familia
		8:00	Lito Magalong (Birthday)/Cecilia Magalong
		4:15	Irma Gormley/ Family
Sunday	Feb. 4	7:00	Maria Luisa Bello/Ofrece su Familia
		7:30	Mass for the people
		9:00	Concetta Polisano/ Josie Spena-Henry
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Robert Kirkland/ Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	Luz Pagan/ Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	Mass for the people

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention	
Saturday	Jan. 27	4:00	Mass for the people	
Sunday	Jan. 28	8:45	Sara T. Persenda/ Millie Renze & Family	
			Madeline Hopper & Family	
		10:30	Baby filiciello	
		12:00	Janessa Nicole Velazquez/ Rosanne & Tom Morhauser	
Monday	Jan. 29	8:00	Mass for the people	
Tuesday	Jan. 30	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family	
Wednesday	Jan. 31	8:00	Souls in Purgatory/ Joe Formica	
Thursday	Feb. 1	8:00	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke	
Friday	Feb. 2	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family	
			Dr. James Patrick Burke	
Saturday	Feb. 3	4:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica	
Sunday	Feb. 4	8:45	Sara T. Persenda/ Maureen & Frank Prevetti	
			10:30	Joseph Scott Bochniak
			Fr. Pellegrino Rossi / Anthony Rossi	
		12:00	Patricia Lautenslager (D)/ Rosane & Tom Morhouser	



## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Feb. 4	10:00	Jack Iaconelli / Rosa Cataliotti

His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching.