



# 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.

**February 4, 2018** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Lent



**Lent:** is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday.

## 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
- 10:00 AM
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School • 15 North California Avenue • 609-345-0648

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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  
**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

## 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."**



Students at OLSS begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

A question often posed is: "Why should I consider a Catholic school when the public schools offer a good education?" The Catholic Church has a long standing tradition in educating our young people to a higher degree of success. Catholic Schools, and it is true of OLSS, establish a spirit of faith, family, and community in their students. The education our students receive at OLSS School stays with them their entire lives and can be the basis from which they orient themselves with the world. It also encourages them to remain grounded in their faith while they fulfill their dreams. Our students enter our school to learn and leave to serve as disciples of Jesus.

What are a few of the things you will find in OLSS School for your children?

- Faith-based learning with a real-world approach
- A diverse student body
- Small class sizes with differentiated learning at all grade levels and a blended learning approach in grades K-4
- Remediation programs
- Various technology tools including Chromebooks and iPads
- Special classes in architecture, creative writing, life skills, and art appreciation
- Monthly mass and prayer services as a school community
- Extra-curricular activities such as Math Counts Club and choir, sports programs including basketball and track

You do have a choice!! Please visit us on facebook (our lady star of the sea school acnj) and call for a tour: (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 and Safe*

**Laura Esparza**

*Asst. for Hispanic Ministry*

**Henry Porvaznik**

*Asst. for Special Projects*

## CONTACT

### RECTORY

609-345-1878

### RELIGIOUS ED

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### SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL CONVENT

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### 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**

**JB 7:1-4, 6-7**

Job spoke, saying:  
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?  
Are not his days those of hirelings?  
He is a slave who longs for the shade,  
a hireling who waits for his wages.  
So I have been assigned months of misery,  
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.  
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"  
then the night drags on;  
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.  
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;  
they come to an end without hope.  
Remember that my life is like the wind;  
I shall not see happiness again.

**Adults:** When are you able to look back on your life and see God's hand in sustaining you throughout some dark hours?

**Children:** What can you ask God for if you are having a bad day?

## **Palabra de Vida**

**JB 7:1-4, 6-7**

En aquel día, Job tomó la palabra y dijo:  
"La vida del hombre en la tierra es vida de soldado  
y sus días, como días de un jornalero.  
Como el esclavo suspira en vano por la sombra  
y el jornalero se queda aguardando su salario,  
así me han tocado en suerte meses de infortunio  
y se me han asignado noches de dolor.  
Al acostarme, pienso: '¿Cuándo será de día?'  
La noche se alarga y me canso de dar vueltas  
hasta que amanece.  
Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera  
y se consumen sin esperanza.  
Recuerda, Señor, que mi vida es un soplo.  
Mis ojos no volverán a ver la dicha".

**Adultos:** Cuando tu tengas la capacidad de mirar tu pasado y poder ver las manos de Dios sosteniendote en horas de oscuridad?

**Niños:** Que le puedes pedir a Dios si estas teniendo un mal día?

## **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 JAN. 27 - JAN. 28

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$11,834.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$146.00

### 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.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous donors and amazing volunteers that made our Church in Latin America 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

A few weeks ago, several members of the Black Catholic Leadership committee here at the Parish of Saint Monica reached out to more than 300 parishioners of the old Saint Monica Parish. This evangelization initiative was spearheaded by one of the members, Alma Johnson. The group split the list between eight members, who called to invite or welcome the parishioners back to The Parish of Saint Monica.

During our past Homecomings held at the old Parish, there would be standing room only during Mass and more who attended the outdoor activities afterwards. Old and New Parishioners coming together. So many people, old and young. So where are they now? Where are the children, the grandchildren, the great grandchildren? This is why the calls were made, this is why we reached out.

Many of our Parishioners were baptized, confirmed or married at St Monica, this was where they called home. Now we have a new home, it is here at the Parish of Saint Monica. Let us embrace our new home. Even if you were not among the members that reached out and made the calls, you too can reach out. Many of us know someone that we have not seen in church since St Monica closed, we know someone that maybe decided they are no longer attending church anywhere, be the one to invite them to worship with us. You may be surprised. We are where we are today because someone reached out to us. Someone prayed for us and with us. We are all called to holiness.

## STEWARDSHIP

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Stewardship Begins With Prayer

**“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” MARK 1:35, 38**

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of Stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God. That just as Jesus rose early to pray we, as Christian Stewards, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him. That the Teens and Young Adults who are struggling or suffering, will receive consolation of Jesus in their need, 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

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

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

### 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 10: 00 AM 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 sobre que diga "Confirmacion Gown". Nombre, medida y grado. Para entregarle su vestimenta exclusiva para usted.

## STEWARSHIP

4 de febrero de 2018

5° domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Levantándose muy temprano antes del amanecer, salió y se fue a un lugar desierto, donde oró ... Les dijo: 'Vayamos a las aldeas cercanas para predicar allí también. Para eso he venido '". MARCOS 1:35, 38

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, vemos un ejemplo perfecto de corresponsabilidad. Jesús da su tiempo para hacer todo lo que Dios desea: sanar a los enfermos y predicar. Pero antes que Él comience, Jesús se toma el tiempo para estar a solas con Dios en oración. Es a través de la oración, pasando tiempo con Dios, que encontramos la fuerza para hacer lo que Él desea que hagamos. Asegúrate de encontrar tiempo todos los días para estar con Dios.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - February 4, 2018

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb. 3	8:00	Lito Magalong (Birthday)/ Cecilia Magalong
		4:15	Irma Gormley/ Family
		7:00	Maria Luisa Bello/Ofrece su Familia
Sunday	Feb. 4	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	Julian Reinoso/ Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	LH Benedicto/ Ô.B. Bàn xin
Monday	Feb. 5	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Claudia Thomas-Billings/ Judy Matsunobu
Tuesday	Feb. 6	7:00	Nazaria Gayagoy/ Family
		5:15	John Kettler/ Bill Wolf
Wednesday	Feb. 7	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Charlie DiOrío/ Bill Wolf
		7:00	Felix Ceron/ Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Feb. 8	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Thanks to St. Pio/ Marcel Croteau
		6:30	Fabiola Velez/ Ofrece su Familia
Friday	Feb. 9	7:00	Mass for the people
		5:15	Croteau Family Souls/ Marcel Croteau
		7:00	Orfelina Viola/Ofrece su hija Adalis Viola
		8:00	Dennis Tuohy/ Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
Saturday	Feb. 10	4:15	George Pavlidies/ Carol Val-Dee
		7:00	Francisco Guzman/Ofrece su Familia
		7:30	Rolla Shick (Healing)/ Peggy & Donald
Sunday	Feb. 11	9:00	Anna Christian/ In memory from the family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Claudia Billings/ Kennedy family
		2:30	Marco A. Solano/ Ofrece su Familia
		6:30	LH Giuse/ Ô.B. Bàn xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb. 3	4:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica
Sunday	Feb. 4	8:45	Sara T. Persenda/ Maureen & Frank Prevetì
		10:30	Joseph Scott Bochniak
			Fr. Pellegrino Rossi / Anthony Rossi
		12:00	Patricia Lautenslager (D)/ Rosane & Tom Morhouser
Monday	Feb. 5	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Feb. 6	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Wednesday	Feb. 7	8:00	Mario J. Formica(D) and Family/ Joseph Formica
Thursday	Feb. 8	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Feb. 9	8:00	Most abandoned Souls
Saturday	Feb. 10	4:00	Madeline Hopper & Family "Pat & Anne Esposito" 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	Feb. 11	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family Charles Connell/ Ray & Barbara Sands
		10:30	Living & Deceased Members of Formica & Cesario Families/ Joseph Formica
		12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory

## St. Michael's Church

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



"He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him."