



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 11, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday



ASH WEDNESDAY

May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

Ash Wednesday: a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before Easter and can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Feb. 12</p> <p>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. 14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Masses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 & 9 AM, 12:10 & 5:15 PM - English 7:00 PM - Vietnamese 8:30 PM - Spanish Our Lady Star of the Sea 	<p>Feb. 17</p> <p>Religious Education Penance for Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday, February 17, 2018 10:00 AM Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
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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
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Saint Michael's Church
 10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

First Sunday of the Month
 10:00 AM
Sunday, March 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

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Coordinator

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Environment Coordinator

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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

1 COR 10:31 - 11:1

Brothers and sisters,

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks
or the church of God,

just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Adults: How can the completion of everyday,
mundane tasks be considered a way of glorifying
God?

Children: How can listening to your parents, doing
your homework, or even taking out the trash bring
glory to God?

Palabra de Vida

1 COR 10:31 - 11:1

Hermanos: Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o
beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para glo-
ria de Dios.

No den motivo de escándalo ni a los judíos, ni a los
paganos, ni a la comunidad cristiana. Por mi parte, yo
procuro dar gusto a todos en todo, sin buscar mi pro-
pio interés, sino el de los demás, para que se salven.

Sean, pues, imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cris-
to.

Adultos: Como la contemplacion de todos los dias,
las tareae mundano son consideradas una manera
de glorificar a Dios?

Niños: Como es que escuchando a tus padres, hacer
tu tareas, o aunque sea sacando la basura trae gloria
a Dios?

The Church obliges us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The Church also asks us to adopt an additional practice of our own. Many people (try to) give up something particular throughout Lent. This works for some people, but it may not work for everyone. I suggest testing your practice by asking yourself two questions: 1) Is giving it up a real sacrifice? 2) Does giving it up make me virtuous even after I not stop giving it up? If you cannot answer "yes" to at least one of the questions, then it's time to look for a new practice.

For the "weekdays of Lent, [the US Bishops] strongly recommend participation in daily Mass." In our parish, Mass is offered on weekdays at 7 AM and 5:15 PM at Our Lady Star of the Sea and, during Lent only, at 12 noon at St. Nicholas of Tolentine. The bishops "also recommend spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures."

On Wednesdays from 6-7 PM in Quaremba Hall, I offer a Bible study.

The bishops also remind that our Lenten practices should heighten our awareness of others' needs. "Let us witness to our love and imitation of Christ, by special solicitude for the sick, the poor, the underprivileged, the imprisoned, the bedridden, the discouraged, the stranger, the lonely, and persons of other color, nationalities, or backgrounds than our own. A catalogue of not merely suggested but required good works under these headings is provided by Our Blessed Lord Himself in His description of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:34-40). This salutary word of the Lord is necessary for all the year, but should be heeded with double care during Lent."

Fr. Jon Thomas

Pastor, Parish of Saint Monica

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

Rally for Immigrant Justice to Fight to make Atlantic City a Fair and Welcome City for Immigrants

When: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea (Gymnasium)

Holy Spirit High School's "Salute to Spartans"

When: Friday, February 23, 2018
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Tropicana Hotel & Casion, Atlantic City, NJ
Include: A welcome reception, followed by dinner, silent and live auctions, Hall of Fame Inductions, and dancing to legendary sounds of The Kenny I Band.

Diocese of Camden - CAP 1 & 3 Training For Employees and Volunteers

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

NJCFC 3rd Annual Job Help and Financial Fitness Expo

When: Thursday, February 28, 2018
Time: 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Where: Bally's Hotel & Casion, Atlantic City, NJ
Contact: Steven Drulis (732)735-4960
Please register at www.njcfc.org
Include: Financial Aid is available to qualified individuals for housing and rental assistance; and advice for home mortgage forecloses and attorney assistance.

Atlantic City Gateway Career Fair

When: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Time: 10:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Where: Atlantic City Convention Center
Room 411 & 412

De Colores is Celebrating 50 years of Cursillo

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: Christ the Good Farmer Church, 1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland, NJ
Contact: Val Vassallo (856)697-1064
tmvplu@comcast.net
Tickets: \$20.00 pp (BYOB)

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 3 - FEB. 4

OFFERTORY	\$15,887.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$230.00
CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK	\$3,553.00

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 *Catholic School Week 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

During February which is the month we celebrate black history; Saint Monica parish has always brought interesting activities to the parish. Activities such as honoring local blacks that were the first in their profession, or parishioners that had made history themselves. This year is no exception. On Sunday, February 25th we will be hosting Atlantic City's African American Historian, Ralph Hunter. Ralph Hunter has spent much of his life, and just about every penny he's ever made, collecting little things that say a great deal about some of the biggest things that have happened in this country. Things like a simple program of only a few pages listing the schedule of speakers at the March on Washington nearly 45 years ago. Among the speakers, Hunter had heard that day, when he and his father joined 250,000 others in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial was Martin Luther King Jr. Ralph Hunter, co-founded and directs the nonprofit African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey in the Newtonville section of Buena Vista Township. Hunter opened it 11 years ago with his private collection of African-American memorabilia, and the nonprofit has added to the collection throughout the years. When asking if he was still adding to his collection, Mr. Hunter responded, "Yes, When I first started the (museum from my personal collection), it was only about 3,000 pieces. Now we have 11,000 to 14,000 pieces". Mr. Hunter reveals he is delighted to be part of Black History Month, but he believes black history is 365 days a year. "It's not black history, it's American history. We're all part of what happened. We made this melting pot work for all of us". Everyone is invited to join us at *Quaremba Hall* from 1 – 3 PM. To share information of interest please send to: bmwhitetoole@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Give God Glory
"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your Stewardship. Where does God rank in your life? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself if I am doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

That everything we do in our Stewardship is for the glory of God. For teachers entrusted to enlighten the minds of Teens and Young Adults, 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

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Lunes a Jueves 10:30am - 3pm

Maria Isabel Duran, Directora

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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

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

Protesta por la Justicia de los Inmigrantes

Para hacer de Atlantic City una ciudad justa y acogedora

Jueves, 22 de Febrero de 6 PM a 9 PM

Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar (Gymnasio)

15 N. California Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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.

ORACION DE LOS ESTUDIANTES DEL CCD

I send my prayers to all of the Eagles to win Super Bowl and for all of my family to be safe. Amen. *De parte del estudiante Edwin Feria-Serna.*

STEWARSHIP

6° domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"**Hermanos y hermanas, ya sea que coman o beban, o lo que sea que hagan, hagan todo para la gloria de Dios.**"

1 CORINTIOS 10:31

Haga una revisión rápida de sus prioridades. ¿Dónde se ubica Dios en esa lista? Si Él no es el primero, tienes trabajo que hacer. Poner a Dios primero en todo nos ayuda a poner otros "dioses" (como nuestro orgullo y ego, dinero y posesiones, por nombrar algunos) ante Dios. Antes de tomar una decisión, pregúntate: ¿voy a hacerlo por la gloria de Dios o por la gloria mía?

Para que todo lo que hagamos sea para la gloria de Dios.

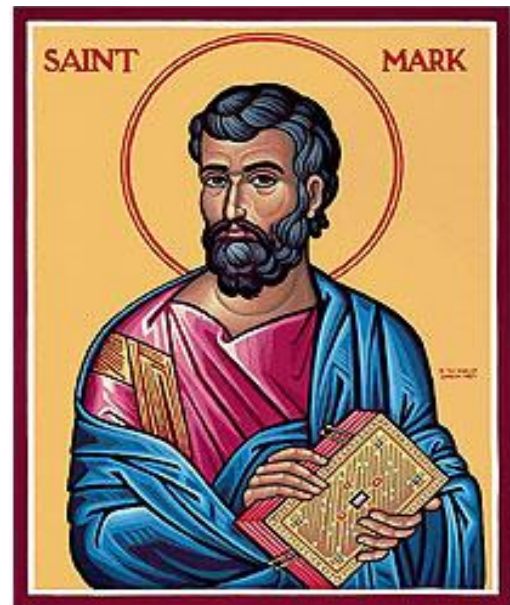
Mass Intentions for the Week - February 11, 2018

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb. 10	8:00	Dennis Tuohy/ Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		4:15	George Pavlidies/ Carol Val-Dee
		7:00	Francisco Guzman/Ofrece su Familia
Sunday	Feb. 11	7:30	Rolla Shick (Healing)/ Peggy & Donald
		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. Bân xin
Monday	Feb. 12	7:00	John Palmentieri/ Joe Formica
		5:15	Natividad & Susan N. Po/ Teresa & Joel
		7:00	Helen Rosenbaum/ Pavese Family
Tuesday	Feb. 13	5:15	John Palmentieri/ Pavese Family
		7:00	Daniel J. & Florence M. Fritz/ Peggy, Trisha & Dan
Wednesday	Feb. 14	9:00	Catherine and Don Nicita (Living)/ Robert Melito
		5:15	Al Bigler/ The Bigler Family
		7:00	Miguel Zelidon/ Ofrece su Familia
Thursday	Feb. 15	7:00	Lindsay Schwab/ Maureen & Frank Previti
		5:15	Louis A. Chanese/ Mark & Donna Fisher
		6:30	Mariana Vallejos/ Ofrece su Familia
Friday	Feb. 16	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy/ Liddy Family
		9:00	Dolores Columbo (Decease)/ Robert Melito
		5:15	Mass for the People
Saturday	Feb. 17	7:00	Renne Herrera/Ofrece su Familia
		8:00	Helen Kaczorowski/ Daughter Grace
		4:15	Sara Persenda/ Rose Mary Kaukeano
Sunday	Feb. 18	7:00	Humberto Manrique Zambra- na/ Jorge Manrique
		7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Alice D'Amico/ Craig Argus
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Kristin Costabile/ John, Eileen, Denise & Frank
		2:30	David Rodriguez/ Ofrece su Familia
6:30	LH Luca/ Ô.B. Bân xin		

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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
Monday	Feb. 12	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Feb. 13	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Feb. 14	8:00	Fidel & Juanita Montemayor
		12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Feb. 15	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Feb. 16	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family Theresa Nolan
Saturday	Feb. 17	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Feb. 18	8:45	Joseph Szolack Sr. / Ray & Barbara Sands
		10:30	James Patrick & Mary Theresa Burke
		12:00	Madeline Hopper & Family



St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Mar. 4	10:00	Jack Iaconelli (D) / John & Natalie Iaconelli