Twelve sisters from five different religious orders live or minister in Atlantic City. They were recently honored with a luncheon at Quaremba Hall on the World Day for Consecrated Life.

**Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 20**
Vietnamese New Year Celebration
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018
- 6:30 PM
- Memorial Hall
- All are invited

**Feb. 21**
Bible Study on Prayer
- 6 PM at Quaremba Hall
- Continues on Feb 28 and Mar 7
- Led by Fr. Jon

**Feb. 23**
Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent
- 4:45 PM before Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
- After 12 Noon mass at St. Nicholas Church

**Contact Information**

Parish of Saint Monica • 2651 Atlantic Avenue • Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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
SAFETY CLOAKING 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

The three OLSS basketball teams saw wins this season, competing against neighboring Catholic schools. The season ended Feb. 7 vs. St. Vincent de Paul School.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as Stars of the Month for January: Valentina Franco, Maya Sandoval, Amira Washington, Amir Washington, Kenneth Tran, Vien Phan, Sophia Damayo, Teresa Pham, Kimberly Rodriguez, Bill Nguyen for displaying self-control and Neil Behl, Liam Do, Yahir Franco, Sarahi Nunez, Daniel Tran, Nicholas Damian, Dana Dinh, James Davis for their efforts in Social Studies.

CONGRATULATIONS: And thank you to Jessica Giordano, Ahnjeles Maldonado, Joselyn McDevitt and Cassidy Ross for representing OLSS School at the annual Math Counts Competition held at Rowan University on Saturday, February 3. They were accompanied by their moderator, Sister Christine and had a wonderful experience showcasing their mathematical prowess.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Sister Shamus Walk for Education will be held on Saturday, April 28. More details to come. Please visit us on facebook (our lady star of the sea school acnj) and call for a tour: 345-0648.

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.

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Rev. Fernando Carmona
Parochial Vicar
Rev. Robert Matysik
Hospital Chaplain
Joan Parker
Business Manager
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Religious Education Coordinator
Erick Duran
Facilities Manager
John Mooney
Outreach Director
Kathleen Given
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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
Mark 1:12-15
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

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."

Adults: What does the word "repent" signify to you? In which areas of your life can you make some positive changes?

Children: What can you do during Lent to become closer to God?

Palabra de Vida
San 1:12-15
En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás.

Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían.

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía:

"Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepíéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

Adultos: Que significa la palabra "arrepentirse" para ti? En que area de tu vida podrías hacer cambios positivos?

Niños: Que tu podrías hacer durante la "temporada prestada" para acercarte a Dios?

Parishioner Highlights
"...If one member is honored, all rejoice together"
(1 Corinthians 12:26)
Parishioner Paula Geletei, City Clerk, has been sworn in as Secretary to the League of Municipalities, Atlantic County. Paula is also secretary of the parish's Pastoral Council. Congratulations, Paula!
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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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 homeless.
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.

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)

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

NJCFE 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 & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
Contact: Steven Drulis (732)735-4960
Please register at www.njcfec.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 Planning & Development Update
When: Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Time: 12:00 Noon
Where: City Council Chambers
Presentation: The Growth, Beautification and Development of Tennessee Avenue, featuring a group of entrepreneurs who plan to transform Tennessee Avenue.

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal
When: Saturday, March 3, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Where: St. Michael Church
Include: Mass, a talk by a Franciscan Friar, adoration, confessions, music, rosary, healing service and benediction. Bring your own lunch.

Atlantic City Chapter of UNICO and St. Michael's Church present St. Joseph's Day Pasta Dinner
When: Sunday, March 4, 2018
Time: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
Where: Quaremba Hall
Tickets: $10.00 adult / $5 children (Ages 2-12)
BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 3 - FEB. 4
OFFERTORY ......................... $12,004.00
BUDGET ..................... $12,506.00
POOR BOX ......................... $419.00

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.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

While many Americans will remember that February is Black History Month, some aspects of the African American story often go unnoticed. Our contribution this week will be the unsung Black Catholic Women in U.S. history. Every year, Black History Month offers a reminder how much the present is interconnected with the past. At the start of the 19th century, women became the first representatives of the African American community to enter religious life. Between 1824 and 1922, African American women organized at least eight historically Black and Afro-Creole orders, of which three are still in existence. Black women desiring to serve a life devoted to the Catholic faith were not welcomed by religious communities with anti-black acceptance requirements from the early 19th century to the middle of the 20th century, said historian Shannen Dee Williams, in her book “Subversive Habits: Black Nuns and the long struggle to Desegregate Catholic America.” This was the subject of her doctoral dissertation at Rutgers University. In addition to educating 10 of the nation’s first 23 black priests, black sisters desegregated several Catholic colleges and universities, including Saint Louis University, Villanova University, and the Catholic University of America. Black Catholic women’s sufferings and triumphs stand as a searing testament to the enduring faith of the African American Catholic community in the face of bigotry and exclusion. Their stories should inspire all Catholics and be celebrated as Catholic history. A Black History Challenge for everyone. Invite someone to worship with you next Sunday to enjoy the spirit of the Lord here at Our Parish of Saint Monica, and then, escort them to our Black History presentation in Quarembo Hall from 1–3 PM (Send information of interest to bmwhitetoole@aol.com)

STEWARDSHIP

1st Sunday of Lent Stewardship Trust

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God….‘ - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of Stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us. That we as Christian Stewards may place our lives in God’s hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us. For our Teens and Young Adults, that they will have the courage to face the world as it really is, while never losing faith in what men and women can be. We pray to the Lord...

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If this year, 2018, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more.

Please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on Sunday, June 10, 2018

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
500 Greentree Road
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Registration forms are available through your local parish. Deadline is May 18, 2018.

For more information please contact your parish office.

Stardust Winners
February 10, 2018
#349 - Charles Smith, EHT, NJ - $3,000
#65 - Hugh Gallagher, Margate, NJ - $500
#54 - Marian Fink, Mullica Hill, NJ - $500
#107 - Francis Allebaugh, Egg Harbor, NJ - $500
#806 - Mr. & Mrs. V. Desiderio, Secane, PA - $500
Horarios de Atención Oficina Hispana
Martes, Miércoles y Jueves .......... 10am - 2pm
Viernes .................................. 11am - 2pm
Secretaria Laura Espanza
609-345-1878 ext.19 lesparza@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

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

Misa Diocesana de Aniversario Matrimonial

Si usted está celebrando su aniversario matrimonial número 25, 50, 60, 70 o más durante este año.

Acompañenos a celebrar la Misa con el Obispo Dennis Sullivan el Domingo, 10 de junio del 2018 a las 3:00pm

(Tendremos un compartir sencillo después de la celebración en el salón parroquial)
Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
500 Greentree Road
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles a través de su parroquia local.
La fecha límite es el 18 de mayo del 2018. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con la oficina de su parroquia.

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

INFOMACION PARA LA CONFIRMACION 2018

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

*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 día de la practica en un subre que diga "Confirmacion Gown". Nombre, medida y grado. Para entregarle su vestimenta exclusiva para usted.

ORACION DE LOS ESTUDIANTES DEL CCD

I love God and everything he has done for me and my family. Amen. De parte de la estudiante Mitzy Velazquez.

STEWARSHIP

Primer domingo de Cuaresma

"Después de que Juan había sido arrestado, Jesús vino a Galilea proclamando el evangelio de Dios..."

MARCOS 1:14

¿Alguna vez pensaste en lo dificil que debe haber sido para Jesús entrar a Galilea, sabiendo que Juan acababa de ser arrestado por enseñar el mismo mensaje que Jesús estaba proclamando? A Jesús le debe haber requerido gran amor y confianza para hacer lo que el Padre le había enviado a hacer aquí en la tierra. De la misma manera, seguir una vida de corresponsabilidad requiere gran amor y confianza. Debemos estar dispuestos a rendirnos por completo a Dios, confiando en que Dios siempre nos dará todo lo que necesitamos para cumplir Su plan para nosotros. Para que podamos poner nuestras vidas en las manos de Dios y tener la fortaleza para llevar a cabo su plan único para cada uno de nosotros.
**Mass Intentions for the Week - February 18, 2018**

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*We hear of God’s relationship with Noah and his family. God says, “I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you.”*
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.