



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.

March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saint Patrick's day parade



Students, friends and parishioners marched in this year's Saint Patrick's Day parade on the Atlantic City Boardwalk

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 DURING LENT

- Mon. - Fri.** 12:00 PM

Saint Michael's Church 10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

- First Sunday of the Month**
10:00 AM
Sunday, April 1, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Mar. 21</p> <p>Bible Study on Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-schedule due to storm • 6:00 PM at Quaremba Hall • Final night • Led by Fr. Jon 	<p>Mar. 26</p> <p>Penance Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest preacher Msgr. Pokusa • Msgr. Pokusa appointed by pope "Missionary of Mercy" • 7:00 PM at Quaremba Hall 	<p>Mar. 27</p> <p>Perfectly Yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up to the book • 6:30 PM at Quaremba Hall • Presented by Chris Filiciello and Blanche Toole
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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 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

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 7:00 -8:00 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 Varsity Boys Basketball team finished second in the Cape Atlantic League.

CHAMPIONSHIP: The boy's varsity basketball team coached by Mr. Bill Parker competed in the Cape Atlantic League Championship and was runner up to St. Joseph School. The team of John Bulthuis, James Davis, Jahqir Haley, Jaedin Manning, Robert McDevitt, Isidro Molina, Bill Nguyen, Casey Nguyen, Ary Terrones, and Ja'Shynne Wright celebrated the culmination of a very successful season.

STARS OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as Stars of the Month for February: Alaina Do, Christopher Nunez, Liam Do, Mellisa Corvera, Yailene Blanco, Matthew Tran, Dakarai Spencer, Paloma Medina, Victoria Orengo for displaying extra special kindness and Scarlett Garcia, Emma Sandoval, Le Nguyen, Sarahi Nunez, Alexa Velasquez, Jason Dinh, Franklin Ngo, Claire Kelly, Navaro Bernard for their efforts in Science.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Sister Shamus Walk for Education will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. More details will be available soon. 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
Environment Coordinator

Laura Esparza
Asst. for Hispanic Ministry

Henry Porvaznik
Asst. for Special Projects

CONTACT

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609-345-1878

RELIGIOUS ED
609-345-1878 Ext-24

SCHOOL
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*

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

Adults:

How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help?

Children:

When dad or mom asked you for help, what was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask "Why me?"

Quinto domingo de Cuaresma, Ciclo B

Domingo, 18 de Marzo de 2018

Lectura del Evangelio

Juan 12: 20-33

Jesús enseña a sus discípulos sobre la forma en que Dios lo glorificará, y se escucha una voz del cielo para afirmar esta enseñanza.

La vida familiar a menudo es un acto de equilibrio en el que priorizamos y atendemos a una variedad de necesidades competitivas. Aprendemos el valor de anteponer las necesidades de los demás a las nuestras. En la vida familiar también aprendemos que cuando hacemos sacrificios personales para servir a los demás, ganamos mucho más de lo que podríamos haber perdido.

Adultos:

¿Cómo crees que Jesús querría que respondamos cuando alguien de nuestra familia pide ayuda?

Niños:

¿Cuándo papá o mamá algunas vez te piden ayuda, ¿cuál es tu respuesta? ¿Trataste alegremente de honrar la solicitud, o preguntaste "¿Por qué a mí?"

Lent Penance Service

Monday, March 26 at 7 PM

Every Advent and Lent, the parish has a "penance service" in English. A penance service is a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. Don't worry - it doesn't mean everyone confesses their sins publicly! It begins with a liturgy of the Word, the same format for the first half of Mass: a hymn, a couple of readings, a homily. Next the celebrant leads everyone in the examination of conscience, basically a series of questions to help everyone recall their sins. Finally, everyone has the opportunity to a priest of their choice for individual confession and absolution.

Because there will be several priests on hand, it's best to go to confession at the penance service. Near the end of Lent, many of us wish to fulfill our obligation of confession at least once a year. This means long lines on Saturday afternoons when only one priest is available. Please consider coming to the penance service instead. I believe it will also be a richer experience of God's mercy for you.

This year, we will have a special preacher, Monsignor Joseph Pokusa. Msgr. Pokusa recently concluded an assignment at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, DC. In 2016, Msgr. was appointed a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis. He is charged with preaching God's mercy and has the authority to forgive sins reserved to the pope (particularly serious sins that are not in the average priest's authority to absolve).

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 MARCH 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

Diocese of Camden - CAP 1

For Employees and Volunteers

CAP 1 Session:

When: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Paul VI High School (Cafeteria)
901 Hopkins Rd. Haddonfield, NJ

5th Annual Diocese of Camden Faithful Food Drive

When: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Time: AFTER EVERY MASS

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and
St. Nicholas Church.

Collecting: Proteins (Canned meat like: tuna fish, chicken, soup, beans, chili, beef stew and peanut butter).
Fruits & Vegetables (Canned Vegetables like: vegetables juice, tomato products, any vegetables and fruit, apple sauce and fruit juice).

Volunteers Help Need it for Holy Thursday

When: Thursday, March 29, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea

Contact: Kitty Given at 609-345-1878 - Ext. 10

Chrism Mass by Bishop Sullivan

When: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Time: 4:00 PM

Where: St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish
Blackwood, NJ

Breavement Ministry Training (Five sessions)

When: Thursday Nights, April 5, 12, 19, 26 and
May 3, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: St. Joachim Social Hall
605 West Browning Rd, Bellmawr, NJ 08031
Contact: Colleen Mayhew at (856)583-2903 or email
colleen.mayhew@camdendiocese.org

The Knights of Columbus has now OPENED its membership benefits

Offer: Help your family and strengthen your Catholic Life

Contact: Philip D. Pfaffman (609)335-7829 cell
(609)652-3057

The Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts is offering Religious Gifts for first Communion and Confirmation

Hours: Mon. - Thu. from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: 2249 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ

Contact: (609)927-5600

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAR. 10 - MAR. 11

OFFERTORY	\$13,471.00
BUDGET	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX	\$682.00

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

March 10, 2018

#803 - Kathleen McCloskey, Collingswood, NJ - \$3,000

#525 - Al Longmore, Ventnor, NJ - \$500

#815 - Jordan Crabtree, Lafayette Hill, PA - \$500

#410 - Elizabeth Freund, Absecon, NJ - \$500

#161 - Suzanne Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA - \$500

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

27th Annual Afternoon of Jazz, Plus: Sponsored by the Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Ministry to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Dinner & Dancing, Sunday, April 22, 2018. Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. For tickets, Contact: BCMC members Stephen Williams at (856) 404-9471 or Stephen.Williams@drba.net or James Andrews at (856) 583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org

One Kind Act A Month: (Help for the Homeless) The organizers ask that you bring 5-10 bags of food (brown paper bag lunches) and toiletries to hand out to homeless people. Most people make turkey sandwiches or peanut butter jelly sandwiches and bag chips. Travel size toiletries are always very popular. If you can bring soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste that would be a huge help. If you don't want to hand out food, clothing, and toiletries with us but would like to donate food, clothing, toiletries, and bottles of waters we'll be there from 12 pm to 1:00 pm so you can drop your items off. Your donation would mean a lot to someone in need. We'll be at this location handing out food, clothing, and toiletries. We encourage you to tell your neighbors, family, and friends about the event. This is a free public event, come out with us. Do one kind act a month, if we all come together we can have a huge impact on a homeless community. Always on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Noon. Location: 10 Renaissance Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 (in front of SAVE A LOT) Renita Harold and Dawn McNulty - www.onekindactamonth.com. Any questions please call Renita: 856-842-6155 or Dawn McNulty: 609-836-2678 (Send Information of interest to bmwhitetoole@aol.com)

STEWARDSHIP

March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent Stewardship of Gifts

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us. That, as Christian Stewards, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others. May the wisdom of the Church's teachings inspire all Teens and Young Adults to work for greater justice on earth. 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.

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 hablarán" – Hechos 2,4

Misa Diocesana de Aniversario Matrimonial

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

Acompáñenos 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.

CONFIRMACION / CONFIRMATION 2018

Español

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

***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" con su nombre, medida y grado.

English

***Confirmation for St. Monica** is May 1, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

***The cost for the Confirmation Gown is \$25.00.** Kindly bring the payment to the Rehearsal in an envelop marked "Confirmation Gown" with your name, size, and grade.

Primera Comunión/ First Communion

*Sabado, Abril 14, 2018 a las 12:30 PM - Spanish

Practica de Primera Comunión en Español - Sabado, Abril 7, 2018 de 12:00 PM a 1:00 PM en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar.

*Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 3:30 PM - English

First Holy Communion Practice for the English Mass - Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

STEWARSHIP

18 de marzo de 2018

5º domingo de Cuaresma

"Seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo". JEREMÍAS 31:33

¿Qué significa ser el pueblo de Dios? Significa que reconocemos que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos le pertenece a Dios. No somos "dueños" de nada, somos simplemente "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Significa que estamos dispuestos a usar nuestros dones y nuestras vidas para cuidar a nuestros vecinos y al mundo, así como Dios se preocupa por nosotros.

Para que, como pueblo elegido de Dios, podemos aceptar y seguir el plan de Dios para compartir generosamente nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro con otros.

Mass Intentions for the Week - March 18, 2018

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar. 17	8:00	McGettigan, Hodge, Tuohy Family/Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		4:15	James McGettigan/Rosemary & Mary Ellen Maguire
		7:00	
Sunday	Mar. 18	7:30	Michele Klein(Healing)/ Robert Melito
		9:00	John Palmenteri/Chelsea Neighborhood Association
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Rosalie Kirkland-Collind/ Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	
		6:30	LH Maria Goretti/ Gia Đình xin
Monday	Mar. 19	7:00	
		5:15	
Tuesday	Mar. 20	7:00	
		5:15	
Wednesday	Mar. 21	7:00	
		5:15	Margaret Sweeney(Healing)/ George Waters
Thursday	Mar. 22	7:00	
		7:00	
		5:15	
Friday	Mar. 23	6:30	
		7:00	
		5:15	
Saturday	Mar. 24	7:00	
		8:00	Candida C. Yazar/Rosario Mojica
		4:15	Louis Chanese/Domino Ladies
Sunday	Mar. 25	7:00	
		7:30	Mary Caso/Joseph & Virginia Lautato
		9:00	Michael V. Pavese/ Pavese Family
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Barbara Barts/ Maryanne & Marilyn
		2:30	
		6:30	LH Maria/ GD Bà Nhi xin

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Mar. 17	4:00	Blanche Devissner/ Christine & Cosmo Sette
Sunday	Mar. 18	8:45	Holy Souls in Purgatory Barbara (Beckett) Posett/ Ray & Barbara Sands.
		10:30	Madeline Hopper & Family Claire R. Shea/ Jack Imfeld
		12:00	"Big Mike" Henry/ Marge
Monday	Mar. 19	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Mar. 20	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Medaline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Mar. 21	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Mar. 22	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Living & Deceased Members of the Burke & Cox Families/ Joseph Formica
Friday	Mar. 23	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory Medaline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Mar. 24	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Mar. 25	8:45	Madeline Hopper & Family
		10:30	Deceased Members of the McDermott Family
		12:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak



CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Apr. 1	10:00	Sara Persenda/ Toni & Ricciaidi & Ricky

"We pray that you watch over us and guide us as we invigorate our parishes and leadership, rise our public image, embrace our diversity, and continue to serve Your mission on Earth."
"Father, bless our campaign and send forth your Holy Spirit so that we will be for years to come **CATHOLIC STRONG.**"
Amen.