Easter Basket Distribution

Children spend time coloring while waiting for the Easter Bunny and their gifts. Thank you to all of our generous donors and amazing volunteers that made our Easter Basket Distribution a success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 31
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
- 8:00 PM at OLSS Church - English
- 8:00 PM at St. Michael's Church - Spanish

Apr. 07
First Holy Communion Practice
- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - English
- 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM - Spanish
- At OLSS Church

Apr. 14
First Holy Communion
- 12:30 PM - Spanish
- 3:30 PM - English
- At OLSS Church

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School • 15 North California Avenue • 609-345-0648
Catholic Charities • 9 North Georgia Avenue • 609-345-3448
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 8th grade at OLSS reenacted the Stations of the Cross for students and the public on March 27.

The Students, Faculty, and Staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School wish our school families and our parishioners a most holy and joyous Easter. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make to ensure that Catholic Education endures and for this we keep you in our prayers.

SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER: On Holy Tuesday the eighth grade class with the help of Sister Christine gave the students in OLSS School a wonderful gift. Solemnly and prayerfully they enacted the Living Stations of the Cross, an annual tradition they look forward to preparing. The impact on the students participating and the audience was incredible and set the stage beautifully for the observance of Holy Week and Easter. To continue the observance of Holy Week, grades K-4 learned more about the story of the Passion and Resurrection through “Holy Week in a Box” and grades 5-8 experienced the Jewish tradition of the Seder Meal.

SAVE THE DATE: We hope you will support the Annual Sister Shamus Walk on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 8 am in Memorial Hall (the school gym). We invite all parishioners to join us. Sign up for the walk by visiting the facebook page: our lady star of the sea school acnj. Classes resume Monday, April 9th following Easter break.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.
John 20:1-9  Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today begins the Easter Season, the 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. The Easter Gospel tells about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. Mary Magdala is said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Adults:
Is the resurrection of our Lord a difficult fact to believe? Have you ever had someone tell you that this is a hard fact for them to believe? If so, how have you helped them?

Children:
If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think?

Responsorial Psalm PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.
R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
R. Alleluia.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
R. Alleluia.
"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
R. Alleluia.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
R. Alleluia.

Semana Santa el domingo de la resurrección del Señor. John 20:1-9  María de Magdala se encuentra que la piedra ha sido removida de la tumba de Jesús.

Hoy comienza la temporada de semana Santa, la meditación de 50 días en el misterio de la resurrección de Cristo. El Evangelio de la Pascua habla de cómo los discípulos encontraron la tumba vacía tres días después de la muerte de Jesús. Mary Magdala se dice haber observado que la piedra que había sellado la tumba había sido trasladada, y ella corre a Simon Peter alert y el discípulo amado. Su declaración les está diciendo. Ella asume que ha sido removido cuerpo de Jesús, tal vez robado. Ella no considera que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos.

Adultos:
¿Es la resurrección de nuestro Señor un hecho difícil de creer? ¿Ha tenido alguien dirá que esto es un hecho difícil para ellos creer? Si es así, ¿cómo se les ha ayudado a?

Niños:
Si hubiera estado entre los primeros discípulos que escucharon que la piedra había sido quitada de la tumba de Jesús y que cuerpo de Jesús ya no estaba allí, ¿qué pensarias?

Salmo Responsorial 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23.
Te damos gracias, Señor, porque eres bueno, porque tu misericordia es eterna.
Diga la casa de Israel: "Su misericordia es eterna."
R. Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya.
La diestra del Señor es poderosa, la diestra del Señor es nuestro orgullo.
No morirá, continué viviendo para contar lo que el Señor ha hecho.
R. Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya.
La piedra que desecharon los constructores es ahora la piedra angular.
Esto es obra de la mano del Señor, es un milagro patente.
R. Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya.
**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 APRIL 16, 2018**

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**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 homelessness.

For more information and a full list of services, please visit: [http://catholiccharitiescamden.org](http://catholiccharitiescamden.org) or call 609-345-3448.

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**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.

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**Join Us**

**Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal Invite all young women to Handmaids Women's Prayer Night**

**When:** Friday, April 6, 2018
**Time:** 7:00 PM
**Where:** St. Michael's Convent

**Include:** Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, music, meditation, rosary, and benediction.

**R.S.V.P:** Please call (609)343-1545

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**Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal**

**When:** Saturday, April 7, 2018
**Time:** 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
**Where:** St. Michael Church

**Include:** Mass, a talk by a Franciscan Friar, lunch, adoration, confessions, music, rosary, eucharistic healing service and benediction.

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**The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 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

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**Bereavement 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 (856)583-2903 or email colleen.mayhew@camdendiocese.org

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**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

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**Catholic Charities' Addiction Healing & Healing Ministry will be presenting: Understanding the Spiritual Disease of Addiction and the Opioid Epidemic.**

**When:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018
**Time:** 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
**Where:** St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Northfield
**Contact:** Claudia Costa at 609-646-5611

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BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAR. 24 - MAR. 25
OFFERTORY ................................................. $16,952.00
BUDGET ....................................................... $12,506.00
POOR BOX ..................................................... $351.00

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://acatholic.org/how-you-can-help/66-giving-opportunities-01
Of course you can still call the office and mail in your donations.

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.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Commemorating Dr. King’s Legacy
On April 3-5, 2018 The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and our partners will gather in Washington, D.C. for a historic event to launch its Truth and Racial Justice Initiative.
As we mark 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, we will commit to doing our part to eradicate the entrenched racism that grips the United States and paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal.
Issuing a call to action; It’s time to finish the work. Join us in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND BELIEFS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
(Send information of interest to bmwhitetoole@aol.com)

STEERIoshiatnship

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday - Stewards think Above
“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” - COLOSSIANS 3:2
On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! As Stewards we need to pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan. That our Easter celebration will help Stewards to become more grateful and willing to make sacrifices to help build God’s kingdom on earth. For Christian athletes who are looked upon as models for our Teens and Young Adults, we pray to the Lord…

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous donors and amazing volunteers that made our Easter Basket Distribution 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!

SPONSORSHIPS FOR NAVY JUNIOR ROTC WINNERS

A couple of our parishioners and 4:15 PM Saturday altar servers have once again won the right to attend the Navy Junior ROTC Nationals in Pensacola, Florida in early April. Congratulations to Cadets Daniel and Jimmy Luong from ACHS! Besides the altar, you may have seen them at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on the Boardwalk - in uniform and marching with precision!
Unfortunately, their unit receives virtually no money from the school or county. Therefore, they are in need of sponsorships to offset the usual expenses of drill competitions, field trips, etc. plus the expense of attending Nationals in Florida next month. Any donations and all amounts are welcome. If you are making a donation by check, please make the check out to ACHS NJROTC Booster Club. You can hand donations to Daniel and Jimmy at the 4:15 Mass or drop it off at the parish office.
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

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

CONFIRMACION / CONFIRMATION 2018

*Confirmación de Saint Monica es Martes, Mayo 1, 2018 a las 5:00 PM.
*Practica para Confirmacion con Padrinos - Abril 21, 2018 de 9:00 AM a 12:00 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.
*Rehearsal for confirmation with Sponsor is April 21, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 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 Comunion/ First Communion
*Sábado, Abril 14, 2018 a las 12:30 PM - Spanish
Practica de Primera Comunion en Español - Sábado, Abril 7, 2018 de 10:00 AM a 11:30 AM en Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

STEWARSHIP

Primero de abril del 2018
Domingo de Pascua
"Creo que de lo que es arriba, no de lo que está en la tierra." - Colosenses 3:2
En este día damos gracias a Dios por su hijo, Jesús, que murió y se levantó para nosotros. Celebramos y cantar "Alleluya." Vamos a intentar mantener la alegría de esta Pascua en nuestros corazones durante todo el año! Como administradores tenemos que orar diariamente y escuchar cómo él está llamando a cada uno de nosotros con alegría utilizar nuestros dones para cumplir su plan de salvación. Que nuestra celebración de Pascua ayudará a administradores para ser más agradecidos y dispuestos a hacer sacrificios para ayudar a construir Dios’s Reino en la tierra. Para los atletas cristianos que son vistos como modelos para nuestros adolescentes y adultos jóvenes, rogues al Señor...
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"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.