



# Parish of Saint Monica

Atlantic City, NJ



The Parish of Saint Monica serves all of Atlantic City. It includes the churches of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, and St. Michael's.

**April 22, 2018** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## First Communion



Congratulations to all of our children for their First Communion on Saturday, April 14 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. A special thank you to our catechists and volunteers that made this happen.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
2651 ATLANTIC AVENUE

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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|-----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b> | 8:00 AM, 4:15 PM<br>7:00 PM (Spanish)   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM<br>10:30 AM (Spanish)<br>12:00 Noon<br>2:30 PM (Spanish)<br>6:30 PM (Vietnamese) |

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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| <b>Mon. - Fri.</b> | 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 7:00 PM (Spanish) |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | 6:30 PM (Spanish) |
| <b>Friday</b>      | 7:00 PM (Spanish) |

**Saint Nicholas of Tolentine**  
1409 PACIFIC AVENUE

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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| <b>Saturday</b> | 4:00 PM   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 8:45 AM (Traditional Latin)<br>10:30 AM<br>12:00 Noon |

### DAILY MASS

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| <b>Mon. - Fri.</b> | 8:00 AM |
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**Saint Michael's Church**  
10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

**First Sunday of the Month**  
10:00 AM  
**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Apr. 22**

**Filipino (Tagalog) Mass**

- 4:30 PM
- OLSS Church

**Apr. 28**

**Sister Shamus Walk - Official dedication of Sister Shamus Way**

- Registration and complimentary breakfast starts at 7:30 AM
- OLSS Memorial Hall

**May. 01**

**Confirmation**

- 4:30 PM first service
- 6:30 PM second service
- OLSS 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

# 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.”**

## 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



Mrs. Eaton's fourth grade had a field trip to the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia on April 13. The trip is the culmination of this year's art classes.

## PLEASE READ AND TAKE ACTION:

Dear Friend of Catholic Schools,

When Governor Murphy's budget was released last month there were many cuts to vital services and we need to advocate for our students. The ceiling for nonpublic transportation has reverted back to \$884.00. We are asking, of course, that it be returned to the \$1000 we fought so hard for last year. Furthermore, the Governor's proposed 2019 budget cut 3.8 million dollars in total from nonpublic school aid, reducing it from \$101,603 million to \$97,803 million. The cuts were taken from Nursing Services and Technology Aid. So, we are also asking that nonpublic aid in these two categories to be restored at least to the level of funding received in FY 2018.

At this time, I am asking that you take the following actions:

Pass this along to as many of your friends and family as possible to log onto the NJ Catholic Conference Voter Voice system. This can be accessed at <https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/campaigns/58391/respond>. There you will find a template letter that can be signed and sent to the key members of the Senate and Assembly budget committees. Your help is essential and greatly appreciated.

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## 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

### RECTORY

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*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**John 10:11-18 Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

### **Adults:**

Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and gives us an example of how we are to care for others. How do you follow the example of Jesus by caring for others in ways that put their needs before your own?

### **Children:**

Think of ways you can care for others in your family, your school, or in your community.

## **Cuarto domingo de Pascua**

**Juan 10:11-18 Jesús dice que él es el buen pastor que conoce sus ovejas.**

El cuarto domingo de Pascua es también llamado a buen pastor el domingo.

Jesús describe su relación con sus seguidores como similar a la relación entre un buen pastor y sus ovejas. Como un buen pastor se riesgo y pone su vida para proteger a sus ovejas, Jesús voluntariamente se sacrifica por el bien de sus ovejas. Jesús contrastan las acciones del buen pastor con las acciones del pastor contratado que abandona las ovejas ante el peligro. En los versículos siguientes enseñanzas de Jesús, aprendemos que los fariseos y los otros líderes religiosos entienden que Jesús se refieren a ellos cuando describe los pastores contratados.

### **Adultos:**

Jesús dice que él es el buen pastor que da su vida por sus ovejas y nos da un ejemplo de como estamos para cuidar de otros. ¿Cómo sigues el ejemplo de Jesús por cuidar de otros en formas que ponen sus necesidades antes de su propia?

### **Niños:**

Pensar en maneras que usted puede cuidar a otros en su familia, su escuela, o en su comunidad.

## **Wednesday Evening Teaching**

**There is a Bible study or catechism class for adults every Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM in Quaremba Hall.**

These are convenient opportunities for you to learn more the Catholic faith on an adult level. The more we really know God, the more we love him! These are also golden opportunities for questioning Catholics and skeptics of all backgrounds to discover the beauty, wisdom, and logic of the Catholic faith.

This Wednesday: Catechism for adults with Fr. Jon

We'll pick up at paragraph 268 and learn about God as Father and Creator.



# How We Serve

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### FOOD PANTRY

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  
MAY 21, 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: 350

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

## City of Atlantic City - Final Hearing for the potential legalization of recreational use of Marijuana in NJ

**When:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
**Time:** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Where:** Second Baptist Church, 110 Rev. I.S. Cole Plaza

## Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 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.

## Speak up NOW against Physician Assisted Suicide in New Jersey.

Assembly Bill A1504 "Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act" (Commonly referred to as "Physician assisted Suicide") (sponsored by Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, who represents the 3rd Legislative District in South Jersey) has recently passed through the NJ State Assembly Judiciary Committee. This Bill has unfortunately gotten much support and has great potential to become law if passed by the Legislature, due to the Governor's office being receptive to sign such law.

Assembly Bill A1504 would permit people with terminal illnesses to take their own lives, making New Jersey one of seven states that have legalized the practice of physician assisted suicide. This practice leaves those suffering with depression, physical and mental disabilities, and those on the economic and social fringes most vulnerable and at risk to be the victims of this law. As Catholics we are called upon to advocate for and defend life in all its' stages – including the end of life - and preserve the rights and dignity of our most vulnerable citizens. We must speak up against Bill A1504 on medical, social, economic, and ethical grounds, in addition to the moral grounds on which we find this Bill unacceptable. Now is the time to contact your NJ state assemblymen, state senators and other elected officials, and voice your opposition to Assembly Bill A1504 – the legalization of "Physician Assisted Suicide". This Bill needs to be stopped NOW, before it goes any further.

### Please contact:

State Senator Chris Brown  
2021 New Rd., Suite 24, Linwood, NJ 08221  
(609) 677-8266

Assemblymen Vincent Mazzeo and John Armato  
2312 New Road, Northfield, NJ 08225  
(609) 383-1388

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR APR. 14 - APR. 15

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$14,428.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$12,506.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$374.00

### 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.

## DIOCESE OF CAMDEN CAP TRAINING

### For Employees and Volunteers

#### CAP Phase 1 Session:

**When:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Where:** St. Clare of Assisi  
140 Broad Street, Swedesboro

#### CAP Phase 3 Session:

**When:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Where:** Holy Family (Aquino Center)  
226 Hurffville Rd., Sewell

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

The Equal Justice Initiative will open America's first national memorial dedicated to victims of racial terror lynching and a new museum dedicated to slavery and its legacy on April 26, 2018, in Montgomery Alabama. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice will acknowledge an era of racial terror in the United States when thousands of African Americans were lynched and publicly tortured, sometimes in the presence of thousands of people. It will become the nation's first memorial dedicated to the The Equal Justice Institute's memorial will feature new sculptures from African and African American Artist that explore slavery, segregation, and contemporary issues of racial inequality. From April 26 – 29, The Equal Justice Initiative is expecting thousands of visitors to travel to Montgomery to celebrate the launch of these important new American Institutions. Tickets for admission to the museum and the memorial are now available at [museumandmemorial.eji.org](http://museumandmemorial.eji.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter Stewards Listen

**"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."**

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what he wants from you? How do Stewards listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response. That as Christian Stewards we take time in silent daily prayer to talk and listen to God. We ask God to watch over and bless all Teens and Young Adults from our parish. May their faith deepen wherever they venture this year. We pray to the Lord...

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" to all who donated to our Easter Flowers in Honor of or in Memory of a Loved One. Our Churches looked beautiful and your generosity made that possible. The following masses will memorialize all these loved ones: Sunday, April 29, 2018 at OLSS at 9:00 AM, Sunday, April 15, 2018 at St. Nicholas at 12:00 PM, and Sunday, May 6, 2018 at St. Michael's at 10:00 AM.

## DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

### IMMIGRATION AND THE LATINO COMMUNITY

**When:** Friday, May 4, 2018 (English)  
**Time:** From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Where:** St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
176 Stagecoach Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 2018 (Spanish)  
**Time:** From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Where:** John Paul II Retreat House  
Vineland, NJ

**Contact:** 856-583-6170  
[norma.guzman@camdendiocese.org](mailto:norma.guzman@camdendiocese.org)

# Ministerio Hispano

## 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

### Concierto de Alabanza y Adoracion Acustico

Presentado por Wendy & Alex

Sabado Cinco de Mayo del 2018

Hora: Empezando con la misa de las 7:00 pm

Locacion: Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar en Atlantic City, NJ

### Ocean Resort Casino en Atlantic City, NJ

Aplicaciones abiertas para todos los interesados

Porfavor visite [careers.theoceanac.com](http://careers.theoceanac.com)

or text "APPLY" to 609-375-0375

Si necesitas ayuda para aplicar contactar:

Mimi Nambo en la oficina de Catholic Charity localizada en la 9 N. Georgia Ave., Atlantic City, NJ

## CONFIRMACION / CONFIRMATION 2018

### Aviso importante para la Confirmación 2018

Debido a la cantidad tan grande de candidatos para la confirmación vamos a tener dos servicios de confirmaciones el **Primero de Mayo uno a las 4:30 y el segundo a las 6:30 pm y no habrá tiempo para tomar fotos con el Obispo**. El sábado 21 de abril a la 9:00 am en las prácticas se le confirmara en qué grupo le tocó. Gracias por su comprensión.

### Important notice for Confirmation 2018

Due to the large number of candidates for confirmation we will have two confirmation services on **May 1st, one at 4:30 and the second at 6:30 p.m. There will be no photos with the Bishop**. On Saturday, April 21 at the 9:00 a.m. practice you will be told of your assigned time. Thanks for your understanding.

## STEWARSHIP

22 de Abril de 2018

4º Domingo de Pascua

**"Yo soy el buen pastor... y pongo mi vida por las ovejas... y escuchen mi voz".**

**-JOHN 10:14-16**

Quando usted ora, ¿solo te pedimos a Jesús por las cosas que desea? ¿Siempre preguntarle lo que él quiere de usted? ¿Cómo escuchar los mayordomos para su respuesta? Generalmente, la respuesta está en "susurros tranquilos", así que tómate tiempo cada día, en silencio, a escuchar activamente para su respuesta. Que como Christian Stewards nos tomamos tiempo en silenciosa oración diaria para hablar y escuchar a Dios. Le pedimos a Dios para cuidar y bendecir a todos los adolescentes y jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. Puede profundizar en su fe dondequiera que se aventura en este año. Roguemos al Señor...

# Mass Intentions for the Week - April 22, 2018

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr. 21	8:00	Juan P. Gonzales / Heidi
		4:15	Sara Persenda / Mary Ellen Maguire
Sunday	Apr. 22	7:00	
		7:30	Catherine Heald / Kathryn Wilson
		9:00	Charles Dillon / Janet Rinaldo
		10:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		12:00	Peter Constance for his Birthday
		2:30	Mass for the People
Monday	Apr. 23	6:30	LH Phêrô/ Chì Hiệp xin
		7:00	Joseph Bellace / Frank Felice
Tuesday	Apr. 24	5:15	Al Bigler / The Bigler Family
		7:00	Margaret Evans/ Frank Felice
Wednesday	Apr. 25	5:15	Francis Lee(Thanks Giving from Healing)/ Family
		7:00	Eddie Lockwood / Christopher Simonetti
Thursday	Apr. 26	7:00	Karina Montes / Gustavo Giraldo & Family
		5:15	Pauline Matthews / Family
		6:30	
Friday	Apr. 27	7:00	Kristina Morris / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		5:15	Adam "Jim" Thomas/ Downey Family
		7:00	
Saturday	Apr. 28	8:00	
		4:15	Virginia McAvaddy / Family
		7:00	Prudencio Huayhua / Familia
Sunday	Apr. 29	7:30	
		9:00	Love Ones Memorialized Through Easter Flowers Donations
		10:30	Mass for the People
		12:00	Michaela Rankin (Birthday)/ Cecilia Magalong
		2:30	Edith Galindo Sarmiento/ Familia Galindo
		6:30	LH Giuse/ Chì Lan xin

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr. 21	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Apr. 22	8:45	James Hulsizer / Christina Thomas
		10:30	Deceased Members of the McDowell Family
		12:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke Claude D'Amico (D)/ Nancy Bracoloni
Monday	Apr. 23	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Apr. 24	8:00	Fidel Montemayor Living & Deceased Members of Burke & Cox Families
Wednesday	Apr. 25	8:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Apr. 26	8:00	William Thomas Taylor Celestino & Nieves Palagonas
Friday	Apr. 27	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Saturday	Apr. 28	4:00	Fidel & Juanita Montemayor Madeline Hopper & Family
Sunday	Apr. 29	8:45	Anna McBride-Bane / Mr&Mrs. McBride
		10:30	Claude Damico(D)/ Kathleen Vail Nancy McGhee(D)/ Nancy & Jimmy Morgan
		12:00	Dr. Joseph Formica



**CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY**

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	May. 6	10:00	Sara Persenda/ Mary Help of Christians
			Love Ones Memorialized through Easter Flowers Donation

"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.