



# 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.

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

## "THE VIETNAMESE MARTYRS"



On November 20th the Vietnamese parishioners of the Parish of Saint Monica celebrated their 30th anniversary of the canonization of the Vietnamese Martyrs and 28th year of the establishment of the Vietnamese Ministry at the Parish of Saint Monica.

## 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** 10:30 AM  
12:00 Noon

### DAILY MASS

**Mon. - Fri.** 8:00 AM

**Saint Michael's Church**  
10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

**Christmas Eve Mass**  
December 24, 2018 at 4:15 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues, Dec. 18**

### Bible Study

- 6:00 PM
- Quaremba Hall
- By Fr. Jon

**Fri, Dec. 21**

### OLSSRS Christmas Pageant/Prayer Service

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mass
- OLSS Church

**Tues, Dec. 25 &**

**Wed, Dec. 26**

### Parish Office is CLOSED

- We will Re-Open Thursday December 27
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## 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

## 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. Andrew Thu Pham.

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Classes have begun. Contact Fr. Jon for time and place.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office when a parishioner is seriously sick so one of the priests may visit.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mondays

Grades 1 to 6 - 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM

Grades 6 to 12 - 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Adults - 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday after the 5:15 Mass.

## ROSARY

Monday - Friday, after 7 AM Mass and before 5:15 PM Mass. Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass.

## PADRE PIO MASS

Devotions to Padre Pio occur before and after the Thursday 5:15 PM Mass. They include veneration of a first-class relic.

## 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.

# 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!"**

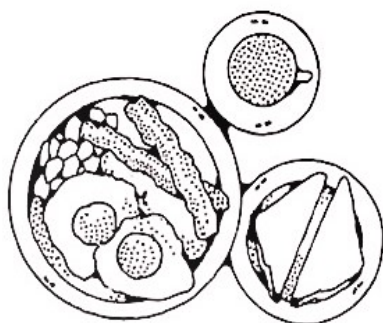
## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who collected **Box Tops for Education** on behalf of Our Lady Star of the Sea School. We had a great response for our first submission deadline. So far, we have collected \$230.00 towards our \$1000 goal. The money raised will be used for materials for our new Innovations Lab.



Please continue to collect **Box Tops for Education** and help us reach our goal. You can drop **Box Tops** off at Church, at school or mail them to us at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, 15 N. California Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

BTFE now has an APP that alerts you to coupons on qualifying items and allows you to scan your receipt to earn **Box Top** points directly from your phone. For more information and to download the APP, go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>



## ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is hosting an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Sunday, December 16, from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the School Cafeteria. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, bacon, pork roll, pancakes, coffee, tea, and juice. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. Children under 3 eat free. All proceeds benefit the school.

## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Jon P. Thomas**

*Pastor*

**Rev. Andrew T. Pham**

*Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Cesar A. Rebolledo**

*Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Robert Matysik**

*Hospital Chaplain*

**Joan Parker**

*Business Manager*

**Erick Duran**

*Facilities Manager*

**Maria Isabel Duran**

*Religious Education*

*Coordinator*

**John Mooney**

*Outreach Director*

**Laura Bello**

*Pastoral Associate*

**Kathleen Given**

*Pastoral Associate*

**Maria Isabel Espinoza**

*Secretary and Safe*

*Environment Coordinator*

## CONTACT

**PARISH OFFICE**

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*

## **Gospel LK 3:10-18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

**Adults:** Do we consult with our God when we have to make a decision in our lives? Or do we only act on impulse?

**Children:** Do we ask permission from dad and mom for all our activities?

## **Lc 3, 10-18**

En aquel tiempo, la gente le preguntaba a Juan el Bautista: "¿Qué debemos hacer?" Él contestó: "Quien tenga dos túnicas, que dé una al que no tiene ninguna, y quien tenga comida, que haga lo mismo".

También acudían a él los publicanos para que los bautizara, y le preguntaban: "Maestro, ¿qué tenemos que hacer nosotros?" Él les decía: "No cobren más de lo establecido". Unos soldados le preguntaron: "Y nosotros, ¿qué tenemos que hacer?" Él les dijo: "No extorsionen a nadie, ni denuncien a nadie falsamente, sino conténtense con su salario".

Como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. Él tiene el bieldo en la mano para separar el trigo de la paja; guardará el trigo en su granero y quemará la paja en un fuego que no se extingue". Con éstas y otras muchas exhortaciones anunciaba al pueblo la buena nueva.

**Adultos:** Consultamos nosotros con nuestro Dios cuando tenemos que tomar una decisión en nuestras vidas? o solo actuamos por impulso?

**Niños:** Pedimos permiso a papa y mama para todas nuestras actividades?

## **"PRAYER FOR THE 2019 CONVOCATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS: JOY OF THE GOSPEL IN SOUTH JERSEY"**

O HOLY SPIRIT, YOU WHO FIRST ENKINDLED IN OUR HEARTS THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, RENEW THAT SAME JOY IN THOSE WHO WILL GATHER TO ATTEND THE CONVOCATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS: JOY OF THE GOSPEL IN SOUTH JERSEY.

CONTINUE TO ENFLAME THE HEARTS OF OUR BISHOP, PRIESTS, AND THEIR PARISH DELEGATIONS; ALL CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, AND SPEAKERS; ALL WHO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

MOVE US TO WELCOME THE WORD OF LIFE IN THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS AND RESPOND TO THE CALL OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP.

O HOLY SPIRIT; TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS AND ENABLE US TO ENTER INTO THE PERFECT COMMUNION THAT YOU SHARE WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON.

MARY IMMACULATE, WHO FIRST RECEIVED THE GOSPEL, PRAY FOR US. AMEN

# 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 DECEMBER 17, 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

## 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

### Christmas Carols at Parish of St. Monica

**When:** Monday, December 24, 2018

**Time:** 3:45 PM and 11:30 PM

**Where:** OLSS Church

### Joy to the World an Appreciation Concert by Holy Trinity Parish

**When:** Sunday, December 16, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Where:** Blessed Sacrament Church, Margate, NJ

**Includes:** Celebrate Christmas Featuring Well-Known Performing Artists, Choirs and Bands.

**Contact:** Parish Office @ 609-822-7105 for more information

### All You Can Eat Breakfast "All Proceeds Benefit OLSS School"

**When:** Sunday, December 16, 2018

**Time:** 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

**Where:** OLSSS Cafeteria

**Price:** \$7 Adults / \$5 Kids (3 and under eat free)

**Menu:** Eggs, Bacon, Taylor Ham, Pancakes, Coffee and Juice

### Advent Mass at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel

**When:** Monday, December 17, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Where:** Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing, NJ

*!ALL ARE WELCOME!*

### Job Training "Special offer for members of the Parish of St. Monica"

**Job Type:** Security Officer

**Training:** To Obtain NJ SORA License

**Time:** A 24 hour training class and get fingerprinted

**Contact:** Mike Lopez @ 609-513-8772 or lopey8@gmail.com

### Work Development Program - Educational & Occupational Training

**When:** Monday to Friday

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Where:** Bayport One Building, Suite 470  
8025 Black Horse Pike  
West Atlantic City, NJ 08232

**Contact:** Maryann or David @ 609-241-6800  
*!OR JUST COME IN!*

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 8 - DEC. 9

OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$13,313.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$393.00
RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS. . . . .	\$906.00

### MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS. . . . . 2280

### 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.

## GIFT SHOPPE / MASS INTENTION

### Advent Calendars, Candles and Wreaths are available.

The Gift Shoppe is opened thirty minutes before and after each weekend Mass. The shoppe can accommodate your Mass Intention Requests.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday. . . . . 11:00am - 3:00pm

### Contact

Maria Isabel Duran, Director

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609-345-1878 ext. 24 - Direct 609-470-9157

### Offering Prayers by CCD Students

" God I love you." - Andrea Molinos

"Thank you Lord that I am still alive and that I am healthy, Amen." - Fernando Silva

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

### Who was the first African mentioned in the Gospels?

The first African, in the New Testament, was mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew, Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32). Simon was pressed into service to carry the cross of Jesus. This event is highlighted in the fifth station of the cross.

### Tell the story of the account of the baptism of Ethiopian eunuch.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8: 26-40, we read the account of the Ethiopian eunuch. This person was a black person baptized by Philip. The Ethiopian eunuch was the court official in charge of the treasury of the Queen of the Ethiopians. "Ethiopian" refers to a person of color from Africa. The Greeks used this word, which means "burnt", or darker skin.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

### "Heart to Heart" Monthly Gathering for Teenagers

**When:** Sunday, December 16, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

**Where:** St. Michael's Church

**Includes:** Pizza at Quaremba Hall then Adoration at the Church

**Contact:** Sr. Ann Kateri, CFR @ 609-343-1545

### Stardust Winners

### December, 10, 2018

#529 - Mary Alice & Dan McCloskey, Atlantic City, NJ - \$3,000

#227 - Alfred Thomas, Atlantic City, NJ - \$500

#62 - Peggy Schmei, Atlantic City, NJ - \$500

#215 - Connie Augusta & Stephanie Russo, Bronx, NY - \$500

#26 - Floyd Fetter, Millville, NJ - \$500

# Ministerio Hispano

## 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. La celebración del sacramento será los Domingos en la misa de las 2:30 PM.

### Requisitos para bautismo

- 1- Llenar formulario e inscribirse en la oficina
- 2- Traer copia del certificado de nacimiento
- 3- Tomar la clase pre-bautismal

### Presentación de niños

Se realizarán solo los Domingos en la misa de las 2:30 PM

### Confesiones

- 1- Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes y Sábados serán antes de misa
- 2- Domingo antes de la misa de las 2:30 PM
- 3- En hora de oficina con cita solamente

## EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

### Horas de Oficina

Lunes - Jueves ..... 11:00am - 3:00pm

### Contactar

María Isabel Duran, Directora

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609-345-1878 ext. 24 - Directo 609-470-9157

## Oraciones Ofrecidas por los Estudiantes del CCD

"Por favor ora por mi mamá que esta enferma gracias." - Ingrid & Marlene Santiago

"Dios bendice a mi familia y dale sanación a mis abuelitos." - Alexander Cacotia

## RENOVACION CARISMATICA CATOLICA

### *Siervos De Cristo - Grupo de Oración*

2nd y 3rd Miércoles del mes después de la Misa a las 7 PM en Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar

"Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu hacia que hablarán" – Hechos 2,4

### **"ORACIÓN PARA LA CONVOCACIÓN DE LÍDERES CATÓLICOS DEL 2019"**

OH, ESPÍRITU SANTO, TÚ, QUE PRIMERO ENCENDISTE EN NUESTROS CORAZONES LA ALEGRÍA DEL EVANGELIO, RENUEVA ESA MISMA ALEGRÍA EN AQUELLOS QUE SE REUNIRÁN PARA ASISTIR A LA CONVOCACIÓN DE LÍDERES CATÓLICOS: LA ALEGRÍA DEL EVANGELIO EN EL SUR DE JERSEY.

CONTINÚA ENARDECIENDO LOS CORAZONES DE NUESTROS OBISPOS, SACERDOTES Y SUS DELEGACIONES PARROQUIALES; A TODOS LOS CLÉRIGOS, RELIGIOSOS Y ORADORES; Y A TODOS LOS QUE HACEN POSIBLE ESTE EVENTO.

MUÉVENOS A DAR LA ACOGIDA A LA PALABRA DE VIDA EN LO MÁS PROFUNDO DE NUESTROS CORAZONES Y A RESPONDER AL LLAMADO DEL DISCIPULADO MISIONERO.

OH ESPÍRITU SANTO; TRANSFORMA NUESTROS CORAZONES Y PERMÍTENOS ENTRAR EN LA PERFECTA COMUNIÓN QUE COMPARTES CON EL PADRE Y EL HIJO.

MARÍA INMACULADA, TÚ QUE RECIBISTE EL EVANGELIO POR PRIMERA VEZ, RUEGA POR NOSOTROS. AMÉN

## CORRESPONSABILIDAD

16 de Diciembre del 2018

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

**"No sean ansiosos, sino que en todo, mediante la oración y la petición, con acción de gracias, hagan conocer sus peticiones a Dios" (FILIPENSES 4: 6)**

San Pablo nos recuerda que nuestro Dios es un Dios abundante, el máximo dador de dones. Él promete darnos todo lo que necesitamos. Cuando confiamos en que Dios nos va a cuidar, es más fácil compartir lo que se nos ha dado.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - December 16, 2018

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec.15	8:00	
		4:15	*Mass for the People
		7:00	
Sunday	Dec.16	7:30	John Schiavo / Schiavo Family
		9:00	Anthony Ricciardi / Prov Geralis
		10:30	
		12:00	Anna Antonini / Family
		2:30	Mariza Gonzalez (L) / Father
		6:30	Đaminh Trần Văn Thu (D)/ Gđ. Chj Thu
Monday	Dec.17	7:00	Sis & Joe Liddy / Liddy Family
		5:15	Florence Konczyk (L) / Grace & Ron
Tuesday	Dec.18	7:00	Bob Hasson / His Mother
		5:15	
Wednesday	Dec.19	7:00	Nan & John McGettigan / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		5:15	Kitty & Edward Ocksterowicz / Grace & Ron
		7:00	
Thursday	Dec.20	7:00	James Heald / Family
		5:15	Benjamin & Helen Kaczorowski / Daughter Grace
		6:30	
Friday	Dec.21	7:00	Pauline Thomas (L) / Florence Konczyk
		5:15	
Saturday	Dec.22	7:00	
		8:00	Pauline Thomas (L) / Grace & Ron Koczorowski
		4:15	*Larry Gormley / Marcie & Jack *Mass for the People
Sunday	Dec.23	7:00	
		7:30	Anna Pedicine / Kenny Lasala
		9:00	John W. Hladun / Nolan Family
		10:30	
		12:00	Leonard De Angelo / Bill & Joan Parker
		2:30	
		6:30	Paul and Anne (D): Gđ. Nguyễn Ngà

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec.15	4:00	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Richard Sluzinski / Daniel Dailien
Sunday	Dec.16	10:30	Carolina & Tony Iacobucci / Carmen
		12:00	Tony & Frank Iacobucci / Carmen
Monday	Dec.17	8:00	Dr. Joseph Michael Formica
Tuesday	Dec.18	8:00	Mr. Wember Yang & Ms. Chunling Zhao / Their Child Lidi Yang
Wednesday	Dec.19	8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Burke & Cox Families
Thursday	Dec.20	8:00	Albert F. Fleury Jr., M.D / Maureen & Frank Previti
Friday	Dec.21	8:00	Alice & John Glenka (D)/ The Westerwelt
Saturday	Dec.22	4:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Sunday	Dec.23	10:30	Patty & Tom Stinsman / Karen Warlich
		12:00	Anne Marie Capone / Nolan Family

We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused in canceling the Latin Mass at 8:45 AM  
We are adding existing Mass Intentions requested to the 10:30 AM English Mass.  
Please call the rectory with any questions.



## Sanctuary Lamp

At St. Michael's Church for the week of December 23 for the Special Intentions of: Carmela Nanfara  
Requested By Carmela Nanfara

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Monday	Dec.24	4:15	*Emma & William "Dagi" Mancini / Family *Sara & Joseph Persenda / Family

## "Christmas Cheer"

The Voices In Praise Choir went to the Meadowview Care Center in Northfield, Sunday, Dec. 9th to bring some Christmas cheer to residents there. They sang Christmas Carols and invited the residents to join in singing with them. A great time was had by all! Join them for more Christmas Carols at 3:45 PM on Christmas Eve before 4:15 PM mass.