



# 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 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## "LADY OF GUADALUPE"



Spectators enjoyed a performance honoring the Virgin of Guadalupe last week. The procession, mass, and celebration were well-attended by both parishioners and the community at-large. We are truly blessed to celebrate our diversity as we come together in unity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues, Dec. 25 & Wed, Dec. 26**

**Parish Office is CLOSED**

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

**Tues, Dec. 25 & Tues, Jan. 01**

**Bible Study is Canceled**

- It will re-commence on January 7
- 6:00 PM
- Quaremba Hall
- By Fr. Jon

**Tues, Jan. 01**

**Parish Office is CLOSED**

- We will Re-Open Wednesday January 2
- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## 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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

## 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!"**

Christmas 2018

Dear Parishioners, Alumni, Parents and Friends of OLSS,

The best Christmases are seldom planned. We make great preparations and try in desperation to acquire that one gift, that one present, that will trump all others and create in its receiver a moment to cherish. Sometimes we come close to the mark. Other times, it just miraculously unfolds.

No one could have anticipated the joy that would come from the First Christmas. Into a world that was filled with countless differences, at a time we can only recall from historical accounts, came the most precious, unexpected, joyful Gift the world would ever know. Into that world, into OUR world, came a Gift whose steps we can try to follow. If we allow ourselves to be enveloped by the presence of the Christ Child, it gives us each a joy that propels us to rejoice and to share His love with one another.

This Christmas of 2018, I pray that all of you will experience the best - the peace and joy that being with family and friends brings. I pray that as we try to acquire that perfect gift, we allow the love the Christ Child has for us to unfold and bring immense joy to your hearts and homes.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea School, please allow me to extend to you our humble gratitude for your great goodness to us now and throughout the year. Your prayers and support ensure that our students have the opportunity for a Catholic education, rooting them in their faith, and allowing them to bring the Good News of this season to all they meet. Thank you for partnering with us in the mission of Catholic education for the good of our students.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your intentions, now and in the year ahead. Let us all find wonder and joy in knowing that we are loved, and that indeed, God is good. May He bless you now and forever.

Merry Christmas,

Mrs. Susan Tarrant,  
Principal  
Our Lady Star of the Sea 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

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609-345-1878

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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 1:39-45**

Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.  
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting  
reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

**Adults:** HAVE WE CARRIED OUT AN ACT OF LOVE TO THE NEXT PERSON, AS WELL AS TO MOTHER MARY?

**Children:** DO YOU LOVE YOUR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF?

## **Lc 1, 39-45**

En aquellos días, María se encaminó presurosa a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea y, entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel. En cuanto ésta oyó el saludo de María, la creatura saltó en su seno.

Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo y, levantando la voz, exclamó: "¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor"

**Adultos:** HEMOS realizado un acto de amor al prójimo últimamente, ASÍ COMO MARIA?

**Niños:** Amas a tus hermanos y amiguitos como te amas a ti mismo?

## **"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 JANUARY 21, 2019**

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

### Retrouvaille - Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

**When:** February 8 - 10, 2019

**Where:** Family Life Center, Malvern, PA

**Contact:** [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Tour to Poland with Rev. Pawel Kryszkiewicz

**When:** May 13 - 23, 2019

**Price:** All Inclusive \$3,350.00 per person

**Contact:** 609-822-7105 Holy Trinity Church for more information about transportation and lodging

### 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](mailto:lopey8@gmail.com)

### Eucharistic Ministers need Volunteers to visit the sick and bring them Communion

**When:** Once a week for 1 to 2 hours

**Where:** AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center Atlantic City and Mainland Division

**Contact:** Natalie Contento 856-975-1134 or [Natalie.Contento@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Natalie.Contento@camdendiocese.org)

### Free Homeownership Classes

**When:** January 24 to March 7

**Time:** 6 Thursdays 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Where:** Quaremba Hall

**Contact:** 609-748-3600 for more information and registration

## BY THE NUMBERS

<b>PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 15 - DEC. 16</b>	
OFFERTORY . . . . .	\$11,005.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$570.00

### 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

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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### Offering Prayers by CCD Students

"I wish everyone to see their family in the holidays" -Kathy Escalona

"I pray for everyone to be happy." -Brianna Escalona

"For my family to have health and happiness and have food everyday." - Joshua Escalona

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

### Was one of the "Wise Men" Black at the birth of Jesus?

In the Infancy Narrative there is a reference to Melchior of Persia, whose likeness remains today in the Christian crib set.

### Notable African Catholic Saints

St. Frumentius (d.380) was from Syria. He was a slave and held a trusted position in the royal court at Axum. Frumentius was person of great faith. He opened chapels in Ethiopia, and did mission work. Frumentius was very instrumental in the conversion of the Ethiopian king Ezana. After his freedom, he was later ordained Bishop by St. Athanasius, the Patriarch of Alexandria. Frumentius was the first Bishop of Ethiopia.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Children's Christmas Ministry would like to thank all who contributed to making our 2018 celebration a success. The rain could not dampen our spirits as over 350 children and their families enjoyed a fun filled day. This could not happen without the generosity of all who donated their time, talents and resources. A special thanks to our team leaders Shelly Biegler, Blanche Toole, Marcia Mancini and Sister Ann Kateri as well as to Jonathan Peter Photography of Smithville who provided photos with Santa. For more information on our Children's Christmas and Easter Ministries please contact Margaret Steadman at 609-703-9093.



**Convocation  
of Catholic Leaders**  
The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey

In March 2019, 650+ invited individuals from parishes across the diocese will gather at the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey to focus on building missionary disciples. Over four days, these lay leaders will pray, reflect, learn and talk with one another. They will then be commissioned to go back to their parishes with the task of reinvigorating and reenergizing their parishioners, ministries and communities. Pray for the pastors and lay leaders that the Holy Spirit works within each of them and empowers them to continue to build the kingdom of God.

# 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

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## Oraciones Ofrecidas por los Estudiantes del CCD

"Dios bendice nuestro hogar para que siempre haya salud y felicidad, amen" -Alexander Cacotla

## 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 hablaran" – 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, RENUEDA 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

23 de Diciembre del 2018

4º Domingo de Adviento

**"Porque cuando la voz de tu saludo llegó a mis oídos, el niño saltó de alegría en mi vientre" (LUCAS 1:44)**

Cuando escuchas las lecturas de las Escrituras y la lectura del Evangelio todos los domingos, ¿"saltas de alegría"? Si no, no culpes al profesor o al sacerdote, sino mira dentro de ti. ¿Te preparas para la Misa cada semana o simplemente te apareces y esperas que te entretengan? Estamos llamados a ser participantes activos, no pasivos.

### Los Ganadores de la Rifa

#### Virgen de Guadalupe 12/12/18

Primer Premio: 1859 – Sonia González

Segundo Premio: 1632 – Octavio Laredo

Tercer Premio: 2108 – Benjamin Mato

Cuarto Premio: 0475 – Adela Castro

Quinto Premio: 1054 – Ana Lázaro

**Gracias por sus participación**

# Mass Intentions for the Week - December 23, 2018

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec.22	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
Monday	Dec.24	2:30	
		6:30	Paul and Anne (D): Gđ. Nguyễn Ngà
		4:15	John McAvaddy Sr. / Family
		5:30	For the Families of OLSS School
		7:00	Bob Bearns (D) / Friend
Tuesday	Dec.25	9:00	All Parishioners / Fr. Andrew Pham
		12:00	World Peace / Cecilia Magalong
		7:30	Mrs. Rita Herbert (L) & Son Jimmy (L) / Friend
		9:00	
		10:30	Rose & Dan Maguire / Family
Wednesday	Dec.26	2:30	
		7:00	/ Richard Negro
		5:15	Carlos Alzate / Gloria Lucia
Thursday	Dec.27	7:00	
		5:15	Remedios & Lonardo Magalong / Cecilia Magalong
Friday	Dec.28	6:30	
		7:00	
		5:15	Sara Persenda / Family
Saturday	Dec.29	7:00	
		8:00	Michael Groso / His Parents
		4:15	*Sara Persenda / By Family *Nazarina Gayagoy / Family *Daniel Lacea / Family
Sunday	Dec.30	7:00	
		7:30	Jeffrey M. O'Brick / Steve Jones
		9:00	Carolyn (Lynn) Fox (D) / Bernard Fox (husband)
		10:30	
		12:00	John Francis Flynn / Jim Persenda
		2:30	
		6:30	Maria Nguyễn Ngọc Hoa (D) / Gđ. Anh Phi

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Dec.22	4:00	Joseph Scott Bochniak
Sunday	Dec.23	10:30	Patty & Ton-Ton Stinsman / Karen Warlich
		12:00	Anne Marie Capone / Nolan Family
Monday	Dec.24	8:00	William Thomas Taylor
Tuesday	Dec.25	4:00	Living & Deceased Members of McDermott & McDowell Families
		10:30	*Nellie Barr (D) / Michele Baglivo *Zarych Family (L & D) / Tony Zarych *William & Theresa Nolan *Fidel & Juanita Montemayor
Wednesday	Dec.26	8:00	The Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Dec.27	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Dec.28	8:00	Most Abandoned Souls
Saturday	Dec.29	4:00	Dr. James Patrick Burke
Sunday	Dec.30	10:30	James Patrick & Mary Teresa Burke
		12:00	Peggy Delany Harley / Kathy Moore

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

## The Winners of the Raffle Virgin of Guadalupe 12/12/18

First Prize: 1859 - Sonia González

Second Prize: 1632 - Octavio Laredo

Third Prize: 2108 - Benjamin Mato

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**Thank you for your participation**