



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.

January 06, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

"Toys for Tots"



This year, as every year, Atlantic City Firefighters and their Toys for Tots organization distributed gifts to several hundred children in the community. Father Jon and the Parish are very grateful for their generosity. May God continue to bless and protect them.

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

First Sunday of the Month
January 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Jan. 08

Bible Study

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

Mon, Jan. 14 to

Fri, Jan. 25

MASS CANCELLED

- St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church
- No 8:00 AM Mass
- 7:00 AM Mass available at OLSS Church

Thu, Jan. 24 to

Thu, Mar. 08

Home Ownership Series

- Quaremba Hall
- Weekly 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Call 609-748-3600 to register

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!"

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The students, families, faculty, staff and administration of Our Lady Star of the Sea School wish you all a very happy, healthy New Year! May the generosity and support you have shown our school community bless you're and yours a thousand-fold in this New Year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sponsored by National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools around the nation will observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated beginning on the last Sunday in January each year. This year's celebrations will be held January 27 through February 2, 2019 and the theme for this year is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Each day of the week focuses on a different group within our community.

Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish

Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

Monday: Celebrating Your Community

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities they demonstrate the values and faith gained through Catholic education.

Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students

At the heart of all we do, Tuesday is the day to celebrate our wonderful students and alumni.

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation

On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders.

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations

By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life.

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

We couldn't do it without you!

Saturday: Celebrating Families

Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home.

Be sure to check in on our Social Media that week to see all of the exciting activities that will be happening during Catholic Schools week this year at OLSS!

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

Laura Bello

Pastoral Associate

Kathleen Given

Pastoral Associate

Maria Isabel Espinoza

Secretary and Safe

Environment Coordinator

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SCHOOL

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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*

EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Adults: What was given to Jesus by God for our benefit?

Children: Do you believe that Jesus is watching after you?

Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6

Hermanos:

Han oído hablar de la distribución de la gracia de Dios, que se me ha confiado en favor de ustedes.

Por revelación se me dio a conocer este misterio, que no había sido manifestado a los hombres en otros tiempos, pero que ha sido revelado ahora por el Espíritu a sus santos apóstoles y profetas:

es decir, que por el Evangelio, también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo.

Adultos: Que Dios le dio a Jesús para nuestro beneficio?

Niños: Tu crees que Jesús te está cuidando?

"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

Atlantic City Regional STAND DOWN

When: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Where: All Wars Memorial Museum
1510 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ
Contact: Nelson Gonzalez @ 609-413-145
Nelson.Gonzalez@CamdenDiocese.org

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

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

Retrouvaille - Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

When: February 8 - 10, 2019
Where: Family Life Center, Malvern, PA
Contact: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or
call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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

Life and Justice Ministries Diocesan Gathering

When: Saturday, January 19, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (free admission)
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish
176 Stagecoach Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Contact: Martha Scutt at 856-583-2909 for more information and registration

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 22 - DEC. 23

OFFERTORY	\$11,569.00
BUDGET	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX	\$225.00
CHRISTMAS.	\$33,574.00

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

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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

Did you know about these African people?

St. Moses the Black was a convert and leader of a band of monks in the desert who were martyred about 410. He was one of the most influential monks in the world. Because of Moses the Black, many women and men sought a life of prayer in the desert in the cenobitic style of sharing meals and community in Upper Egypt and Ethiopia.

St. Monica was the Mother of St. Augustine. Monica was an African woman of great faith who prayed for her son to turn against evil. Before her death, Monica had the great joy of knowing that her son had come back to God and used his talents to build up Christ's Church.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous donors and amazing volunteers that made our annual Christmas Flowers Offering 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 your kindness!



**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

6 de Enero del 2019

Epifanía de nuestro Señor

"... que los gentiles sois coherederos, miembros del mismo Cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Cristo Jesús por medio del Evangelio;" (Efesios 3: 6)

Hoy celebramos que Cristo vino a todos nosotros, no solo a los hebreos. Él nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros regalos únicos. Todos tenemos roles diferentes pero igualmente valiosos que desempeñar en el Cuerpo de Cristo. Ora a diario y pregúntale a Dios cómo quiere que uses tus dones para que todos podamos "ser uno". Que cada uno de nosotros use sus dones únicos para ayudar a construir el cuerpo de Cristo.

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 06, 2019

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan.05	8:00	
		4:15	Timothy Brusco / Michael Pupek & Family
Sunday	Jan.06	7:00	
		7:30	Jill Palmentieri / Louise Palmentieri
		9:00	Frances Russo (D)
		10:30	
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	
Monday	Jan.07	6:30	
		7:00	Sara Persenda / Family
Tuesday	Jan.08	7:00	
		5:15	Helen M. Tierney / Downey Family
Wednesday	Jan.09	7:00	Yann-Shyang Mao & Family(L) / Teresa Mao
		5:15	
		7:00	
Thursday	Jan.10	7:00	
		5:15	Carlos Alzate / Gloria Lucia
		6:30	
Friday	Jan.11	7:00	
		5:15	
		7:00	
Saturday	Jan.12	8:00	Lawrence Watson / Family
		4:15	Remedios & Leonardo Magalong(D) / Cecilia Magalong
Sunday	Jan.13	7:00	
		7:30	Cheryl Palmentieri(D) / Louise Palmentieri
		9:00	
		10:30	
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	
6:30			

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan.05	4:00	Caroline M. McClure / Deb Peterson
Sunday	Jan.06	10:30	*Margaret Aragon / Family
		12:00	*Rita Buchy / Carlino Family *Cathy Geletei The Clerk's Office of Atlantic City
Monday	Jan.07	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Jan.08	8:00	William Nolan / Nolan Family
Wednesday	Jan.09	8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Formica & Cesario Families
Thursday	Jan.10	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	Jan.11	8:00	Basil Mangano / John O'Donnell
Saturday	Jan.12	4:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Sunday	Jan.13	10:30	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Vincent Divasto / Ann Kaplan *The Geletei Family
		12:00	Joseph Patrick Haber(D) / Nolan Family

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Jan.06	10:00	Mary Jannetty / Mary Etta Hornbeck
Sunday	Feb.03	10:00	Nina Bongiovanni / Maria Bongiovanni & Family



"The Holy Family"

This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community, and they did so faithfully.