



# 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 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord

### "Three Kings Celebration"



The Magi of the East is the name by which the Christian tradition denominates the "magicians" -the name given to the learned priests in the Ancient who, after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, they came from the East to pay homage to him and to give him gifts of great symbolic richness: Gold, Incense and Myrrh. On Saturday, January 5 with the help of several organizations in the community, toys were distributed to more than two hundred children from our church.

### 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**  
February 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM

### U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

**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

**Tues, Jan. 15**  
**Bible Study**  
• 6:00 PM  
• Quaremba Hall  
• By Fr. Jon

**Sun, Jan. 20**  
**Virgen de la Altagracia**  
• 2:30 PM Mass at OLSS  
• 3:30 PM Celebration at the Cafeteria

### C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N

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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 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*

## **LK 3:15-16, 21-22**

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." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Adults:** Why did Jesus receive baptism?

**Children:** Are you well pleased by your parents?

## **Lucas 3, 15-16. 21-22**

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista 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". Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco".

**Adultos:** ¿Por qué recibió Jesús el bautismo?

**Ninos:** ¿Estás bien complacido por tus padres?

## **"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

### NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness "Atlantic County Houses of Worship Security Program"

**When:** January 29, 2019  
**Time:** 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
**Where:** St. James Memorial Hall  
9 S. Newport Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406

**For registration go to:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTJQK5R>

### 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.

### 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)

### 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

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR DEC. 29 - DEC. 30

OFFERTORY . . . . . \$13,755.00  
BUDGET . . . . . \$15,609.00  
POOR BOX . . . . . \$210.00

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR JAN. 05 - JAN. 06

OFFERTORY . . . . . \$21,064.00  
BUDGET . . . . . \$15,609.00  
POOR BOX . . . . . \$786.00

## 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

"Pray for my aunt so she can get better." -Christian Lopez

"Thank you God for giving my family and I another day to live." -Teresa Guadalupe Cabrera-Andrade

"Pray for my mom so she can get better"

-Ingrid Santiago-Lopez

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

### Did you know about these African people?

**St. Augustine** was born in Tagaste, Africa, and was the son of Monica. At the age of 33 he turned back to God and was baptized Catholic. Augustine was later ordained a priest and later Co-Bishop of Hippo. He led a holy and simple life, writing over 200 books, letters, and sermons. His writings are still read today. St. Augustine's feast day is August 28.

**St. Martin de Porres** (1579 - 1639) was the first African-American saint. Martin de Porres was of Spanish and African descent. He was the first Dominican professed Black brother in 1603. Martin de Porres is called "Father of the Poor" because of his charitable acts and his dedication to prayer. He was canonized a saint in 1962.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

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

**When:** Sunday, January 20, 2019

**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



**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 te doy gracias por otro año más de vida que me das. Bendiceme y dame salud. Amen"

-Alexander Cacotia-Valladolid

## 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, 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

13 de Enero del 2019

### Bautismo del Señor

**"respondió Juan a todos, diciendo: «Yo os bautizo con agua; pero viene el que es más fuerte que yo, y no soy digno de desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego.»" (Lucas 3:16)**

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica afirma que "la inmersión de Jesús en el agua es una señal para todos los seres humanos de la necesidad de morir para hacer la voluntad de Dios". En otras palabras, como católicos bautizados solo hay un regalo que debemos dar a Jesús - el don de nosotros mismos. Ríndete a Dios, deposita tu confianza en Él y permite que el Espíritu Santo trabaje a través de ti para la mayor gloria de Dios.

Que podamos cumplir nuestro llamado bautismal entregándonos por completo a Dios y respondiendo a su llamado a la santidad.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - January 13, 2019

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
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	
Monday	Jan.14	6:30	
		7:00	
Tuesday	Jan.15	5:15	
		7:00	Claudia Thomas Billings / Family
Wednesday	Jan.16	5:15	
		7:00	Joseph D. Georgio / Ann D'Addario
Thursday	Jan.17	7:00	Luis Carlos Trujillo (D) / Luisa Giraldo & Family
		5:15	
Friday	Jan.18	6:30	
		7:00	Carlos Alzate / Gloria Lucia
Saturday	Jan.19	5:15	Roque Magalong (D) / Cecilia Magalong
		7:00	
Sunday	Jan.20	8:00	
		4:15	Elsie Mahon (L) / Luisa Giraldo & Family
Sunday	Jan.20	7:00	
		7:30	John Palmentieri / Louise Palmentieri
		9:00	
		10:30	
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	
		6:30	Peace in the family/ Yến Hoàng Nguyễn

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan.12	4:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Sunday	Jan.13	10:30	*Holy Souls in Purgatory
		12:00	*Vincent Divasto / Ann Kaplan *The Geletei Family Joseph Patrick Huber(D) / Nolan Family
Monday	Jan.14	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Jan.15	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Jan.16	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Jan.17	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Jan.18	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Jan.19	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Jan.20	10:30	*Dr. David Smith and Family / Paula Gelatei *Dr. Eric Dunn & Family / Paula Gelatei *Joyce Theis (D) / Annette Faccioli
		12:00	Mariano & Imelda Montemayor



## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Feb.03	10:00	Nina Bongiovanni / Maria Bongiovanni & Family
Sunday	Mar.03	10:00	Mary DiGiovanni / Marcia Mancini

### ***"The Epiphany of the Lord"***

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi – astrologers – He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to "hear" and "see" Him in our daily lives.