



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 27, 2019 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 2, 2019

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Wed, Jan. 30 OLSS Basketball 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM Memorial Hall OLSS - Bishop McHugh 	<p>Mon, Feb. 04 & Tues, Feb. 05 Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Mass at OLSS on Feb. 04 6:45 PM Celebration in the Gym on Feb. 05 	<p>Tues, Feb. 05 Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Quaremba Hall By Fr. Jon
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School • 15 North California Avenue • 609-345-0648

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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.

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for some front office receptionist volunteers. Please contact the Parish Secretary at 609-345-1878 Ext.15. Thank you!

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!"

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Students and teachers are getting ready for Catholic Schools Week January 27-February 2, 2019. The week will open with students speaking at each of the Masses the weekend of January 27 and a prayer service on Monday, January 28, for the whole school. Students are looking forward to presentations on cyber-bullying and vocations and virtual field trips to several National Parks including the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Redwoods National Park in California, and Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska.

Students' creativity and ingenuity will be on display on Thursday, January 31, when they will take part in "The Carboard Challenge." Launched from an overwhelming response to the short film "Caine's Arcade" (check it out on YouTube), the Cardboard Challenge is a global initiative challenging students to build something awesome using cardboard, recycled materials, and their imagination.

OLSS students used their first STREAM Day (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) in November to create classic games using pizza boxes and recycled materials. Building on their experience, students will spend the morning of January 31 building arcade games entirely out of cardboard, recycled materials, ingenuity, and creativity. In the afternoon, they will have the opportunity to try out each others' games, playing for fun and prizes.

You can join in on the fun by following us live on FB (<https://www.facebook.com/OLSSAC-NJ/>) during the day on January 31 to see what the students are up to and watch their progress as they build and then play their games.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We really need your help! OLSS earns \$0.10 for every Box Top we redeem. Each year we have been able to earn close to \$1000 for materials and supplies that support programs like Art education, STREAM, and the Cardboard Challenge! Our Box Top collections have been a little sparse these days and we really need your help to get back on track before the final collection in March.

Check your pantries and shelves to see if you have any qualifying Box Tops that you can share with us. To find out what products qualify, go to the Box Tops for Education website www.BTFE.com.

You can drop off Box Tops at the back of Church on Sunday or at the school during the week. We really appreciate your help. It will make a world of difference for our students.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Our Lady Star of the Sea School has openings in Pre-School (Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4) and Kindergarten, as well as openings for grades 1-7. Families are encouraged to take a tour of the school and see our innovative blended learning program, the first of its kind in the Diocese of Camden, in action. Come meet the students and teachers and see why OLSS has been the choice for Catholic education for over 110 years! To schedule a tour, or to register, please call Sister Kathy Nace at 609-645-2111.

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

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SCHOOL CONVENT
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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*

1 COR 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

Adults: Who or what can unite us as a whole parish together?

Children: Do you think that we are part of the body of Christ?

1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27

Hermanos:

Así como el cuerpo es uno y tiene muchos miembros y todos ellos, a pesar de ser muchos, forman un solo cuerpo, así también es Cristo. Porque todos nosotros, seamos judíos o no judíos, esclavos o libres, hemos sido bautizados en un mismo Espíritu, para formar un solo cuerpo, y a todos se nos ha dado a beber del mismo Espíritu. Ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo y cada uno es un miembro de él.

Adultos: ¿Quién o qué nos puede unir como parroquia entera?

Ninos: ¿Crees que somos parte del cuerpo de Cristo?

"SANCTUARY ETIQUETTE"

SINCE WE STARTED LOCKING THE SACRISTY DOORS AT STAR OF THE SEA AND ST. NICHOLAS A YEAR AGO, MOST PARISHIONERS BEGAN ENTERING THE SACRISTY THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR FROM THE SANCTUARY. THIS BEHAVIOR CLEARLY DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF LOCKING THE DOOR, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT MEANS A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF PEOPLE MOVING THROUGH THE SANCTUARY AND, AT STAR OF THE SEA, VERY CLOSE TO THE TABERNACLE. LET'S SHOW MORE RESPECT FOR THE SANCTUARY, THE HEART OF OUR CHURCHES. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE SACRISTY IS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING MASS - CLERGY, LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS. SACRISTANS WORK IN THE SACRISTY BEFORE AND AFTER THE MASS AND USHERS ENTER THE SACRISTY AFTER THE MASS TO SECURE THE OFFERTORY. THE SACRISTY IS NOT A "WEEKEND PARISH OFFICE" - THAT'S MORE LIKE THE FUNCTION OF THE WELCOME & INFORMATION CENTERS. IF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES BRING YOU TO THE SACRISTY, PLEASE KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO LET YOU INSIDE. THE ONLY REASON TO CUT THROUGH THE SANCTUARY IS WHEN YOU'RE THE FIRST TO ARRIVE.

"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 FEBRUARY 18, 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

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

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.

Mexican Consul "Consul Mobil in Atlantic City"

When: Saturday, February 9, 2019
Time: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Where: Memorial Hall
Contact: 1-877-639-4835 to obtain a pre-appointment

Black History Month Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan

When: Sunday February 24, 2019
Time: 2:30 PM
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Church
176 Stagecoach Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081

"A light reception will follow Mass"

Annual UNICO Pasta Dinner & St. Joseph's Table

When: Sunday March 3, 2019
Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Where: Quaremba Hall
Contact: Marcia 609-641-4634 for more information
Price: \$10 for adult / \$5 for children 3-10 under 3 are free.

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

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR JAN. 19 - JAN. 20

OFFERTORY	\$10,474.00
BUDGET	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX	\$209.00

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

Information for Confirmation

When: Tuesday March 12, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM

Where: OLSS

"Requirements for Confirmation is the Payment for Gown as soon as possible"

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Who was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters?

St. Sister Katherine Drexel was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament sisters and the first and only Black Catholic University in United States: Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was canonized on October 1st, 2000 becoming the second recognized American born Saint.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

"First Saturday Reflection Day" with Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: St. Michael's Church

Includes: Mass, a Talk by a Franciscan Fiar of the Renewal, Free Lunch in Quaremba Hall, Adoration, Confessions, Music, Rosary, Eucharistic Healing Service, and Benediction.

Contact: Sr. Chiara, CFR @ 609-343-1545

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thanks to everyone who brought goodies to the parish office at Christmas time. The priests have just about caught up! Thanks for your generosity to us at Christmas and year-round!

Fr. Jon, Fr. Cesar, Fr. Andrew, and Fr. Bob

WHAT WE DO FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey gave an extraordinary 56 bags of food to the St. Nicholas food bank at their January meeting in memory of founding member Laurie Crowell. Laurie was particularly dedicated to the monthly food distribution at St. Nicholas. Every month, IACS donates to our food bank. For more information about them, visit their Web site, www.iacssj.org.

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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Información para la Confirmación

Día: Martes 12 de Marzo del 2019

Hora: 5:00 PM

Lugar: OLSS

"Requisitos para la Confirmación es el Pago de Bata lo antes posible"

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 NUESTRO OBISPO, NUESTROS 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

27 de Enero del 2019

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"«Id y comed manjares grasos, bebed bebidas dulces y mandad su ración a quien no tiene nada preparado...» (Nehemías 8:10)

Las instrucciones de Ezra a la gente nos muestran que Dios no nos prohíbe disfrutar de las cosas buenas de la vida. ¡Quiere que seamos felices! Sin embargo, Dios espera que estemos agradecidos por todo lo que nos ha dado y que, sin esperar nada a cambio, compartamos generosamente nuestras bendiciones con aquellos que lo necesitan.

Que equilibremos nuestras vidas disfrutando de los regalos que hemos recibido y compartiendo generosamente con los necesitados, sin esperar nada a cambio.

Consulado de Mexico "Consulado Movil en Atlantic City"

Cuando: Sabado 9 de Febrero del 2019

Hora: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Donde: Gimnasio

Contacto: 1-877-639-4835 para obtener una cita previa

Mass Intentions for the Week - January 27, 2019

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan.26	8:00	
		4:15	Amada Villamor / Aida Villena-Reyes
Sunday	Jan.27	7:00	
		7:30	
		9:00	Laurie Crowell (D) / Christine McCullough & Tim Brennan
		10:30	
		12:00	Helen Orndorf / Parish of St. Monica
Monday	Jan.28	2:30	
		6:30	Thanksgiving/ Ry Nguyễn
		7:00	Dan Fritz / Trisha, Peggy, Danny Robert & Ruth Rankin(L) / Cecilia Magalong
Tuesday	Jan.29	5:15	
		7:00	Stephen Wasniewski / Cousin Grace Kacyorouski
Wednesday	Jan.30	7:00	
		5:15	Jack Kelly Jr.(L) / The Kelly Family Nistor & Valerie Magalong(L) / Cecilia Magalong
Thursday	Jan.31	7:00	
		5:15	Carlos Alzate / Gloria Lucia
		6:30	
Friday	Feb.01	7:00	Betty Negro-Orr(L)96th Birthaday / Wayne
		5:15	Donna Dennehy / Peggy Schmei
Saturday	Feb.02	7:00	
		8:00	Irma Gormley / Family
Sunday	Feb.03	7:00	
		7:30	Dennis Tuohy / Theresa McGettigan Kenedy
		9:00	Hipolito Magalong(L) / Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	
		12:00	Robert Kirkland Sr.(D) / Maryanne & Marilyn Kirkland
		2:30	
		6:30	Giu-se Liem Nguyen (D) / Chau Nguyen and family

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan.26	4:00	Amada Villamor / Aida Villena-Reyes
Sunday	Jan.27	10:30	*Madeline Hopper & Family *Rosalie Lautato / Parish of St. Monica *Living & Deceased Members of McDermott & McDowell Families
		12:00	Anthony Barile / The Smith Family
Monday	Jan.28	8:00	The Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Jan.29	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Jan.30	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Jan.31	8:00	Holy Souls of Purgatory
Friday	Feb.01	8:00	Holy Souls of Purgatory
Saturday	Feb.02	4:00	*Holy Souls of Purgatory *Ed & Agnes Westervelt / John & Terry Westervelt
Sunday	Feb.03	10:30	*Holy Souls of Purgatory *Madeline Hopper & Family
		12:00	Timothy Ribers(L) / Special Intention

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



"Jesus' First Miracle"

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege!