



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.

February 24, 2019 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Cardboard Challenge"



During Catholic Schools Week students at OLSS participated in the Cardboard Challenge, creating arcade games out of cardboard and recycled or repurposed materials. Working in groups of two or three, the students built a variety of games from skeeball to a pool table. The school gathered in Memorial Hall on February 8 to present their games. Following a presentation from each group, students were able to walk around the gym and enjoy the games they had created. Pictured here are just a few of their amazing creations. Top: Soccer Shooter. Bottom(left to right): Basketball Shooter, Pinball machine, and Air Soccer.

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
March 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Feb. 24
Easter Basket Organizational Meeting

- After 12:00 Noon Mass
- St. Nicholas Rectory
- Call Margaret Steadman @609-703-9093

Tues, Feb. 26
Bible Study

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

Tues, Mar. 12
Confirmation

- 5:00 PM
- OLSS
- By Bishop Dennis Sullivan

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.

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for front office receptionists as volunteers, bilingual preferred. 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!"

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 light these days and we 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 school during the week or mail them to us at OLSS, 15 N. California Avenue. 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that students who attend Catholic elementary schools and Catholic high schools are far more likely than their peers to graduate high school? 99% of students who attend Catholic elementary and high schools graduate from high school and of those who graduate, 86% go on to 4-year colleges and universities. By comparison, the national high school graduation rate is 84% and only 69% of high school graduates nationally go on to 4-year colleges.

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

CONTACT

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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*

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

Adults: How does Jesus say that we should behave with one another? Are these the responses that people expect? What prevents us from living up to these expectations?

Children: What would it mean to go the extra mile? Choose an action for the week in which you will go the "extra mile" for someone in your family.

Lc 6, 27-38

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los aborrecen, bendigan a quienes los maldicen y oren por quienes los difaman. Al que te golpee en una mejilla, preséntale la otra; al que te quite el manto, déjalo llevarse también la túnica. Al que te pida, dale; y al que se lleve lo tuyo, no se lo reclames.

Traten a los demás como quieran que los traten a ustedes; porque si aman sólo a los que los aman, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? También los pecadores aman a quienes los aman. Si hacen el bien sólo a los que les hacen el bien, ¿qué tiene de extraordinario? Lo mismo hacen los pecadores.

Adultos: ¿Como Jesus nos dice que nos comportemos con nuestro projimo? Estas son las respuesta que el projimo espera? Que nos impide a nosotros vivir con estas expectativas?

Ninos: ¿Que significa ir una milla extra? Escoge una accion en esta semana donde tu haras una "extra milla" por alguien en tu familia.

"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

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 MARCH 18, 2019

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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.

Catholic Charities' case managers in Atlantic County provide a wide variety of services. Some examples are utility and rental assistance, disaster services in response to Hurricane Sandy as well as the Atlantic City casino closings, assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and financial coaching and education which includes the opportunity for clients to open matched savings accounts which can be used for them to purchase a home, start a business, or further their education.

BEGGARS POLICY

At recent meetings, the pastoral council has discussed the challenge of beggars on our grounds and in our churches. The council approved this policy.

1. Soliciting money from parishioners and others on our property is grounds for immediate removal by staff or police. Therefore, parishioners are asked not to encourage solicitors by giving money.

If you have been solicited, you may report it to the Welcome & Information Center or an usher. If you want to help personally, a safe alternative to giving money is buying food at the 7 Eleven locations next to Star of the Sea and St. Nicholas.

2. Beggars are welcome to come to the parish office during weekday business hours or to the Welcome & Information Center during weekend Masses. At the office, they can receive a light meal and a personal referral to a social service agency. At both the office and the Welcome Centers, they can receive a package with a pair of socks, a hat and/or gloves.

3. Homeless are generally welcome to sleep in the parish churches outside of Mass. Sleeping during Mass, however, is grounds for removal from the church.

If someone is sleeping during Mass, you may report it to the Welcome & Information Center or an usher.

Join Us

Youth Leader Program (Teens Grade 8-12)

When: Saturday March 2, 2019
Time: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Where: Assumption Regional Catholic School
146 S. Pitney Rd., Galloway
Contact: gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org
856-583-2908

Black Catholic Ministries "Carnival Around the World"

When: Sunday March 3, 2019
Time: 1:00 PM
Where: Memorial Hall
"Refreshments Served"

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 adults / \$5 for children 3-10 under 3 are free.

Lent Retreat By OLSS Charismatic Renovation with Fr. John Jairo Franco

When: Saturday March 16, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Where: Memorial Hall (Gym)
Contact: 609-992-9504 / 609-335-6967 / 609-816-5972
Donation: \$10.00

Holy Spirit High School presents "Hello Dolly"

When: March 15 - 16 at 7 PM and March 17 at 2 PM
Where: High School Theatre, Absecon, NJ
Tickets: \$12 adults-10 students & senior
Information: 609-646-3000

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

When: Sunday June 16, 2019
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
Requirement: Fill out a form at your Parish Office

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 16 - FEB. 17

OFFERTORY	\$12,738.00
BUDGET	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX	\$524.00

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 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church is open 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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"Prayers"

"Thank you God for giving my family and I another day to live. Please help those in need and help my parents to be able to buy a new house soon please." - Teresa Guadalupe Cabrera Andrae

"Pray for my mom so she can get better." - Marlene Santiago-Lopez

"God bless my family." - Michelle

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Read about others in *Black Christian Saints*, or *African Saints (40 Holy Men and Women)* African Stories, Dr. Camille Brown; or *African Saints*, Frederick Quinn.

What is the name of the African-American Catholic Hymnal?

Lead Me, Guide Me (1987, 2011)

What year and place did Pope John Paul II meet with African-American Catholic leaders?

In 1987 during his pastoral visit to the United States in New Orleans

What is the meaning of the colors of the African-American Flag?

The Flag is a symbol of liberation as a people created by Marcus Garvey.

RED: symbolizes the blood from our past, present, and future suffering for dignity and freedom

BLACK: symbolizes our people of African descent

GREEN: symbolizes Mother Africa and the future

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

"First Saturday Reflection Day"

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: St. Michael's Church

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

Contact: Sr. Chiara, 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"

"Dios te doy gracias por que hoy mi hermana Jacqueline y yo recibiremos el bautismo. Te pido que nos del bien. Amen" - Alexander Cacotla -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 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

24 de Febrero del 2019

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Más bien, amad a vuestros enemigos; haced el bien, y prestad sin esperar nada a cambio" (Lucas 6:35)

Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. ¿Verdad? Pero, si vamos a imitar a Cristo, la mayoría de nosotros necesitamos practicar la misericordia y la compasión con mayor frecuencia. Comienza con las pequeñas molestias diarias que experimentamos, la palabra cruel o la mirada de odio que recibimos. En lugar de planear la venganza de esa persona, intenta decir una oración rápida por esa persona. La misericordia y la compasión nos pondrán en el camino de la santidad. Que practiquemos la misericordia y la compasión con más frecuencia y oremos por aquellos que nos molestan.

Misa Diocesana de Aniversario de Bodas

Cuando: Domingo 16 de Junio del 2019

Hora: 3:00 PM

Donde: Parroquia St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201

Requisito: Llenar un formulario en su Parroquia

Mass Intentions for the Week - February 24, 2019

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb.23	8:00	
		4:15	Arleen Walsh / Marcie & Jack McAvaddy
		7:00	Aida Gracida Vasquez(D) / Hermanos y Familiares
Sunday	Feb.24	7:30	Charles McDonough / Susan Sless
		9:00	Mass for the People
		10:30	
		12:00	Ed Dimeo / Bernie Lee
		2:30	
		6:30	2 Linh Hồn Anna và Giuse (D)/ Joseph Nguyễn
Monday	Feb.25	7:00	Theresa Connor / James Persenda
		5:15	Trinidad Gonzales(D) / Heidi Gonzales
Tuesday	Feb.26	7:00	
		5:15	Barbara Marshall(D) / Aunt Miriam & Clark Family
Wednesday	Feb.27	7:00	Theresa Connor / Fiola Family
		5:15	Percy Jarillo(D)
		7:00	Noel Baez(D) / Liz Baez
Thursday	Feb.28	7:00	Anastasia Tuohy & Tuohy Family / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		5:15	Dominadora Deza(D) / Family
		6:30	
Friday	Mar.01	7:00	
		5:15	Jack Kelly 3rd(L) / The Kelly Family
Saturday	Mar.02	8:00	
		4:15	Sara Damiani(D) / Mr. & Mrs. Gus Damiani
Sunday	Mar.03	7:00	
		7:30	Theresa Volpe / Jack Imfeld
		9:00	
		10:30	Luz M. Posner (L) / Sus Hijos
		12:00	Mass for the People
		6:30	Linh Hồn Maria Nguyễn Ngọc Hoa (D) Bắc Khương Hoàng

St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Feb.23	4:00	Dave Peterson / Daniel Dailey
Sunday	Feb.24	10:30	*Fred & Catherine Warlich / Daughter Karen
			*Living & Deceased Members of McDermott & McDowell Families
			*Mollie Casale / James Persenda
		12:00	James Wilkins / Daniel Dailey
Monday	Feb.25	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Tuesday	Feb.26	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	Feb.27	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	Feb.28	8:00	Deceased Members of the Troy & Morris Families / Mary J. Morris
Friday	Mar.01	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Saturday	Mar.02	4:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Sunday	Mar.03	10:30	*Mario J. Formica(D) & Family(L)
			*Madeline Hopper & Family
			*Margaret (Peggy) Costa / Persenda & Fiola Family
		12:00	Jordyn Juan / Mr. & Mrs. James Paulson

"Parish Office Lunch Hour"

Starting Monday, February 25 the offices will be closed from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM for Lunch.

Thank you for your consideration!

St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	Mar.03	10:00	Mary DiGiovanni / Marcia Mancini
Sunday	Apr.07	10:00	Luigi & Maria Calderon / Maria Bongiovanni & Family

"Homebound Request"

If someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office.