



# 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.

**April 28, 2019** **Second Sunday of Easter**

## "VIETNAMESE EASTER CELEBRATION"



Father Andrew and the Vietnamese community celebrate mass on Easter. We are truly blessed to have such a diversity of culture and traditions here at the Parish of Saint Monica.

## 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**  
May 05, 2019 at 10:00 AM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wed, May 01-Fri, May 17**

### Mass Cancelled

- 8:00 AM
- St. Nicholas
- 7:00 AM Mass available at OLSS**

**Sat, May 04**

### First Communion

- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (First Session)
- 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (Second Session)
- OLSS

**Sat, Jun. 01**

### 10th Annual Sis. Shamus Walk

- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- School Gym/Boardwalk
- \$20.00 walker registration

## 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 Kathleen Given.

## 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 HOURS

Monday thru Friday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday and Sunday  
CLOSED

# 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!"**

## 10th ANNUAL SISTER SHAMUS WALK - JUNE 1st

Mark your calendar now! The 10th Annual Sister Shamus Walk will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The Walk is an essential fundraiser for the school and all monies raised directly benefit the students and programs at OLSS. To register for the Walk or become a sponsor for the Walk, follow the link on the school website [www.olssac.org](http://www.olssac.org). Questions about how you can participate or become a sponsor? Call Sister Kathy in the Development Office at 609-345-2111 to find out more.

## CIVIC SAFARI

Rainforest Café is hosting a Civic Safari benefitting Our Lady Star of the Sea School on Tuesday, April 30. 10% of all sales (food and merchandise) that day will come directly to our school. The Rainforest Café is located on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City next to Caesars. To participate, customers must present a voucher which can be downloaded from the school website at [www.olssac.org](http://www.olssac.org). Join us on Tuesday, April 30, and enjoy a WILD time in the Rainforest!

## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to Sister Chris and the 8th grade for your prayerful and powerful presentation of Jesus' journey to the cross.

## MOMMY & ME

Join the Fun! The next session of Mommy & Me is Thursday, May 9. A fun, educational program for children 6 months to 3 years old and their adult, each class is 1 hour long and includes music and movement, story time, arts and crafts, and bubble time! Come join us as we dance, sing songs, read stories and have lots of fun with our little ones! Snacks are provided. To register or for more information, contact Sister Kathy Nace at 609-345-2111 or email her at [nace.kathy@olssac.org](mailto:nace.kathy@olssac.org) or register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/4iTgmoN1TLYUNSTG3>

## MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Sixth and Seventh grade enjoyed a trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia on Monday. The Museum which opened just two years outlines the events and conditions that lead up to the revolution, the development of the Constitution, and the contributions of key historical figures including Washington and Hamilton. The highlight of the trip was the immersive film about George Washington and the presentation of his tent which served as his headquarters throughout the war and has survived intact to this day.

## 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 (PreK-3 and PreK-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, visit the school website at [www.olssac.org](http://www.olssac.org) or call Sister Kathy Nace at 609-345-2111.

*The Community of Our Lady Star of the Sea School wishes you and your families a happy and blessed Easter!*

## 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](http://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*

## Honoring Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians

The Icon at the front of the Church today is Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians courtesy of the Knights of Columbus Council 405. Christians are being persecuted more than we have known before. It is estimated that in the 20th century, more martyrs died for Christ than in the first three centuries of the Church's existence. Indeed, we have many living martyrs now: an elderly man in a white chasuble; might that be Father Jacques Hamel? A young woman; could that be Asia Bibi? A prisoner in a concentration camp uniform; Saint Maximilian Kolbe? Each figure represents so many more persecuted Christians, many known, and some unknown; however, they will all have this in common: Mary will be there for them and they will look to her for strength when they need it most. And after the battle of this life, they will rejoice forever with her Son, Jesus Christ, bearing the palm leaves of victory that we see at the top of the icon.

May we prove as faithful as these Christians. - Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, Pray for Us!

### ***Parishioner Highlights***

"...If one member is honored, all rejoice together"

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

Sister Chiara was featured on the back cover of the April 2019 issue of Columbia magazine, the monthly magazine of the Knights of Columbus. Every issue features a priest, religious brother or sister, or seminarian. Sister Chiara shares her path to the religious life and is photographed on the front steps of St. Michael's Convent. Thank you for representing Atlantic City, Sister!

# 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  
MAY 20, 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.

## PARISHIONER OF THE MONTH

PLEASE JOIN US IN

CONGRATULATING

TOM AND PEGGY SYKES

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT  
YOU DO!

# Join Us

## Addiction & Their Families by Catholic Charities

**When:** Saturday, May 4, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Cumberland County College  
Luciano Conference Center  
3322 College Dr, Vineland, NJ

**Contact:** Silvia Loumeau @ 856-342-4162

## Emmet Cahill Concert by Knights of Columbus in Mantua

**When:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**Price:** \$30.00 general admission  
\$45.00 meet & greet

**Information:** emmetcahill.com

**Contact:** Karl @ 609-440-3779  
Bill @ 856-237-3852

## The Family in the Heart of Catechesis & Evangelization

**When:** Friday, May 10, 2019

**Time:** 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Where:** St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville

**Contact:** Norma Guzman @ 856-583-6170

## Ducktown Meeting

**When:** Monday, April 29, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Where:** Dante Hall

## Mass of Remembrance & Healing by Msgr. Michael Mannion & Msgr. Peter Joyce

**When:** Monday, May 13, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Church of the Resurrection, Marmora

**Contact:** Betty @ 609-425-3553

## 2019 Fatima Rosary Prayer Group by St. Joseph's Men

**When:** May 13, June 13, July 13, August 13,  
September 13 & October 13, 2019

**Time:** 12: PM

**Where:** Atlantic City Boardwalk, Nadine Boggs  
Carpenter Pavillion

**Contact:** Joseph M. Piecyk  
[josephpiecyk@yahoo.com](mailto:josephpiecyk@yahoo.com)

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR APR.20 - APR.21

EASTER OFFERING . . . . .	\$26,819.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$919.00
HOLY THURSDAY . . . . .	\$1,749.00
GOOD FRIDAY . . . . .	\$5,052.00
EASTER VIGIL . . . . .	\$3,584.00

### 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

Maria Isabel Duran, Director  
mduran@accatholic.org

609-345-1878 ext. 24

## "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

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has announced that effective April 8, St. Peter Claver Church, for generations the mother church for African American Catholics in Philadelphia, will formally close. St. Peter Claver Parish was Philadelphia's first designated African American parish. It officially closed in 1985. Archbishop Patrick Ryan officiated at the Jan. 3, 1892 dedication while Father Augustus Tolton, the nation's first black priest, was present that evening for vespers. After St. Peter Claver was suppressed, the rectory was occupied for a time by the Office for Black Catholics as the St. Peter Claver Center for Evangelization.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

### "First Saturday Reflection Day"

**When:** Saturday, May 4, 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

## STEWARDSHIP

April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter

**"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)**

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples living Stewardship for Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

That as Christian Stewards we look for opportunities to share God's peace inside and outside of our parish boundaries.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Every year, the Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey organizes a St. Patrick's Day Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows in Linwood and donates the collection to our St. Nicholas food pantry. Fr. Brady and Msgr. Coyne celebrate the Mass. This year, they donated \$1,046! On behalf of our poor, thank you, members of the society! To learn more about their meetings at the American Legion Hall in Absecon, visit their Web site, [www.iacssj.org](http://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

## 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

### Adicción y Las Familias por Caridades Católicas

**Cuando:** Sábado 4 de Mayo del 2019  
**Hora:** 10:00 AM a 1:00 PM  
**Donde:** Cumberland County College  
Luciano Conference Center  
3322 College Dr, Vineland, NJ  
**Llamar:** Silvia Loumeau @ 856-342-4162

### La Familia en el Corazón de la Catequesis y la Evangelización

**Cuando:** Sábado 11 de Mayo del 2019  
**Hora:** 9:30 AM a 2:30 PM  
**Donde:** Casa de Retiro Juan Pablo II, Vineland  
**Llamar:** Norma Guzman @ 856-583-6170

## 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

## CORRESPONSABILIDAD

28 de Abril del 2019

2do Domingo de Pascua

**"Jesús les dijo otra vez: 'La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me envió, también yo los envío a ustedes.' (JUAN 20:21)**

Paz - el primer regalo del Señor resucitado. Así como Jesús envió a los apóstoles al mundo, Él también nos envía a nosotros. Como discípulos de Jesús, estamos llamados a ser agradecidos y generosos. Busca oportunidades para compartir su paz, no solo dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino también fuera de ella. Al dar, recibimos la paz de Jesucristo.

Que busquemos oportunidades para compartir la paz de Dios dentro y fuera de los límites de nuestra parroquia.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - April 28, 2019

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr.27	8:00 4:15	Adam Soja (D) / Ann Soja Silverio Vitiello (D) / Mark & Donna Fisher
Sunday	Apr.28	7:00 7:30 9:00 10:30 12:00 2:30 6:30	Mass for the People Lucia and Phêrô (D) / Bà Xuất
Monday	Apr.29	7:00 5:15	Sr. Claude Damico / Kathleen Vail Virginia McAvaddy / Family
Tuesday	Apr.30	7:00 5:15	Sis & Joe Liddy / Liddy Family Ed Colanzi / Agatha Loflin & Family
Wednesday	May.01	7:00 5:15 7:00	Shaun Sless / Susan Sless
Thursday	May.02	7:00 5:15 6:30	Katherine & Edward Ocksterowcz(D) /Niece Grace John Raymond Gormley III / Family
Friday	May.03	7:00 9:00 5:15	Gertrude Tarrant / Mary Ellen Maguire Flo Fragala(L) / Mary Help of Christians
Saturday	May.04	7:00 8:00 4:15 7:00	Adam Soja (D) / Ann Soja Rose Maguire / Family
Sunday	May.05	7:30 9:00 10:30 12:00 2:30 6:30	Mass for the People Cael Rankin (L) / Cecilia Mag- along Maryanne Kirkland(D) / Mary- anne & Marilyn Kirkland Joseph Huy Đổ (D) / Lan Pham

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Apr.27	4:00	Thomas (Butch) Matthews & Lorraine DeVice / Carolyn Hoff- man
Sunday	Apr.28	10:30 12:00	*Madeline Hopper & Family *Gary Warlich / Karen Stinsman *Nancy McGhee / Nancy & Jimmy Morgan Fidel & Juanita Montemayor
Monday	Apr.29	8:00	Deceased Members of the Troy & Morris Families / Mary J. Mor- ris
Tuesday	Apr.30	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Wednesday	May.01	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	May.02	8:00	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Applegate, Baglivo, Brown & Burke Families / Michele Baglivo
Friday	May.03	8:00	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Bernadette Scott / Daniel Daily
Saturday	May.04	4:00	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Paul Geangelo / Paul & Lor- raine Flynn
Sunday	May.05	10:30 12:00	*Holy Souls in Purgatory *Madeline Hopper & Family *Ti Da Yang (D) / Li Di Yang (Sister) Mario J. Formica(D) & Family(L)

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	May.05	10:00	Mary DiGiovanni / Mary Help of Christians
Sunday	June.02	10:00	*Deceased Members of Bar- bera, Cohen & Daviso Families / Tess Cohen *Anthony Tamburelli / Matt & Michelle Ruggeri *Albert F. Fleury Jr., M.D / Maureen & Frank Previti



Sr. Jadwiga Cierpinska, one of the Little Servant Sisters who previously volunteered in our religious education program, has been ministering in Jamaica. She sent this photo of her with local children along with her Easter greetings. She still visits Atlantic City.