



# 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.

**May 12, 2019** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## "FIRST COMMUNION 2019"



Congratulations to all our 2019 communicants and thanks to the parents for making this possible. The crowning of Mary was so beautiful. Also thanks to our office staff for their support, to our priests and Pastor Fr. Jon for his special dedication with our children. Special recognition to all of our volunteers and catechists for their love, hard work, and dedication. May God continue to bless them. We are looking forward to the upcoming year 2019/2020.

## 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**  
June 02, 2019 at 10:00 AM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thu, May 16-Fri, May 17**  
**New Altar Server Training**

- 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
- OLSS
- Call Parish Office and ask for Ext 10

**Fri, May 17**  
**May Crowning**

- 11:00 AM
- OLSS

**Sat, Jun. 01**  
**10th Annual Sis. Shamus Walk**

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish of Saint Monica** • 2651 Atlantic Avenue • Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
www.accatholic.org • phone 609-345-1878 • fax 609-348-0248

**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.

## 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the OLSS Students who made their First Communion on May 4: Camilla Franco, Yahir Franco, Julieta Gonzalez, Joseph Karecky, Joshua Karecky, Annaleigh Kelly, Alizon Lopez, Andrew Normane, Isabella Normane, Jenny Pham, Scarlet Rojas-Garcia, Angelynn Shanchez-Garcia, Van Steitler, Nigel Tauro.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the families and parishioners who supported the All You Can Eat Breakfast on April 14. Thanks to your generous support we raised over \$2000 for the students of Our Lady Star of the Sea School. A special thank you to the generous parents who organized, cooked, and served that day. You are amazing and we are so grateful.

## 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

**PARISH OFFICE**  
609-345-1878

**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*

## **JN 10:27-30**

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

**Adults:** Jesus promises that those who follow his Father in heaven will never perish. How is this a comfort to you?

**Children:** Why do you think that sheep follow a shepherd? Do you believe that you are one of God's sheep?

## **Jn 10, 27-30**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los judíos: "Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen.

Yo les doy la vida eterna y no perecerán jamás; nadie las arrebatará de mi mano. Me las ha dado mi Padre, y él es superior a todos, y nadie puede arrebatarnos de la mano del Padre. El Padre y yo somos uno".

**Adultos:** Jesus prometio a todos los que lo sigan a su Padre al cielo nunca pareceran. Como esto te hace sentir comfortable?

**Niños:** Porque tu piensas que las ovejas siguen al pastor? Tu crees que tu eres una oveja de Dios?

## ***Mother's Day Prayer***

All-loving God, we give thanks for mothers young and old.  
We pray for all mothers of every kind: those who have loved us  
and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and  
great-grandmothers who are no longer with us,

But whose love is in our memory forever.

*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 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



Frank and Phyllis go where they are needed. Although, they worshipped with Msgr. Hodge after he performed their wedding at St. Nicholas, they followed a call to worship at the then-parish of Star of the Sea in order to support its parochial school. When the churches united to form a city-wide parish in 2015, they continued their efforts. Now they serve in both places! Phyllis can be heard proclaiming the Word of God at Mass at Saint Nicholas and Frank can be found in a Star of the Sea classroom teaching an art elective. They are both passionate servants of the Church and charismatic believers in the Lord Jesus.

# Join Us

## 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

## Atlantic Care "Fresh Market"

**When:** Thursday, May 16, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Where:** Duane Harris Park  
1160 Brigantine Ave., Atlantic City, NJ  
**Contact:** Vinnie Kirkland @ 609-572-8506

## Movie Night & Snacks By The Knights of Columbus "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing"

**When:** Friday, May 17, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Where:** St. Michael's Hall

## Employment & Resource Fair by Catholic Charities

**When:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Where:** Quaremba Hall  
**Contact:** 856-394-3071 for more information

## Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

**When:** Friday, May 24, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 PM Mass  
**Where:** St. Michael's Church  
**Contact:** Norma Guzman @ 856-583-6170

## 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

## BY THE NUMBERS

### PARISH COLLECTION FOR MAY 04 - MAY 05

OFFERING . . . . .	\$13,942.00
BUDGET . . . . .	\$15,609.00
POOR BOX . . . . .	\$359.00

### 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  
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### "May Crowning"

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## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Millions of donations poured in for the famous Notre Dame cathedral in Paris after a devastating fire burned it to the ground. This prompted donors to do the same for three black churches destroyed by arson in Louisiana. "I think it's a big deal for a string of black church burnings to be happening in the south in 2019," said Megan Romer, a writer in Lafayette. In a 24-hour span, over \$1 million had been raised for the St. Landry Parish churches. "We're going to stand up and do what we can do to help them," Romer said. "We're not necessarily going to be able to heal those wounds, but at least we can get their building built back up".

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

### "First Saturday Reflection Day"

**When:** Saturday, June 1, 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

**May 12, 2019**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."  
(ACTS 13:52)**

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts by living in Stewardship, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

That we as Christian Stewards continue to share the joy of our Catholic faith and be an example for others. Let us pray to the Lord.

# 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

### 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

## EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

### Horas de Oficina

Lunes - Jueves ..... 11:00am - 3:00pm

### Contactar

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## CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### 12 de Mayo del 2019

### 4º Domingo de Pascua

### "Los discípulos se llenaron de alegría y del Espíritu Santo." (HECHOS 13:52)

Los discípulos escucharon el llamado de nuestro Señor y pudieron difundir el mensaje del Evangelio con fuerza y vitalidad. Nosotros también podemos experimentar ese mismo gozo si hacemos espacio para que el Espíritu Santo llene nuestros corazones. Cuando usamos nuestros dones de la manera que Dios quiere, Él nos llena de alegría sobrenatural. Una alegría que otros notan y a la que se sienten atraídos.

Que sigamos compartiendo la alegría de nuestra fe Católica y sea esta un ejemplo para los demás.

# Mass Intentions for the Week - May 12, 2019

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May.11	8:00	Adam Soja (D) / Ann Soja
		4:15	Jack Kelly Jr. (L)(B) / The Kelly Family
Sunday	May.12	7:00	
		7:30	Kazimiera Wdowiak (L) / Anna Soja
		9:00	All Mother (L)&(D) / Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	
		12:00	Mass for the People
		2:30	Angela Torres / Ismael Martineson
Monday	May.13	6:30	Brigitta (D)
		7:00	Dolores Andrew / The Family
Tuesday	May.14	5:15	Anita Sharra (L) / MHC
		7:00	Vincent Joseph Giannantonio / Linda Jordan
Wednesday	May.15	5:15	Sally & Robert Basile / Marcie & Jack McAvaddy
		7:00	
Thursday	May.16	5:15	Ida Luisi / Ann D'Addario
		7:00	
Friday	May.17	7:00	Florence Fritz / Trisha, Peggy, Danny
		5:15	Sis Gloria Jones / Rosemary & Mary Ellen Maguire
Saturday	May.18	6:30	
		7:00	Biritta Pham Thi Hong (D) / Family
Sunday	May.19	5:15	Pat Mancuso (L) / Mary Help of Christians
		7:00	
Saturday	May.18	8:00	Jack Kelly 3rd (D) / The Kelly Family
		4:15	Mary DiSomma (D) / John & Annette DiSomma
Sunday	May.19	7:00	
		7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Fr. Thanh Pham (L) / Cecilia Magalong
		10:30	Mirian Montoya / Familia
		12:00	Mary DiSomma (D) / John & Annette DiSomma
		2:30	
6:30	Joseph (D)		

## St. Nicholas Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	May.11	4:00	Thomas (Butch) Mathews & Lorraine DeVice / Carolyn Hoffman
Sunday	May.12	10:30	*Juanita, Felipa, Fructosa & Demetria
		12:00	*Madeline Hopper & Family *Living & Deceased Members of McDermott & McDeowell Families
Monday	May.13	8:00	Theresa Nolan / Nolan Family
Tuesday	May.14	8:00	Living & Deceased Members of Formica & Cesario Families
Wednesday	May.15	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Thursday	May.16	8:00	Madeline Hopper & Family
Friday	May.17	8:00	Marlene Console (D) / Daughter
Saturday	May.18	4:00	Deceased Members of the Troy & Morris Families
Sunday	May.19	10:30	Frank Bonom (D) / Kathleen Vail
		12:00	Charles P. Ditegra

## St. Michael's Church

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Sunday	June.02	10:00	*Deceased Members of Barbera, Cohen & Daviso Families / Tess Cohen *Anthony Tamburelli / Matt & Michelle Ruggeri *Albert F. Fleury Jr., M.D / Maureen & Frank Previti



### "Interfaith Prayer Service"

Pictured is Fr. Jon with other religious leaders at the interfaith prayer service held at Star of the Sea church last Wednesday. The community prayers were offered for victims of religious violence.