



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 16, 2020 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL



Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal community share their vocation with OLSS students, the vows they make, and their experiences serving Jesus. The day was an inspirational and uplifting treat for our students.

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 SCHEDULE
Mon. and Fri. 12:00 Noon

Saint Michael's
10 N. MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

1st Sunday of the Month
March 1, 2020
10:00 AM

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

Mon, Feb. 17
Presidents' Day
Prayer

- Dear Lord, send your spirit to touch the hearts of our NATION'S LEADERS give them wisdom and courage. Amen

Tues, Feb. 18
Bible Study

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

NOTICE

- Until further notice, the bathroom is not working in the church. The underground sewer line is broken and it will take some time to fix. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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
www.olssac.org • phone 609-345-0648 • fax 609-344-6735
Catholic Charities • 9 North Georgia Avenue • 609-345-3448

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*

Consider rereading SIR 15:15-20 below then answer the appropriate question(s) with a group, like your household, or alone.

SIR 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.

Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Adults: Do you accept God's love through his laws?

Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

Sir 15, 16-21

Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; permanecer fiel a ellos es cosa tuya. El Señor ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras. Delante del hombre están la muerte y la vida; le será dado lo que él escoja.

Es infinita la sabiduría del Señor; es inmenso su poder y él lo ve todo. Los ojos del Señor ven con agrado a quienes lo temen; el Señor conoce todas las obras del hombre. A nadie le ha mandado ser impío y a nadie le ha dado permiso de pecar.

Adultos: Aceptas el amor de Dios a través de sus leyes?

Niños: Que regla te causa dificultad? Porque?

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. Contact Sister Celeste.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Classes begin in September. 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 - 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM

Tuesdays

Grades 6 to 12 - 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM

Adults - 5:30 PM to 8:45 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.

SANTO NIÑO DEVOTION

Friday after the 5:15 PM Mass.

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon P. Thomas

Pastor

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Rev. Cesar A. Rebollo

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609-343-1545

WEB SITE

www.accatholic.org



Our Lady Star of the Sea

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON ABSECON ISLAND

"The mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea School is to unite our multicultural community through the Catholic values of academic excellence, compassionate service, and respect for all."



OLSS was selected from nearly 800 applications to receive award packages to help start new or expand existing youth garden programs.

A special thanks to Mr. Freelon for this hard work on the grant application. We are very excited to grow our community garden along with engaging educational programs for OLSS students.



Now Enrolling for 2020-2021

We are offering Transfer Grants for the current year and next school year. Apply for a Transfer Grant at www.olssac.org/tuition-assistance-1.

OLSS provides full day PK and Kindergarten programs, faith development, service projects, special education, enrichment courses such as: architecture, creative writing, Latin, afterschool clubs to include: drama, leadership, baking, art, chess, garden, intramurals and JV, Varsity sports. Visit us to see all we can offer your child this school year!

Payment plans and tuition assistance also available. Schedule a visit today! Email Christine Willard at willard.christine@gmail.com or call 609-345-0648

Ways You Can Support OLSS

Make a donation to Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Your donation will help us continue to benefit students with: learning resources, enrichment programs, afterschool activities, athletic equipment, building safety, and tuition assistance.

You may mail your gift to the school to: 15 N. California Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401, drop off at the school or parish office or make a donation online at www.olssac.org/support-us.

Purchase gift cards to many local and online stores through OLSS. Gift Card order forms are available in our school office and online at www.olssac.org/fundraisers.

Shop online via SchoolStore.com and OLSS receives a portion of sales. Go to www.olssac.org/fundraisers to shop today.

Chocolate bars being sold now at \$1 p/bar.

Thank you for supporting the students at OLSS School!

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
FEBRUARY 17**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities' dedicated case managers are able to provide clients with immediate needs such as clothing, food, baby supplies, and household items, as well as equipping them with the tools they need to become self-sufficient: stable housing, rental and utility assistance, employment, and other essentials.

In 2018, the office received a total of 8,745 calls for assistance, and of those served across Atlantic county, most live in Atlantic City – of those given food assistance county-wide, 88% were Atlantic City residents; for rental and utility assistance, 62% and 41% were Atlantic City residents, respectively.

The Atlantic City office, located on 9 N. Georgia Avenue, is open from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. To learn more about Catholic Charities' services and programs in Atlantic County, visit: www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/?staff=atlantic-county or call the office at 609-345-3448.

Employee Giving Campaign

Many businesses began their Employee Giving campaigns this fall and continue to solicit donations through the end of the year. Employee Giving/United Way campaigns give us an opportunity to direct our donations to the charities that best represent our beliefs. If you work for such a company, you can contribute to our House of Charity campaign through them. In the Donor Choice section, write "House of Charity, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102." You may also be asked for a code. The United Way code is 445. The PECC campaign code is 6510. If you need a code for another campaign, call the office. Finally, please ask to be acknowledged. Only by doing so will the campaign release your name to House of Charity, so your contribution counts toward the parish's 2020 goal.

Join Us

ESL Classes

When: Every Wednesday
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Where: Quaremba Hall
Notes: Any language level is welcomed. Materials are provided.
Contact: The Parish Office if you have questions
609-345-0648

UNICO Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph's Table by St. Michael's Church Preservation Society

When: Sunday, March 1, 2020
Where: Quaremba Hall
Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Price: \$10 (adult)
\$5 (children 3 to 10 yrs old)
Free (children under 3 yrs old)
Contact: Marcia @ 609-641-4634
"Tickets on sale now"

Celebrate Black History Month Mass

When: Sunday, February 23, 2020
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish
176 Stagecoach Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Time: 2:00 PM (light reception to follow Mass)
Contact: Cheryl Summers @ 856-583-2901
cheryl.summers@camdendiocese.org

Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend Program

When: February 21 to February 23, 2020
Where: Family Life Center in Malvern, PA
Contact: 215-766-3944
800-470-2230

"All inquiries kept strictly confidential"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

When: March 6 to March 8, 2020
Registration: applications@wwme-southjersey.org
Visit: wwme-southjersey.org
Contact: 609-741-8012

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 8 - FEB. 9

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|--------------------|-------------|
| OFFERING | \$14,058.00 |
| BUDGET | \$15,609.00 |
| POOR BOX | \$178.00 |

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS 2608

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.

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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Parish of Saint Monica Religious Education Date to Remember

1-**Sat. 02/29/20** Penance (Confession) at 10am at church for communicants and confirmands.

2-Rite of Election on **Sun. 03/01/20** at 3pm for candidates receiving all sacraments on Holy Saturday.

3-Confirmation date **Tues. 03/03/20** at 5pm. Be here 15 minutes early.

4-**Sat. 03/07/20** retreat for RCIA, Godparents, catechists of St. Monica at the cafeteria 10am - 2pm \$10.00 for lunch.

5-Easter Vigil, **Sat. 04/11/20**, Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation for RCIA at 7pm at St. Nicholas church.

6-First Communion rehearsal is **Sat. 04/25/20** at 10:00 am.

7-First Communion 2020 for grades 2nd to 6th only, on **Sat. 05/02/20** at 10am. Please bring a rose for the Blessed Mother.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African American History Month. During slavery, most black slaves were denied formal education and in fact many laws were passed in the South prohibiting slave literacy in the aftermath of various slave rebellions. Even free blacks in the century before and after the Civil War were limited in their access to mainstream, quality education and vocational training. This limited education and training meant that, for the most part, blacks were shut out of professional occupations and confined to working in industries deemed acceptable for them, such as domestic services, some manual trades, and agriculture. Nevertheless, a small number of exceptionally talented blacks were able to obtain an education and, through their life's work, make significant contributions to American life.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SODALITY

The Mary Help of Christians Sodality of The Parish of St. Monica, Atlantic City, will be awarding a \$1000 Scholarship to a female high school senior planning to further her education in the fall of 2020. She must meet all the criteria, including a connection to Mary Help of Christians Sodality. Applications available through the local high schools' guidance department. Applications must be mailed to Sally Krause by April 30 to be considered. For any additional information / clarification, please call Sally Krause at 609-822-4008.

"Please Do Not Call the Parish Office"

Stardust Winners

February 10, 2020

#914 - Mary Galante, Jackson, NJ - \$3,000

#200 - Louise & Michael Esposito, Brigantine, NJ - \$500

#394 - Jennifer Lloyd, Stafford, VA - \$500

#517 - Kristen Seddon, Schwenksville, PA - \$500

#448 - Brian Beddo, Woodbury, NJ - \$500

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 sera 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

Presentacion de niños

Se realizaran los primeros y terceros Domingos en la misa de las 2:30 PM

Confesiones

- 1- Miercoles, Jueves, Viernes y Sabados seran 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

Todo los 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 hablaran" – Hechos 2,4

Hora Santa en Honor

al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Todos los primeros Viernes del mes
Después de la Misa de 7 PM



EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Horas de Oficina

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

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CORRESPONSABILIDA

16 de Febrero del 2020

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Porque les digo que, a menos que su justicia sea superior a la de los escribas y fariseos, nunca entrarán en el reino de los cielos". MATEO 5:20

Los escribas y fariseos vivían de acuerdo con la letra de la ley y usaron esto para elevarse por encima de las otras personas. Jesús es claro: es el amor que tienes en tu corazón lo que te llevará al cielo. Simplemente seguir las reglas de la iglesia por obligación, no por amor, no te pone en el camino al cielo. Asistir a misa el domingo y luego cotillear sobre un compañero feligrés en el estacionamiento es un ejemplo de un fariseo moderno.

Para que crezca nuestra fe y que compartamos generosamente por amor y no por obligación.

SABIDURIA REVELA...

**A TRAVEZ DEL
SPIRITU.**

Mass Intentions for the Week - February 16, 2020

Our Lady Star of the Sea

| Day | Date | Time | Intention |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|--|
| Saturday | Feb. 15 | 8:00 | (L) James Paulson / Elaine Paulson & Family |
| | | 4:15 | (D) Al Bigler / The Bigler Family |
| | | 7:00 | (D) Ramona Ramos Vega / Ocean Casino Security |
| Sunday | Feb. 16 | 7:30 | (D) Gladys Molinari / Cecilia Mag-along |
| | | 9:00 | (D) Leonette Gagnon / Marilyn Gerhardt |
| | | 10:30 | |
| | | 12:00 | Mass for the People |
| | | 2:30 | |
| | | 6:30 | (D) Teresa Thu Nguyệt Nguyễn (D) - Các cháu |
| Monday | Feb. 17 | 7:00 | |
| | | 5:15 | (D) Rocky Troano / Lana A. Mutshler & Nina Difore |
| Tuesday | Feb. 18 | 7:00 5:15 | |
| Wednesday | Feb. 19 | 7:00 5:15 7:00 | The Souls in Purgatory / Formica |
| Thursday | Feb. 20 | 7:00 | Madeline Hopper & Family |
| | | 5:15 | (D) Sr. M Sylvia Giraldo / Cecilia Mag-along |
| Friday | Feb. 21 | 6:30 7:00 | |
| | | 5:15 | (D) Joseph Kaczorowski Anniversary Mass / Son Ronald |
| Saturday | Feb. 22 | 7:00 8:00 | |
| | | 4:15 | (D) Michael Barbere / Don & MaryAnn Mazur (D) Patricia Ellis / Eleanor & Jeffrey Davidson |
| Sunday | Feb. 23 | 7:00 | |
| | | 7:30 | Ralph Perone / Louise Palmentieri |
| | | 9:00 | Phillip Duffy / Ruffolo Family |
| | | 10:30 | |
| | | 12:00 | Lucy Ferrario / Joe Formica |
| | | 2:30 6:30 | (D) Các Linh Hồn |

St. Nicholas Church

| Day | Date | Time | Intention |
|----------|---------|-------|--|
| Saturday | Feb. 15 | 4:00 | (D) Thomas "Butch" Mathews and Lorraine DeVice / Family |
| Sunday | Feb. 16 | 10:30 | *(D) Peggy Oldfield / Michele Baglivo *(D) Christian Pailleret / Nancy & Jimmy Morgan |
| | | 12:00 | (D) Theresa Nolan / Nolan Family |
| Monday | Feb. 17 | 12:00 | RIP Pinto / Dan Dailey |
| Friday | Feb. 21 | 12:00 | Deceased Members of the Troy & Morris Families / Estate of Mary J. Morris |
| Saturday | Feb. 22 | 4:00 | (D) Joseph Klen / Dan Dailey |
| Sunday | Feb. 23 | 10:30 | *(D) Holy Souls in Purgatory *(D) Christian Paileret / Cece Foley |
| | | 12:00 | Mass for the People |

"St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians"

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now.

"Homebound Request"

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

St. Michael's Church

| Day | Date | Time | Intention |
|--------|--------|-------|---|
| Sunday | Mar. 1 | 10:00 | (D) Grazia & Diego Fiorentino / Carmela Nanfara |
| Sunday | Apr. 5 | 10:00 | (D) Emma Mancini / The Family |

Prayer Intentions

Want an intention announced in the bulletin?

Email office@accatholic.org