



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.

March 8, 2020

Nineth Sunday in Ordinary

UNICO PASTA DINER



Members of Unico, an Italian American service organization, hosted their annual Pasta dinner at Quaremba Hall. While feasting an Italian dinner with dessert, the dinner guests were entertained with live Italian Music and were invited to dance the Tarantella, a traditional Italian dance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Mar. 10

Bible Study

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

Wed, Mar. 11

Free ESL Classes

- 6:00 - 8:30 PM
- Quaremba Hall
- Call the Parish Office for more information

Sat, Mar. 14

Lent Retreat in Spanish

- 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Cafeteria
- Call Laura Bello for more information

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.olssac.org • phone 609-345-0648 • fax 609-344-6735

Catholic Charities • 9 North Georgia Avenue • 609-345-3448

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

Tuesday 6:30 PM (Vietnamese)

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
April 5, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

BY THE NUMBERS

PARISH COLLECTION FOR FEB. 29 - MAR. 1

OFFERING _____ \$15,326.00

BUDGET _____ \$15,609.00

POOR BOX _____ \$ 316.00

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. 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

Gift Shoppe Bible Sale for the month of March. 25% off. Large print Bibles available. Ideal gift for those celebrating their First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA.

The shoppe can accommodate your Mass Intention Requests.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jon P. Thomas

Pastor

Rev. Andrew T. Pham

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Robert Matysik

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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 16

SCHOLARSHIP

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. 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

Parish Lenten Resolutions – Let's DO LENT TOGETHER!

PRAY: Download the 3 Minute Retreat

FAST: Don't speak negatively. Affirm positives

GIVE: Bring Food on Sunday for our food pantries

CONTACT

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609-345-1878

SCHOOL

609-345-0648

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ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

609-343-1545

WEB SITE

www.accatholic.org

SCHOOL



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."



First Grade had fun using SweetTart Conversation Hearts to sort, graph and tally for a fun Valentine's Day math lesson.



OLSS offers supplemental course, History of Architecture, to 7th Gr. students thanks to volunteer teachers Tom Sykes, founding principal of SOSH Architects, and Dr. Richard Elmore, retired history professor. Students benefit with a much broader knowledge of this field, and possible career choice.

Students learn from these two experts how architecture has evolved over time, and across many different landscapes and cultures, as well as, how modern day architecture is connected to the past.

IT VOLUNTEER

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is seeking a volunteer to assist us in maintaining computer and network equipment; meeting the technology needs of the school; documenting information and resolving immediate operational and/or safety concerns. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Carol Spina by e-mail if interested spina.carol@olssac.org.

MINISTRY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Contact

Maria Isabel Giron, CRE
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609-345-1878 ext. 24

Parish of Saint Monica Religious Education Date to Remember

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

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

3-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

The History of Gospel Music - The Gospel Music experience cannot be told in a short story, or even in a melody of songs, for it is far too rich, far too harmonious and deliberately stimulating. It is a living experience, always changing, always giving, and always becoming the foundation that gave moral, physical and spiritual support to a great and powerful people. Gospel Music is a shining beacon of hope, a fantastic journey of joy divine, and a triumphant victory in God that comes from deep down in the souls of God's Chosen People. The greatest melodies and the most stimulating songs have been given to this Nation and the World through the African American experience. There has been no other event in history that has been more compelling, convincing, or persuasive than Gospel Music. Some of the most beautiful music of all times was born out of intense grief and suffering, and Gospel Music is no exception. It is the Alpha and Omega of God's spiritual principle that plays upon the keyboard of man's integrity.

Grief and Loss Support Group

When: Mondays, February 24 - March 30

Time: 5:00 PM

Where: 4 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd, Suite 8, Galloway

Contact: 609-652-3800 Ext.308 for information

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

St. Damien Parish Lenten Mission

When: March 7th - 9th

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: St. Augustine Church
13th & Wesley Ave., Ocean City, NJ

Includes: Eucharistic Adoration, a talk, music and devotional prayers.

Contact: Barb O'Brien @ 609-560-0383

"Confessions will be available on Tuesday, March 10"

"Heart to Heart" Monthly Gathering for Teenagers

When: Sunday, March 15, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Where: St. Michael's Church

Includes: Pizza at Quaremba Hall, Adoration in the Church

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

St. Patrick's Liturgy by the Irish American Cultural Society

When: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Wabash Ave., Linwood, NJ

Contact: Dick Noble @ 609-652-1679

"A social will follow in the hall. All are welcome!"

7th Annual Diocese of Camden Faithful Food Drive

When: EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT

Time: BEFORE EVERY MASS

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and St. Nicholas Church.

Collecting: Proteins (Canned meat like: tuna fish, chicken, soup, beans, chili, beef stew and peanut butter). Fruits & Vegetables (Canned Vegetables like: vegetables juice, tomato products, any vegetables and fruit, apple sauce and fruit juice).

"NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY"

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 GN 12:1-4A below then answer the appropriate question(s) with a group, like your household, or alone.

GN 12:1-4A

The LORD said to Abram:

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

Adults: Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience where you felt exceptionally close to God?

Children: Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

Gn 12, 1-4a

En aquellos días, dijo el Señor a Abram: "Deja tu país, a tu parentela y la casa de tu padre, para ir a la tierra que yo te mostraré.

Haré nacer de ti un gran pueblo y te bendeciré. Engrandeceré tu nombre y tú mismo serás una bendición. Bendeciré a los que te bendigan, maldeciré a los que te maldigan. En ti serán bendecidos todos los pueblos de la tierra". Abram partió, como se lo había ordenado el Señor.

Adultos: Alguna vez has tenido una "encima de la montaña" experiencia que te hizo sentir excepcionalmente cercano a Dios?

Niños: Comparte un momento que te sentiste especialmente cerca de Dios.

LITURGY UPDATE 2nd Sunday of Lent Hearing Scripture By Paul Turner

The proclamation of scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversations, we open our hearts to wonder. With little effort, technology has made it possible to place the scripture readings in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your story, while you tell it. It can let the air out. Hearing the word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

The Responsorial Psalm

How many readings are there at a regular Sunday Mass? You might be tempted to say three, but there are actually four. The Responsorial Psalm which is usually sung is another reading from the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament.

The psalm is a response or a comment on the first reading. It is called a responsorial psalm, since it has a responsory- a refrain. Listen carefully to the first reading and figure out its connection to the psalm.

The Unmentionable

As a church during Lent, we refrain from using an eight-letter word. The word, Alleluia, we never mention this season is a Hebrew word meaning, "Praise God!" Specifically, the God we praise before the Gospel is Christ. His story we will hear. His words we will proclaim, so, when the "Alleluia" returns during the Easter Vigil, sung before the Gospel again, it will ring out with real freshness and joy!

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 los primeros y terceros 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

PROGRAMA DE ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS

Cuando: Marzo 5 a Abril 23 del 2020

Donde: Cafeteria

Hora: 7:30 PM

Tema: Mateo 26, 28

Llamar: Nicasio Gonzalez @ 609-437-0354
Angel Cortes @ 609-271-9073

Información: Estos cursos proveen un esperado, y aun así sorprendente estudio básico de temas importantes de "Nuestra Fe Católica".



Asistimos a misa no solo para presenciar el sacrificio de Cristo sino para ser parte de él.

ACTUALIZACION LITURGICA Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma Escritura de la Audiencia Por: Paul Turner

La proclamación de las Escrituras recupera el antiguo arte de hablar y escuchar. La presencia de Dios aparece en la asamblea como palabra. Al escuchar activamente la Palabra de Dios, como lo hacemos naturalmente en las conversaciones, abrimos nuestros corazones para maravillarnos. Con poco esfuerzo, la tecnología ha permitido colocar las lecturas de las Escrituras en manos de todos los fieles. Los defensores de esta práctica dicen que permite que el adorador use la vista, no solo el oído. Sin embargo, es como hacer que todos lean tu historia, mientras tú la cuentas. También es como dejar salir el aire. Escuchar la palabra juntos une y expresa nuestra comunidad. Si todos leen el texto en silencio, volvemos a ser individuos, con narices en nuestros regazos y rostros rechazados el uno del otro.

El salmo responsorial

¿Cuántas lecturas hay en una misa dominical? Puede sentirse tentado a decir tres, pero en realidad hay cuatro. El salmo responsorial que generalmente se canta es otra lectura del Libro de los Salmos en el Antiguo Testamento. El salmo es una respuesta o un comentario sobre la primera lectura. Se llama salmo responsorial, ya que tiene una respuesta: un estribillo. Escuche atentamente la primera lectura y descubra su conexión con el salmo.

Lo inmencionable

Como iglesia durante la Cuaresma, nos abstenemos de usar una palabra de ocho letras. La palabra Aleluya, nunca es mencionada durante esta temporada, es una palabra hebrea que significa "¡Alabado sea Dios!" Específicamente, el Dios que alabamos antes del Evangelio es Cristo. Su historia la escucharemos. Sus palabras las proclamaremos, entonces, cuando el "Aleluya" regrese durante la Vigilia Pascual, cantada ante del Evangelio nuevamente, ¡sonará con verdadera frescura y alegría!

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday	Mar. 7	8:00	(D) Mary Catalano / Rosemarie, Joanne & Rita
		4:15	(L) Jerry Ricca / Berni Lee
		7:00	
Sunday	Mar. 8	7:30	Mass for the People
		9:00	Bill Rambo / The Rambo Family
		Sp. 10:30	
		12:00	(L) Cael & Oscar Magalong / Cecilia Magalong
		Sp. 2:30	
		Viet. 6:30	Anna Đỗ Thị Nhạn (D) / Jenifer Tran
Monday	Mar. 9	7:00	(D) John McGettigan / Dennis & Christine Mulligan
		5:15	Mary J. Morris / Rosemarie & Mary Ellen
Tuesday	Mar. 10	7:00	(D) Sgt. Ken Brown / Michele Baglivo
		5:15	Anastasia Tuohy & Tuohy Family / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
Wednesday	Mar. 11	7:00	(D) Sniela Hartnett / The Layden Family (unannounced)
		5:15	(D) Frank A. Dicerbo / Bill Wolf
		Sp. 7:00	
Thursday	Mar. 12	7:00	
		5:15	(D) Frank A. Dicerbo / Tom & Denise Ciccarone
		Sp. 6:30	
Friday	Mar. 13	7:00	
		5:15	
		Sp. 7:00	
Saturday	Mar. 14	8:00	(D) Peter A. Gitto / Matt & Michelle Ruggeri
		4:15	(D) Melchor Mapili / Cecilia Magalong
		Sp. 7:00	
Sunday	Mar. 15	7:30	(D) Mario J. Formica & (L) Family / Formica
		9:00	Mass for the People
		Sp. 10:30	
		12:00	(D) Don Milora / Pavese Family
		Sp. 2:30	(D) Felipe Castillo / Maria Espinoza & Familia
		Viet. 6:30	Giuse Phạm Văn Hải (D) / Jenifer Tran

SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

Saturday	Mar. 7	4:00	(D) Thomas "Butch" Mathews & Lorraine DeVice / Family
Sunday	Mar. 8	10:30	*(D) Hughina Hone / Rebecca Simpson *(D) Patty Stinsman / Karen Warlich
		12:00	Kucharczuk-Dongherty Family / Bernadette
Monday	Mar. 9	12:00	(D) John Buckley / Claire Buckley
Friday	Mar. 13	12:00	(D) Richard Daly / Joan Daly
Saturday	Mar. 14	4:00	Tom Braca / Joseph Palmer
Sunday	Mar. 15	10:30	*Deceased Members of the Troy & Morris Families / Estate of Mary Morris *(D) Dr. & Mrs Allan Simpson / Rebecca Simpson *(D) Amy McCollum / Jim Persenda
		12:00	(D) John McGettigan / Steve Jones & Family

SAINT MICHAEL'S

Sunday	Apr. 5	10:00	(D) Emma Mancini / The Family
Sunday	Apr. 12	10:00	(D) Persenda, Monreale & Messina Families / Family

GOD NEEDS YOU TO SERVE! We Need You to SERVE!

All three churches of our parish are in need of more lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, choir members and welcome desk staff.

We are blessed with our present ministers who carry out their roles in a reverent manner, but you may have noticed how often they serve. The small number makes it challenging for us to find substitutes when needed.

Becoming a liturgical minister is a special call to model the service of Jesus in the Washing of the Disciple's feet at the Last Supper.

Serving at Mass is an act of self-giving; an act of love for the glory of God. Your willing service as a liturgical minister would be a response in gratitude for all God has given to you! Please consider volunteering! Call or email Sister Celeste if your heart is moved to serve!