



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 15, 2020

CONFIRMATION 2020



On March 3rd, the Bishop Dennis Sullivan and the priests from the Parish of Saint Monica extended their blessing to the confirmandi. Bishop Dennis Sullivan spoke with the confirmandi both in English and Spanish and challenged them to use their gifts to serve God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Mar. 17

St. Patrick's Prayer

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more... And nothing but happiness come through your door, Amen

Tues, Mar. 17

Bible Study

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

Wed, Mar. 18

Free ESL Classes

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Third Sunday of Lent

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 MAR. 7 - MAR. 8

OFFERING _____ \$14,246.00

BUDGET _____ \$15,609.00

POOR BOX _____ \$ 281.00

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

Parochial Vicar

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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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SCHOOL

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SCHOOL TUITION

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**ST. MICHAEL'S CON-
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**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, REC
mgiron@accatholic.org
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 (cont.) It is a resonance, an echoing sound throughout the ages that has surrendered the wonders of God's Almighty creations. After thousands of years, the sound of Gospel Music is still enthralling and captivating because it stands against the social background as a shadow of today's community problems and dilemmas. From the 1930's to the 1960's desperate circumstances controlled our lives; despair and hope, life and death; but Gospel Music mirrored our predicaments as a collective group of people, it reflected upon our social status, and eventually reverberated in our made up minds that God was indeed on our side. The prologue of Gospel Music owes its grandeur and its sense of veracity to Thomas Andrew Dorsey who is called the "Father of Gospel Music."

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"

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

"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

"First Saturday Reflection Day"

When: Saturday, April 4, 2020

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

"No RSVP is necessary".

All You Can Eat Breakfast "All Proceeds Benefit OLSS School"

When: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: School Cafeteria

Price: \$7 Adults / \$5 Kids (3 and under eat free)

Menu: Eggs, Bacon, Taylor Ham, Pancakes, Coffee

Guys & Dolls Pasta Dinner & Show Package by Holy Spirit High School

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: Dinner - 5:30 PM

Show - 7:00 PM

Where: Holy Spirit High School, Absecon, NJ

Price: \$20 per person

Contact: Lori Reynolds @609-646-3000 Ext.335

Ducktown Public Meeting

When: Monday, March 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Ducktown Tavern

2400 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ

Contact: acducktown@gmail.com

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 reading this week's "LITURGY UPDATE" below with a group, like your household, or alone.

LITURGY UPDATE 3rd Sunday of Lent The Creed By Father Paul Turner

The Creed may not be the most boring part of Mass, but in many churches it contends mightily. It's long. It's the same thing week after week. It's hard to understand. People mumble it. You may hear people praise their church for its great music, an insightful preacher, outstanding lectors, beautiful decorations, or even convenient parking. But no one brags that their church has a rip-roaring experience at the Creed.

The liturgy itself offers a couple ways to break the monotony. At Children's Masses, for example, we can recite the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. You probably know the Apostles' Creed as the one which begins the rosary. It's shorter than the one we use on Sunday. That's supposed to make it more appealing to children.

Legend has it that the Apostles formulated the one named for them. History has it that the Council of Constantinople formulated the beliefs proclaimed by the Council of Nicea in 325. The Nicene Creed found its way into the weekly liturgy at the end of the fifth century.

One way to add variety to the Creed is by turning it into a question and answer prayer. This happens at the Easter Vigil, and, in the United States, on Easter Sunday Masses. This practice restores the Creed to its most ancient structure. Back in the second and third centuries, creeds took this form at the baptism of new Christians. "Do you believe...?" "I do." And down they'd go into the water. Ever since Matthew closed his Gospel with Jesus urging us to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creeds have taken this three-part structure.

The purpose of the Creed is to express with conviction the heart of what we believe. It doesn't include Catholic issues the media like to chew on: celibacy, male leadership, and the church's position on morality. Some elements of Catholic life have changed over the years and could change again. The Creed stays the same. Sadly, the secular press never gives us Easter headlines boasting "Thousands Profess Faith in Christ at Easter Vigil." That's not news.

We know better. It's good news. It's worth saying over and over again, week after week, in a long, mantra that gives us unity, pride and faith.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS... THE JOY OF LITURGICAL MINISTRY

"What I love about being a **lector** is that it has made me feel like I am really a part of the parish family" *Diana Love*

"It feels great sharing one of the treasures that God bestowed up on me. When people see me, they recognize me as the lady "who **reads** in church". I feel I am touching a lot of hearts simply by proclaiming the Word through my volunteering. Will you be one of the persons "who reads in church?" *Rose Escobar*

"What I love about my ministry as a **Eucharistic Minister** is that I actually get to bring Jesus, in the form of Holy Communion, to the people at Mass and in their homes if they are unable to attend Church. It is a blessing and an honor to serve our Lord in this way". *Theresa Salvato*

"What I love about being a **choir member** is singing to the Lord during Mass and hoping that the songs enrich the Mass for the congregation. On a personal level being a member is spiritually fulfilling. Plus we gave great members and a great organist and director!" - *Marilyn Gerhardt*

Consider becoming one...call or email Sister Celeste

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: Cafetería

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 Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma El Credo Por Padre Paul Turner

El Credo puede que no sea la parte más aburrida de la Misa, pero en muchas iglesias se enfrenta a crítica. Por la razón de que es largo. Es lo mismo semana tras semana. Es difícil de entender. La gente murmura. En muchas ocasiones vas a escuchar comentarios como la gente alaba a su iglesia por su excelente música, un predicador perspicaz, lectores destacados, decoraciones hermosas o incluso estacionamiento conveniente. Pero nadie se jacta de que su iglesia tiene una experiencia desgarradora en el Credo.

La liturgia en sí ofrece un par de formas de romper la monotonía. En las misas infantiles, por ejemplo, podemos recitar el Credo de los Apóstoles en lugar del Credo de Nicea. El Credo de los Apóstoles es el que se usa para comenzar el Santo Rosario, por la razón de que es más corto del que se usa en las misas de los domingos y también es más atractivo para los niños.

La leyenda dice que los apóstoles formularon el nombre de ellos. La historia dice que el Concilio de Constantinopla formuló las creencias proclamadas por el Concilio de Nicea en 325. El Credo de Nicea llegó a la liturgia semanal a fines del siglo quinto.

Una forma de agregar variedad al Credo es convirtiéndolo en una oración de preguntas y respuestas. Esto sucede en la Vigilia Pascual y, en los Estados Unidos, en las Misas del Domingo de Pascua. Esta práctica restaura el Credo a su estructura más antigua. En los siglos segundo y tercero, los credos tomaron esta forma en el bautismo de los nuevos cristianos. "Tu crees...?" "Si Creo". Y los metían al agua. Desde que Mateo cerró su Evangelio con Jesús instándonos a bautizar en el nombre del Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, los credos han tomado esta estructura de tres partes.

El propósito del Credo es expresar con convicción el corazón de lo que creemos. No incluye temas católicos que a los medios les gusta analizar: el celibato, el liderazgo masculino y la posición de la iglesia sobre la moralidad. Algunos elementos de la vida católica han cambiado con los años y podrían volver a cambiar. El Credo se mantiene igual. Lamentablemente, la prensa secular nunca nos ofrece curaciones de Pascua cuando **"Miles profesan fe en Cristo en la vigilia pascual"**. Pero eso no es noticia.

Lo que sí sabemos, que son buenas noticias. Es de que vale la pena decir una y otra vez, semana tras semana, en un largo Himno que nos da unidad, orgullo y fe.

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday	Mar. 14	8:00	(D) Peter A. Gitto / Matt & Michelle Ruggieri
		4:15	(D) Melchor Mapili / Cecilia Magalong
		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
Monday	Mar. 16	7:00	(D) Betty Dickson / The Layden Family
		5:15	May Levine / Loretta & Carl Heiden & Family
Tuesday	Mar. 17	7:00	(D) McGettigan, Hodge & Tuohy Family / Theresa McGettigan Kennedy
		5:15	(D) Sheila Hartnett / The McKee Family (unannounced)
Wednesday	Mar. 18	7:00	(L) Jerry Francisco / Berni Lee
		5:15	(D) Sr. Mary Ann Liddy, Eleonor & William Wolf / Bill Wolf
Thursday	Mar. 19	7:00	
		Sp. 7:00	
Friday	Mar. 20	7:00	
		Sp. 6:30	
Saturday	Mar. 21	7:00	(D) Michael Barbere / Mr. & Mrs. James Paulson
		Sp. 7:00	
Sunday	Mar. 22	7:30	Living & Deceased Members of Formica & Cesario Families / Formica
		9:00	Phillip Duffy / Marilyn Gerhardt
		Sp. 10:30	
		12:00	(D) Donald Milora / Loretta & Carl Heiden
		Sp. 2:30	
		Viet. 6:30	(D) Nicola Nguyễn Tấn Thọ / Phi Nguyễn

SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

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
			*(D) Thomas Jr. & Maria Pompo
Monday	Mar. 16	12:00	(D) Thelma Loughney / Dan Daley
Friday	Mar. 20	12:00	Leo Ann Letterio Arici / Maria Arici
Saturday	Mar. 21	4:00	(D) Dorothy & Francis Iskra / Sarah & Dale Mastrull
Sunday	Mar. 22	10:30	*Holy Souls in Purgatory
			*(D) Theo Ho & Tuyet Tran
		12:00	Mass for the People

SAINT MICHAEL'S

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

Stardust Winners March 10, 2020

- #281 - Joseph & Edelwina Brady, Jersey City, NJ - \$3,000
- #428 - Henry & Carol Soleski, North Heaven, CT - \$500
- #551 - Christopher Simonetti, Oceanville, NJ - \$500
- #587 - Teresa Camilli, Northfield, NJ - \$500
- #129 - Margie McLaughlin, Margate, NJ - \$500

YOUTH MINISTRY

Serving God by Serving Others

The Parish of Saint Monica will be hiring a Youth Minister for a summer position.

If you are knowledgeable of your Catholic faith, self motivated and enjoy working with young people, then **YOU** are that person.

To be considered, please call the rectory by 4/1/20
609-345-1878