



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 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRAY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTED WITH COVID-19 OR FACING QUARANTINE.

Jesus, during Your ministry on earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Amen

F a t h e r J o n ' s W o r d s

KNOW THAT WE ARE PRAYING WITH ALL OF YOU AS WE PRACTICE SAFE PRECAUTIONS TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WE ARE MINDFUL OF ALL WHO MAY BE "LAID OFF" AND UNEMPLOYED AS WELL AS PARISHIONERS WHO MAY BE LIVING ALONE DURING THIS

CHALLENGING TIME.

E u c h a r i s t i c A d o r a t i o n

Is a Eucharistic practice in the Roman Catholic, Anglo-Catholic and some Lutheran traditions, in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance and is adored by the faithful. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus who we believe is truly present under the appearance of consecrated host.

Although we know that Jesus is present everywhere, having a visible tangible sign of that presence helps us to focus our prayer. We know that the most important thing about the Eucharist is that we become what it is that we RECEIVE, and adoration helps increase our faith and "consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)", Praying before the Eucharist is a special experience – an intentional one on our part of being with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

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

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SCHEDULE

IN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE BISHOPS HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL PARISHES NOT TO HAVE DAILY MASS FOR THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. PLEASE SEE THE HOURS BELOW.

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2651 Atlantic Avenue

Private Prayer

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Confession

Mon. - Fri. 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine
1409 Pacific Avenue

Private Prayer

Mon. and Fri. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. and Fri.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM

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.14-MAR.15

OFFERING _____ \$ 9,445.00

BUDGET _____ \$15,609.00

POOR BOX _____ \$ 177.00

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

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Parochial Vicar

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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

CANCELLED

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

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."



OLSS welcomed Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame trustees and members to speak to girls in our 7th and 8th Gr. Students heard from Terri L. Schieder-Rann of Atlanticare and Alicia Cooper of N.J. Casino Control Commission, who each shared their professional and personal experiences on the road to success, and offered their career advice and tips to students.



Enroll Now for 2020-2021- Preschool – Gr. 8

Inquire today about tuition assistance, scholarships and transfer grants to help you provide your child with an excellent Catholic education.

OLSS provides full day PK and Kindergarten programs, faith development, special education, enrichment courses such as: architecture, creative writing, Latin, after school clubs to include drama, leadership, baking, art, chess, garden, intramurals and JV, Varsity sports.

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

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

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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 (cont.) Thomas Andrew Dorsey combined Christian praise with the rhythms of jazz and blues. Mr. Dorsey wrote many songs, two of his greatest were "Precious Lord" and "Peace in The Valley." Both of these songs were written after the tragic death of his wife and newborn son. These songs have become community owned songs, as singers and listeners throughout the world relate to the words of assurance that are delivered and adopted in the messages. The influence of Mahalia Jackson is evident in her style and references to the storms of life and of the good that is produced through overcoming adversity. Her melodious voice stirred listeners as they "Moved On Up A Little Bit Higher" and invited them to participate in her songs. She developed a flair for composing songs that moved the heart and regenerated the soul of a people who looked to the hills from whence cometh their help.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FROM SCRIPTURE

Consider rereading EPH 5:8-14 below then answer the appropriate question(s) with a group, like your household, or alone.

EPH 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Adults: Jesus helped a blind man see and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Ef 5, 8-14

Hermanos:

En otro tiempo ustedes fueron tinieblas, pero ahora, unidos al Señor, son luz. Vivan, por lo tanto, como hijos de la luz. Los frutos de la luz son la bondad, la santidad y la verdad. Busquen lo que es agradable al Señor y no tomen parte en las obras estériles de los que son tinieblas.

Al contrario, repruébenlas abiertamente; porque, si bien las cosas que ellos hacen en secreto da vergüenza aun mencionarlas, al ser reprobadas abiertamente, todo queda en claro, porque todo lo que es iluminado por la luz se convierte en luz.

Por eso se dice: Despierta, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz.

Adultos: Jesus ayudo a un hombre ciego a ver y nos ayudo a ver el mundo diferente. Como tu vez diferente por tus creencias?

Niños: Que son las cosas que Jesus quiere que tu hagas como su amigo?

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 household or alone.

LITURGY UPDATE 4rd Sunday of Lent Prayer of the Faithful/Universal Prayer By Father Paul Turner

We pray to the Lord at every Mass, but it didn't used to be that way. Vatican II created a new set of prayers after the Creed. We call them the universal prayer or "the prayer of the faithful," since the faithful pray them, or the "general intercessions," since they intercede for the world.

The prayers are in three parts: The priest introduces them, petitions follow; the priest prays the conclusion. A deacon, cantor or someone else (preferably not the priest) announces each petition, and the whole assembly responds. Responding may not seem like such a big deal, but it really is. Ordinarily at Mass, the priest says the prayers on behalf of the assembly. He alone calls God by name. The people usually just say "Amen." The grandest exception is the Lord's Prayer. But the opening prayer, the prayer over the gifts, the eucharistic prayer and the communion prayer are all entrusted to the priest. This prayer is different. It's the prayer "of the faithful." We all call God by name. We thus exercise the priestly function given to us at Baptism.

The petitions themselves fall into four categories and follow this sequence. First, we pray for the needs of the whole Church. Then we pray for public authorities and the salvation of the world. Next we remember those oppressed in any way. And finally, we pray for our local community.

Inviting the assembly to petition spontaneously can enliven our liturgy, as the priestly people voice their needs. However, some spontaneous prayers abuse the purpose of these petitions. They are not meant to be specific, they are to be general. We're not praying "for a special intention" or for Aunt Susie's depression. We pray universally, for groups in need.

The prayer of the faithful is not just another prayer, It's the priestly people fulfilling their mission – at prayer for the world.

THE COLLECTION

The weekly collection humbly expresses the community's faith. The silent routine accompanies the spirit of selflessness that unites believers. Whether your gift is large or small, the collection expresses what we have in common – a desire to share.

In the Mass, the collection occurs at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Its placement is significant. Every Mass celebrates the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That sacrifice unfolds before our eyes as the gifts we bring, the bread and wine, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and offered to God.

This sacrificial action begins when we carry bread and wine to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. With them we bring our gifts for the poor. This procession moves through the community because these gifts come from us and represent us. They represent our offering to God and our communion with God. Just as the Body and Blood Christ bring heavenly nourishment to our community, so the collection brings material aid.

That material aid is no small matter. Your church depends on your gift. Parishes receive money like beggars, not like clerks. People do not receive a product, they give to make a gift.

The charity which underlies the collection results from faith. We believe that what we have comes from God and we know it was given for the enjoyment of all. A habit of giving comes from a heart that has learned the satisfactions of generosity.

The Scriptures recommend a tithe – giving 10 percent of what we earn to charities. By giving from what we receive, we share God's love with the world.

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

CORRESPONSABILIDAD

22 de Marzo del 2020

4º Domingo de Cuaresma

"Dios no ve lo que el hombre ve, porque el hombre ve la apariencia pero el Señor mira al corazón". 1 SAMUEL 16: 7

¿Con qué frecuencia invertimos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros en crear una apariencia que no le importa a Dios? Nos esforzamos por impresionar con nuestra ropa, casa, carrera, posesiones, automóviles y otras marcas de distinción. Pero ninguna de estas ilusiones de grandeza impresionará a Dios. En cambio, Él mirará en nuestros corazones para ver cuánto lo amamos, cuánto amamos a los demás y cómo mostramos ese amor por la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros aquí en la tierra.

Para que estemos menos preocupados por nuestra apariencia externa y más preocupados por nuestra conversión interior de corazón.

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

ACTUALIZACION LITURGICA Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma Oración de los fieles / Oración universal Por Padre Paul Turner

Oramos al Señor en cada misa, pero no solía ser así. El Vaticano II creó un nuevo conjunto de oraciones después del Credo. Los llamamos la oración universal o "la oración de los fieles", ya que los fieles los rezan, o las "intercesiones generales", ya que interceden por el mundo.

Las oraciones se dividen en tres partes: el sacerdote las presenta, siguen las peticiones; El sacerdote reza la conclusión. Un diácono, un lector u otra persona (preferiblemente no el sacerdote) anuncia cada petición, y toda la asamblea responde. Puede que responder no parezca un gran problema, pero realmente lo es. Normalmente en la misa, el sacerdote dice las oraciones en nombre de la asamblea. Él solo llama a Dios por su nombre. La gente por lo general solo dice "Amén". La mayor excepción es la Oración del Señor. Pero la oración de apertura, la oración sobre los dones, la oración eucarística y la oración de comunión se confían al sacerdote. Esta oración es diferente. Es la oración "de los fieles". Todos llamamos a Dios por su nombre. De este modo, ejercemos la función sacerdotal que se nos da en el bautismo.

Las peticiones se dividen en cuatro categorías y siguen esta secuencia. Primero, oramos por las necesidades de toda la Iglesia. Luego oramos por las autoridades públicas y la salvación del mundo. A continuación recordamos a los oprimidos de alguna manera. Y finalmente, rezamos por nuestra comunidad local.

Invitar a la asamblea a hacer una petición espontáneamente puede animar nuestra liturgia, ya que los sacerdotes expresan sus necesidades. Cuando no alcanza poner una intención especial, usted en el silencio de su oración puede ofrecerla en las oraciones universal.

La oración de los fieles no es solo otra oración, es el pueblo sacerdotal cumpliendo su misión: la oración por el mundo.

LA COLECTA

La colecta semanal expresa humildemente la fe de la comunidad. La rutina silenciosa acompaña el espíritu de desinterés que une a los creyentes. Ya sea que su regalo sea grande o pequeño, la colección expresa lo que tenemos en común: un deseo de compartir.

La caridad que subyace en la colección resulta de la fe. Creemos que lo que tenemos proviene de Dios y sabemos que fue dado para el disfrute de todos. Un hábito de dar proviene de un corazón que ha aprendido las satisfacciones de la generosidad. Las Escrituras recomiendan un diezmo: dar el 10 por ciento de lo que ganamos a organizaciones benéficas. Al dar de lo que recibimos, compartimos el amor de Dios con el mundo.

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday	Mar. 21	8:00	(D) John McGettigan / Josephine Mancinelli
		4:15	(L) Kevin Chase / Jim Persenda
		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
Monday	Mar. 23	7:00	
		5:15	(D) Daniel McMahon / Ann Marie, Richard, Dolphin & Siemer
Tuesday	Mar. 24	7:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		5:15	(D) John McGettigan / Kathleen Vail
Wednesday	Mar. 25	7:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		5:15	(D) Bobby Brion / Lucita Toloza
		Sp. 7:00	
Thursday	Mar. 26	7:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		5:15	(D) Fidel & Juanita Montemayor / Tessie Montemayor
		Sp. 6:30	
Friday	Mar. 27	7:00	
		5:15	(D) John McGettigan / Marguerite Downey
		Sp. 7:00	
Saturday	Mar. 28	8:00	(L) Fr. Patrick Brady / Parishioner
		4:15	Alembert Pintos / Maria Albani
		Sp. 7:00	
Sunday	Mar. 29	7:30	Living & Deceased Members of Burke & Cox Families / Formica
		9:00	Juan Ramirez / Ruffolo Family
		Sp. 10:30	
		12:00	Barbara Barts / Marilyn & Maryanne
		Sp. 2:30	
Viet. 6:30	(D) Các Linh Hồn		

SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

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
Monday	Mar. 23	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Mar. 27	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Mar. 28	4:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Mar. 29	10:30	*Living & Deceased Members of McDermott & McDowell Families / Lorraine McDermott
			*(D) Patty Stinsman / Karen Warlich
		12:00	Joseph O'Brick / 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

MASS INTENTIONS

On Sunday, private Masses will be offered in the churches of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Nicholas for all of the intentions intended for the canceled Masses. From about 10 AM until about 5 PM, both churches will be open for private prayer.

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