

450 Radio Road

Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

January 24,2022

Next Council Meeting:

Date: Tuesday January 25, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Faith Formation Center

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Arnold Malsbury - 1/03 Robert Pivola - 1/03

Jim Murray - 1/08 Edward Geniton - 1/09

Ray Sloginski - 1/16 Phil Cross - 1/18

Steven Hultz - 1/19 Patrick Deroxtro - 1/22

Ryan Albertson - 1/25 John Geohegan - 1/25

James Hughes - 1/27 John Dzwil - 1/28

Fr. Mick Lambeth 1/20



Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 20th. It will be after all the Sunday masses. Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and a drink for \$5.00. Can't beat it. More details when we get closer to the date.

Fish Fry - Three different dates: March 4, 2022; March 18, 2022; April 1, 2022. It will be held in the Faith Formation Center between the hours of 4:00 - 6:00 PM. People can come for a meal and then head to the Stations of the Cross. Take out will be available.

Further details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Golf Outing - May 4th at 1:00 PM at Cedar Creek Golf Course. We will give further details as time draws closer.

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Often at the beginning of the year we take time to reflect back upon the previous year. I felt it was only appropriate for me to take a look and see what we were able to accomplish during last year as brother Knights.

Veterans Park - We solicited over \$500.00 dollars in donations to have a tree planted in the new Veterans Park on Radio Rd. This was a great way to show the community our appreciation to all the people who have served their country in a special way.

Cambodian Relief - We solicited over \$2,650.00 dollars in donations that went directly to a priest in Cambodia that is doing the Lord's work with people with mental disorders. This was a beautiful way to show our commitment to the good of the world community.

Honoring Deceased Members - We had a mass and invited widows of members who passed away in the last year. There was a wonderful showing of support for this liturgy. I know many of the wives were happy to see that we wanted to honor our brothers that have gone to heaven before us.

Sacramental Gifts - We were able to purchase new prayer books for the first communion class again this year. This has been a tradition for quite a few

years now. It shows our commitment to making sure the children of the parish have what they need to help keep God as a part of their life.

Food For Families – Along with the parish we have shown our commitment to those in the community that need our support with their food needs. This includes sorting and transporting food from the church to the pantry, picking up food from local retailers, unloading trucks making food deliveries and stocking shelves at the pantry. From June of 2020 to June of 2021 we helped in the collection of over 8,400lbs of food. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of this wonderful program.

Special Olympics - We donated some money to a fellow knight that was doing the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside. The money raised went directly to the people that put on the Special Olympics each year. He and a group that he works with generally raise around \$75,000.00 dollars for the Special Olympics.

Christmas Sharing Program - Each year the parish has everyone donate gifts for children and families in need. The Knights also donate \$500.00 dollars toward the purchase of coats for the kids. The great thing about it Cathy knows the sizes of the kids in need and can buy something for each child specifically. It is a little more personal than getting something that may or may not fit.

Send A Hero Home – We were able to contribute \$1,000.00 towards this campaign this year. We put a jar out at the Duck & Decoy Show asking for donations and also sold "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs to help raise the money. Great idea to help bring some of our soldiers home to be with their families for Christmas.

Quite a list! This isn't even everything. If you look around the different ministries in the parish you will probably see a familiar face. We knights are ushers, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacrastins, etc......

Keep up the terrific work we have been doing. I am looking forward to another awesome year!

Terry

The Catholic Churches in Atlantic <u>City</u>

My Brother Knights,

Living so close to the Jersey Shore, I'm sure most of us (if not all of us) are familiar with Atlantic City. This wonderful small beach city is well known for: The Casinos, The Beaches, The Bars, The Gothic Architecture, and the Party's (I know that first hand). But did you know that Atlantic City is home to some of the Most Beautiful Churches including the Historic St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church on Pacific Avenue? Yes, my Brothers, Catholics came to Worship as late as 1897. Below are a Brief History of the 3 Churches in Atlantic City.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH: This parish, established in 1894 under the title St. Monica's parish, was renamed Our Lady Star of the Sea following a disastrous fire that destroyed the first Church in 1896. The present Church was built in 1897. The parish makes the unifying power of Christ's presence felt in this multi-cultural neighborhood through Worship, through Our Lady Star of the Regional Catholic School, through Religious Education and Hospitality for all. Masses are offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH: the first Mass on Absecon Island was celebrated in the Spring of 1855 in the dining room of the guest cottage of Thomas Bedloe, an Irishman who came from Philadelphia in 1852. Father Michael Gallagher, O.S.A., of St. Augustine Church, Philadelphia, celebrated the Mass. With a gift of property on the south side of Tennessee and Atlantic Avenues, Father Gallagher, in 1855, erected a plain two-story frame structure which served as both a church and dwelling.

He offered Mass in this building in 1855 until the completion three years later, on a neighboring lot, of the gothic chapel of St. Nicholas. Father John J. Fedigan, O.S.A., was named first pastor of St. Nicholas in 1880. Father Fedigan expanded the original chapel, opening it on June 5, 1881; it had a capacity of 900. In 1887, Father Fedigan moved the structure to a new site on a larger plot of ground at Pacific and Tennessee Avenues, where a skating rink had been located. The present St. Nicholas Church was built during the pastorate of Father Francis McShane. The Cornerstone was Laid in 1902 and dedicated in June, 1914. In 1977, St. Nicholas Church was given interior overhauling and brightening. The sanctuary was updated in keeping with the

revised Liturgy. Father John T. Sheehan, O.S.A., was pastor of St. Nicholas for 27 years during four different terms of office, each broken by various other assignments in the Augustinian Order, including the office of provincial.

St. Nicholas of Tolentine's 1916 Moller pipe organ (Opus 2138) was rebuilt by Peragallo in 2006 and will be restored over the course of the next several years. The organ at St. Nicholas is one of the busiest in the country, playing at all Masses, at several choir rehearsals per week, and at a host of weddings, funerals, and concerts. In 2001, The Church was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH: St. Michael's parish was established in 1904 to serve the Italian immigrants in the Atlantic City area. Under the leadership of Father John Quaremba, (pastor from 1904-1951) a strong spirit of community was established along with the physical structures of a Church, a school, the rectory and the parish community center (Dante Hall). Having undergone a complete renovation in the year 2000, the new facade of St. Michael reflects the pride of the parish as the heart of the neighborhood, which is also undergoing a Renaissance at this time. This Church is only open the 1st Sunday of the month for masses, but is still used for Weddings and Funerals.

Merging for a New Beginning: In 2015, Bishop Dennis Sullivan of the Diocese of Camden decided to merge the three Churches to Form "The Parish of St. Monica". This was done due to the declining attendance of all churches, but to also make worship more accessible. This was done in 2015 in accordance with surveys and attendance records. Today, St. Monica's Comprises of all three Churches. Click here to find out more: http://accatholic.org/

So, my brothers, next time your down at the Jersey Shore and need a break from Gambling, take some time to stop and visit one of the churches in Atlantic City. Maybe you'll also want to spend some time in prayer before hitting the Casino's or the beaches. May Almighty God Bless us and May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have Mercy on Us!!

VIVAT JESUS & PAX

SK. Justin G. McCarthy

Prayers Needed: Please pray for those in need.

Bishop David O'Connel, Bishop of the Trenton Diocese

Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy Joe Lyons

Past Grand Knight and District Deputy Jeff Hawarden and his father

Past Grand Knight Earl Lind and his wife Jan

Past Grand Knight Jeff Green

Our retired pastor Fr Mick Lambeth

Brother Matt Bieda and his wife Karen, his brother-in-law John Kenna and his uncle Paul

Brother Michael Tamborra's mother Carol

Brother Sal DiFranco

Brother Pat Pickett

Brother Pete Marcellino and his daughter Angela Rose and his Grandson Billy

Brother Ray Sloginski's wife Joann and his neighbor Mary Fahmie

Brother Steve Scott's grandson's wife Michelle Marrosa Scott

Brother Frank McCardle and his wife Chris

Brother Conrad Zabinski's wife Amy

Brother Jim Halsey's granddaughter Hannah

Brother Jim Murray's daughter Carly and his uncle Albert Desilva

Paul and Sheila McFarland

Brother Barry Valvano's sister-in-law Anne

Brother Bill Murphy

Brother Phil Cross's wife Amelia