

OLA MISSION STATEMENT

Through our devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, we strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ to:

- ◇ Know God through Scripture and Prayer
- ◇ Encounter God through the Liturgy and the Eucharist
- ◇ Love God through Service

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM
Sunday: 7 AM, 8:30 AM and 10 AM
Weekdays: 8 AM
Saturday: 9 AM
Holy Days: 7 PM Vigil, 8 AM and 12:05 PM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM,
or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7 PM – 8 PM

Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday each Month.

Pre-Jordan class is required and held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage: Engaged couples must meet with the Pastor at least six months prior to the Wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Holy Communion for the homebound or Sacrament of the Sick upon request. Anointing in preparation for surgery after Masses.

PASTOR:

Rev. Gerald P. Carey

IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Augustin Kassa, SMA

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Paul Fisher

PARISH SECRETARY:

RoseAnn Westerfer

BUSINESS MANAGER:

Vince Buggy

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

Anne Sprissler

PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 610-688-1178

WEBSITE: olastrafford.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30AM - 4PM

Emergencies

Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

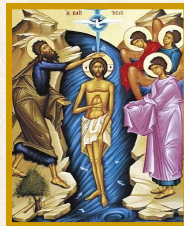


...the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." *Luke 3:21-22*

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA



January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!**

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Psalm 104:1-2



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – January 11, 2025

- 9 AM Nicole Giacche
by Barbara & Richard Merman
- 5 PM Nicole Giacche, 1st Anniv.
by Her Mom, Erma Giacche

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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- 7:00 Virginia Gaeto by Joe & Sue Paolantonio
- 8:30 Carmelo & Sebastiano Calvarese
by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM Genoeffa Trosini
by Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family

Monday - January 13, 2025

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Antonio & Felicia Giangiulio
by Son-in-law, Vincent Falcone

Tuesday - January 14, 2025

- 8:00 Antonio Antrilli
by Daughter, Maria Lemma & Family

Wednesday - January 15, 2025

- 8:00 Jiggs DiMarcantonio, 15th Anniv.
by Wife, Tina & Children

Thursday - January 16, 2025

- 8:00 James Tomasso, 1st Anniv.
by Daughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

Friday - January 17, 2025

St. Anthony, Abbot

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday – January 18, 2025

- 9 AM Michael D. Grob by Jan Grob & Family
- 5 PM Richard Ise by Erma Giacche

Sunday, January 19, 2025

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Ecumenical Sunday**

- 7:00 Elizabeth Marley & Joseph Mariano, Sr.
by Jeanne Marley
- 8:30 Grace Goessel by Daughter, Donna &
Peter D’Innocenzo & Family
- 10 AM Special Intentions of
Ralph & Virginia DiFronzo
by Their Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Deceased Members of the
Walsh & Laudenslayer Families
Week of: January 12, 2025
By: Pat & Marybeth Walsh

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Nick & Kelly Sciarratta, Barbara Pupek, Catherine Harmer, John Becker, Janet Fleming, Ed Rofi, Holly Weaver, Louise Fehn, Milena Trosini, Yolanda Price, Russell Demanczyk, Fran Neary, Gabe Yervelli, Meghan Pitts, Kaitlyn Dorris, Arthur Mattmiller, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Fr. Carey, Maria DiGiacomo, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Bella Reid, John Catalanotto, Elizabeth Maratea, Mike Long, Kristen Boyer, Goldie Trowery, Mary Lewis, Jim Spang, Brian Hunsberger, Carla Santoleri, Helen Carver, Ronnie Kelly, Marian Quick, Ralph D’Ignazio, Martha Marcantonio, Mark Michaels, Dave Flinn, Joe Ellis, Jessica Recchi, Joseph Carver, John H. Shelsy, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt, Di McTiernan, Carol Barbera, Mike Howley, Tammy Kohal, Theresa Flanagan, Allison Rogge, Michael Kerns, Trish Lee, Freddie DeFlaviis, Mark Gregory & Nicholas Connolly.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Marie Renzi. May her soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

OUTREACH HELP

ITEMS COLLECTED BY OUTREACH:

- ◇ **Dry & canned food/pantry items**
(OLA food pantry is extremely low)
- ◇ Frozen casseroles
(pans & recipes in the Giving Room)
- ◇ Gently used Men’s shirts, pants/jeans & sweatshirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles
Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ◇ Cleaning supplies

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How can setting even 5 or 10 minutes aside for prayer each day help me live out my baptismal calling? Can I resolve to do that each day during this jubilee year?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



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PREP

The Confirmation Retreat for Students & Parents will be held today. Please arrive at the Blessed Raphaela Retreat Center at 12:45 PM. The Sunday Mass obligation will be fulfilled at the 4 PM Mass which is the closing event of the day. Departure will be around 4:45 PM!

There will be no PREP classes on Sun., Jan. 19th or Mon., Jan. 20th to commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. which is a national holiday!

The PREP Outreach for January & February will be a “Souper Bowl” collection of canned or boxed soups. These donations will be brought to the Parish Giving Room and distributed as needed. “Caring and Sharing” are the hallmarks of a Catholic tradition. Again, parents use this opportunity as a teachable moment.

ST. BLAISE MEN’S RETREAT AT MALVERN

Join Us for our 2025 annual St. Blaise Men’s Retreat at Malvern on Jan. 31st – Feb. 2nd
Prayer Discernment Fellowship

It’s time to get away from the busyness of everyday life & spend time with our Lord.

Mass, Confession, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration

Come be part of a group of OLA Men on a shared mission of faith, reflection & fraternity. This year’s retreat is being directed by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher**, a renowned Capuchin priest, who will guide us with profound wisdom & insight. We look forward to welcoming you to our retreat!

Sign-up at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-curran-memorial-2025/>

OR

Feel free to use the following QR Code:
 St. Blaise/Curran Memorial 2025



Registration. For more info, contact Anthony Gentile at 610-513-6834 or @ awgentile@verizon.net.

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	12/22/2024	12/24/2023
Collection:	\$ 145,645	\$ 127,855
Electronic Giving:	\$ 69,048	\$ 59,415
TOTAL	\$ 214,693	\$ 187,270



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



The Administration, faculty and staff of Assumption Academy would like to thank Mr. John for all of his years of service and care for the school and all of the children in it. Mr. John will be missed by all. We wish him happiness in his retirement and pray for many visits.



Drivers Wanted!

Looking for children ages 18 months to 3 years of age to be part of the best school in the area!



Mommy and Me classes meet every Monday from 9:30 AM — 10:45 AM. There is no registration necessary, just show up and enjoy some fun time with your toddler & Ms. Terry.

A 2nd day is being considered. If you would prefer a Wednesday, please call the school to let us know at 610-688-5277.

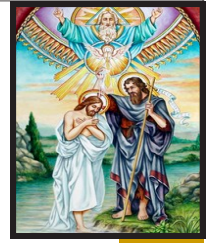
\$15 a session or \$130 for a 10 session punch card.

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	12/29/2024	1/04/2024
Collection:	\$ 165,822	\$ 141,482
Electronic Giving:	\$ 70,953	\$ 65,141
TOTAL	\$ 236,774	\$ 206,623

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 111,190

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (*Lk* 3:21-22). On this, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we hear God the Father declare that Jesus, the son of Mary is, indeed, His Son as well. And, He is well pleased with him. Shortly after his baptism, Jesus begins his public ministry, declaring “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel!” (*Mk* 1:15)

At our baptism, we, too, become sons and daughters of God and God is well pleased with us. After the child is baptized, the priest instructs the faithful: “Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is.” We become members of the Church at our baptism and are called to continue the work Jesus began and bring God’s kingdom to fulfillment. What a wonderful privilege it is!

By our baptism, we are all called to share in this sacred mission. By ordination, the pastor of a parish is called to lead and to encourage his parishioners to share in this mission, using their talents and abilities for the good of the larger community. What great work could be accomplished if everyone would respond! In this archdiocese, there are approximately 1.3 million baptized lay Catholics. In this parish alone, there are just over 2,200 registered Catholics. What if every one of the baptized were to respond to their baptismal call! We are all the Church, and the Church can only do as much as each one of us contributes! With the active involvement of more parishioners, this parish and the Church universal will become an even better place for us to fulfill our baptismal call to continue the work Jesus began and bring God’s kingdom to fulfillment.

Archbishop Pérez is very eager to engage us all in this very important mission of the Church. In fact, he sent out a Pastoral Letter on this very subject last Sunday, Jan. 5th. This letter outlines his hopes for the future of the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. He is asking for your help in being a part of this new initiative in the archdiocese. The first thing he is asking you to do is to visit:

<https://trustandhope.org> or use the QR code below. He asks you to watch the video and then read his letter to all of us. After that, please sign up for one of the Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions and learn even more. I encourage you to sign up and attend one anywhere in the Archdiocese.



This is an exciting time for your parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I invite you to join in this new direction as we work together to draw ourselves ever closer to our Lord and to draw others to him, as well!

~ Msgr. Hans Brouwers