

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 First Miracle

JOHN 2:1-11

A sign that joyful reconciliation with God is possible through faith in Jesus' glorious life, death, and resurrection.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecumenical Sunday

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

**Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds
to All the Nations (Psalm 96)**

Responsorial for the
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Parish Office closed on Monday, 1/20/2025 in observance of MLK Day.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - January 20, 2025
St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr
St. Sebastian, Martyr
 8:00 Special Intentions of the
 Catalanotto Family by John & Anita

Tuesday - January 21, 2025
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
 8:00 Andre Vittoz, 4th Anniv.
 by The Dolley Family

Wednesday - January 22, 2025
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

8:00 For the People of the Parish
Thursday - January 23, 2025
St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:00 Herbert James White
 by The White Family
Friday - January 24, 2025
St. Frances de Sales,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 Charles “Bud” Tolan, Birthday
 by Son, Dennis Tolan & Family
Saturday – January 25, 2025

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

9 AM Armond “Mondie” Novelli
 by Barbara & Richard Merman
 5 PM Mary DiPrinzio D’Ignazio, 26th Anniv.
 by Their Sons & Family

Sunday, January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:30 Peg Saidis
 by Son, Michael & Sharon Saidis
 10 AM Nora Esther Herlihy White
 by The White Family

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 pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:
 John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati,
 Joseph Walton and Matthew Wilson.

**OUTREACH HELP
 DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS**

Are you concerned for someone’s health & safety during these cold winter days? The OLA Outreach Team is offering to check in on people and help as they can with these seniors & families. Please contact either Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482 or the Parish Office (610-688-1178) to provide the name, address and phone number of the members of our community who may be in need of assistance.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL
 For: Deceased Members of
 Toscani & Gerace Families

Week of: January 19, 2025
 By: Pat & Marybeth Walsh

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING
 For: Deceased Members of
 Toscani & Gerace Families

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PREP

It is hard to believe that we are mid-way through January! This is to remind our PREP families that there is no class on Sun., Jan. 19th for the Confirmation and Special Group and no class on Mon., Jan. 20th for the usual weekly sessions for Levels 1 to 6! Enjoy the time that this holiday gives us to honor and remember the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

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 & Sharing" are the hallmarks of a Catholic tradition. Again, parents use this opportunity as a teachable moment.

Our next session for the Family Catechesis Group will be on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 9:45 AM. The topic will be "Prayer".

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

This year's retreat is being directed by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher**, a renowned Capuchin priest, who will guide us with profound wisdom & insight.

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

OR 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.

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER

To request your 2024 Contributions Letter for tax filing purposes, please email:

ParishOffice@olastrafford.org or call the Parish Office at 610-688-1178.

Parish Giving will automatically be sending an email summary of online 2024 Contributions.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Name one spiritual gift that I can identify in myself. How can I use that gift in service of the Lord?



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Come over the rainbow with us to find the \$10,000 pot of GOLD!

The Raffle is back!

Each ticket is \$100.

The winning ticket will be drawn on **March 8th.**

This is the main fundraiser for the school and this year could be the biggest event yet.

If you would like to sponsor this event, please email:

pwelsh@assumption.academy

If you would like to purchase a ticket, you can complete the bottom portion of this column and drop it in the collection basket. \$100 can be paid by check or venmo@Assumption-PreK

I would like to purchase # _____ ticket

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

\$ _____ check enclosed

\$ _____ sent via VENMO)



STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	1/05/2025	1/07/2024
Collection:	\$ 172,440	\$ 148,962
Electronic Giving:	\$ 79,667	\$ 71,919
TOTAL	\$ 252,107	\$ 220,881

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 113,940

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER



As Christmas comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord – which we celebrated last Sunday – we begin what the Church calls Ordinary Time. It is called “ordinary” because the weeks are numbered in order – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. It is time – usually 33 weeks – ordered by God’s grace in between the sacred seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. The priest wears green vestments. Our church’s Christmas decorations have come down and we all have returned to a regular home, work, and school schedule.

Ordinary Time, however, is not at all plain and simple. On the contrary, as we come together to worship God week after week, we are given the opportunity to explore all facets of Christ’s life rather than just celebrating and delving into one aspect - His birth, as we did during Advent and Christmas, or his death and Resurrection, as we do during Lent & Easter. What could be ordinary about exploring the full sweep of Christ’s works and teachings? The green of Ordinary Time, like the green of nature, encourages us to grow and mature in our faith. As the color of hope, it also calls us to anticipate the gifts of God’s kingdom.

We are living in a time that most of us would agree is anything but ordinary. We all feel the effects of the ongoing wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, and the wild swings in the weather with its devastating effects in so many areas of our country and, indeed, around the world. Our nation and so many other countries worldwide are struggling with the extreme edges of society and politics disrupting the lives of the majority. We need the order that God has intended from the beginning and to see what happens when we disregard his order.

The Church provides us with a sense of order during this Ordinary Time, presenting our Lord’s ministry and teachings in an orderly way. We will hear about our Lord primarily from the *Gospel of Luke* throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. The *Gospel of Luke* is generally thought to be written between 80 and 90AD in Syria. Intended for Greek converts to Christianity, it sought to encourage them to be confident that Jesus was, indeed, the Savior and that God’s plan for salvation included them and, in fact, all Gentiles. Like the other gospels, the text does not identify the author. Although it was traditionally thought to be a Syrian physician, modern scripture scholars identify him as a well-educated non-Palestinian Gentile convert - possibly Luke, a companion to Paul. He admits at the very beginning of his gospel that he is not an eye-witness of Jesus but has “decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence...so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received” (*Lk* 1:3+4).

As we begin to embrace the initiative that Archbishop Pérez introduced recently – to become missionary disciples – we are encouraged by this gospel to join in the essential mission of the Church: to share with everyone we meet the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ. As we begin Ordinary Time, let us listen carefully to all the readings - and especially the *Gospel of Luke* - which are proclaimed to give us hope as we prepare for the Kingdom of God!