

### 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:**

*In Transition*

#### **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



“...Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him....”

~ Mark 1:14-20

*Our Lady of the Assumption*  
*Roman Catholic Church*  
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

**January 21, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**

TEACH ME  
YOUR WAY  
O LORD



### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Holy Hour**  
**from 7 PM - 8 PM**  
**Tuesday**

*Come spend  
an hour  
with Jesus.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday – January 20, 2024****St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr  
St. Sebastian, Martyr**

- 9:00 Ethel “Missy” Norcini  
by Richard & Barbara Merman
- 5 PM Mary DiPrinzio D’Ignazio, 25th Anniv.  
by Her Sons & Grandchildren

**Sunday, January 21, 2024****3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Word of God Sunday / Ecumenical Sunday**

- 7:00 Elizabeth Marley & Joseph Mariano, Sr.  
by Jeanne Marley
- 8:30 Darlene Daniels by Fran & Shirley Pietrini
- 10 AM Andre Vittoz, 3rd Anniv.  
by The Dolley Family

**Monday - January 22, 2024****Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children**

- 8:00 Confraternity of St. Peter by Chris Renzi

**Tuesday - January 23, 2024****St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday - January 24, 2024****St. Francis de Sales,****Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor**

- 8:00 Margaret Kalandiak  
by Nephew, Greg & Marge Seedor & Family

**Thursday - January 25, 2024****CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE**

- 8:00 Charles “Bud” Tolan  
by Son, Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan

**Friday - January 26, 2024****St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops**

- 8:00 Margaret Kane by The O’Reilly Family

**Saturday – January 27, 2024****St. Angela Merici, Vigin**

- 9:00 Darlene Daniels  
by James & Josephine Taafe
- 5 PM Special 24th Anniversary Intentions of  
Virginia & Ralph DiFronzo by Their Family

**Sunday, January 28, 2024****4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:30 Dominic “Joe” Nudy  
by Fran & Shirley Pietrini
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels  
by John & Vera DiMaio & Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**

For: Deceased Members of  
Angelilli & Faga Families

Week of: **January 21, 2024**

By: Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

**PRAYER INTENTIONS****Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family:**

Nicole LaMonaca, Ed Drill, Anthony Ciarlone, Elsa Marsili, Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, Nick & Kelly Sciaratta, Barbara Pupek, Catherine Harmer, John Becker, Janet Fleming, Holly Weaver, Louise Fehn, Milena Trosini, Yolanda Price, Russell Demanczyk, Fran Neary, Gabe Yervelli, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Ed Rofi, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Ann Koltay, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Erin & Noah Vandiver, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, John Catalanotto, Bella Reid, Elizabeth Maratea, Julia Whalon, Mike Long, Kristen Boyer, Goldie Trowery, Mary Lewis, Jim Spang, Brian Hunsberger, Carla Santoleri, Helen Carver, Ronnie Kelly, Jerry Rineer, Marian Quick, Ralph D’Ignazio, Martha Marcantonio, Mark Michaels, Dave Flinn, Joe Ellis, Jessica Recchi, Joyce Kleiber, John H. Shelsy, Joseph Carver, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt, Di McTiernan, Amie Hamel, Carol Barbera, Mike Howley, Tammy Kohal & Theresa Flanagan.

**Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family,**

especially for Nicole Giacche. May her soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:**

John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati, Matthew Wilson & Bryan Dixon.

**OUTREACH HELP**

Outreach helps those in need in our community. Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you find yourself in need, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or calling **Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482.**

**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 & sweat-shirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles and formula
- ◇ Cleaning supplies

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?



## PREP

Our Outreach for January & February will be "A Souper Bowl" collection of canned or boxed soups. These will be taken to the OLA Giving Room for distribution!

Confirmation class is this Sunday, Jan. 21st at 11:15 AM in the OLA School building! Please bring the textbook along with all other materials.

Levels 1 to 6 will have class on Monday, January 22 from 4:45 PM until 6:00 PM

**Join Us for our Annual St. Blaise/Curran Memorial Men's Retreat at Malvern on February 2 - 4, 2024**

**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 as you are and be part of a group of OLA men on a shared mission of faith, reflection & fraternity. We look forward to welcoming you to our next retreat!

*Feel free to use the following QR Code to register:*



Or Signup at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/event/st-blaise-curran-memorial-3/>

Contact Tony Gentile @ 610-513-6834 or email: [awgentile@verizon.net](mailto:awgentile@verizon.net) for more information.

## RETROUVAILLE

**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - February 16-18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Retrouvaille helps couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy, while providing help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## OLA PLANNED GIVING

All parishioners & friends of Our Lady of the Assumption Church are kindly asked to consider including OLA in their will & estate planning.



## ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



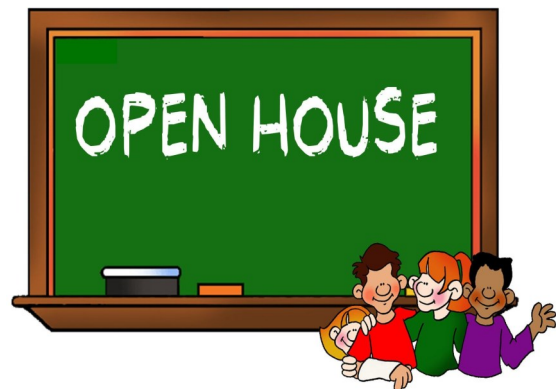
**Happy New Year!**

Please join us for coffee and a tour as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Sunday, Jan. 28th  
from 10 AM - 11:30AM**

You can learn more about the NEW programs available for Toddlers, 2 - 4 year olds and Kindergarteners.

Hear about our great CARES program.



Get information on scholarships, and meet all of our animal friends!

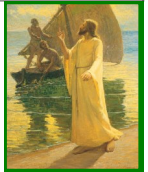
Teachers will be on hand to answer questions and show off their classrooms and student creations.

WAWA shortie certificates are on sale for \$5 at the school!

Call the School Office for more information at 610-688-5277.



## PASTOR'S CORNER



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Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. This Sunday, we begin reading the Gospel of St. Mark. John the Baptist has been arrested and now Jesus is beginning to proclaim the Good News from God.

Jesus is beginning His public ministry and so He starts to call people to follow Him. Jesus always made a point of meeting and calling people wherever He found them. He met and called Matthew the sinful tax collector when he was counting his money. He met and called the sinful woman when she came to the well for water. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus meets people while they are doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful phrases of scripture through which God says, *I have called you by your name, you are mine* and that *I have written your name on the palms of my hands*. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow Him. Today, we are the ones He looks at, calls by name and says, *"Come follow me."* Those in the Gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when He called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

After Jesus called these men and women to follow, He sent them out in his name to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in *His* name, not their own. Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what we do. This very day Jesus is calling you and I by name, we are called to ask ourselves this weekend - what is our response?

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Nicole Giacche, our parish Business Manager, passed away this past Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Nicole was very well known and loved among our parishioners as well as the students and faculty at Assumption Academy. She was very devoted to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and worked tirelessly for all of us. For this, I am truly grateful. Please keep her mother, Erma and her brothers, Nicholas and John in your prayers during these most difficult days. With her passing, I would ask you to please be patient with us as we try to carry on her work here at OLA. We are continuing to do so but in the meantime our weekly financial updates in the bulletin will be on hold. Please pray for us as we continue to search for a new Business Manager. We will continue our financial updates as soon as we are able.

Looking ahead, on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This day is also referred to as "Candlemas Day." It is the day that Jesus was presented in the Temple by His parents and was taken into the arms of Simeon who proclaimed Him to be a light to the world to dispel all sin and darkness. For this reason, candles are blessed on this day. We will have our usual morning Mass at 8 AM. I invite you to bring candles from your home to be blessed at the Mass. You can simply place them upon the table near the baptismal font. Along with them, we will also bless the candles that we will use at Mass throughout the year. Traditionally, this day concluded the season of Christmas. Please consider participating in this time-honored tradition that reminds us that as we use candles for our prayer and devotion. Jesus Christ is forever the light of the world.

It is around this time of the year that we highlight and encourage participation in our Annual Parish Retreat for Men at Malvern Retreat House which normally occurs during the first weekend of February. The Men of the St. Blaise/Curran Memorial Group will be attending this annual retreat on February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For additional information and/or to register, please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or you may call **Tony Gentile @ 610-513-6834**.

I take this opportunity to thank all of those who have responded so generously to this year's *Annual Appeal*. If you have not returned your contribution as of yet, I invite you to do so as it will help greatly with this year's important roofing project. I offer heartfelt thanks to all for doing whatever you can within your means to support OLA. We are truly grateful!

May God continue to bless you and your families and once again I thank you for your prayerful and financial support to our parish. It is greatly appreciated!

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*