

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 Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring Glad Tidings to the poor...”

Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

~ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE;

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to all Masses next weekend.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - January 27, 2025

St. Angela Merici,

Virgin & Religious Founder

- 8:00 Joseph McManus
by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Tuesday - January 28, 2025

St. Thomas Aquinas,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Michael H. White by The White Family

Wednesday - January 29, 2025

- 8:00 Special Intentions of
Rev. Gerald P. Carey by Ellyn Sandman

Thursday - January 30, 2025

- 8:00 Special Intentions of Tony & Julia Coyer
by Ellyn Sandman

Friday - January 31, 2025

St. John Bosco, Priest

- 8:00 Frank Saidis
by Son, Michael & Sharon Nardelli

Saturday – February 1, 2025

First Saturday

- 9 AM Michael Verguldi
by Uncle Vince Calvarese & Family
- 5 PM Virginia Gaeto
by Tom & Anne-Claire Dolley

Sunday, February 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00 Special Intentions of Amanda Hill
by Mom, Heather Hill
- 8:30 Lucia Pelusi
by Sister-in-law, Yolanda & Dino Calvarese
- 10 AM Diane Ellis by Husband, Joe

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, 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, 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.

ITEMS COLLECTED BY OUTREACH:

- ◊ ◊ Dry & canned food/pantry items
(OLA food pantry is extremely low)
- ◊ ◊ Frozen casseroles
- ◊ ◊ Gently used Men’s shirts, pants/jeans, & sweatshirts for the homeless men at A Brother’s House in Norristown, PA!
- ◊ ◊ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, and formula
- ◊ ◊ Cleaning Supplies

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Florence Garzarella
Week of: January 26, 2025
By: Her Family

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I apply the word of God in my life? Can I commit to spending time each day this week reading from the Bible?

PREP

January has literally flown by and hopefully the bitter cold will soon go too! Our PREP classes will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26th for the Confirmation Class and Special Catch-Up Class. Weekly classes for Levels 1 to 6 will start on Monday, Jan 27th.

Our Outreach is the annual “Souper Bowl” collection of canned or boxed soups. These will be given to our Parish Giving Room for distribution as needed!

I encourage all PREP families to sign up for a free mobile app known as “Flocknote”! It is an electronic way for the parish to send important information and updates in a timely manner. For more information, text MYOLAFAMILY to 84576. This will not take the place of the Sunday Bulletin but will enhance the parish ability to communicate information.

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2nd. There will be limited seating in Church for those who wish to attend that Mass on March 2. There will be reserved seating for the confirmation class, sponsors & their families. Please refer to the Sunday Bulletin or call the Parish office with any questions in this regard!

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.



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:	1/12/2025	1/14/2024
Collection:	\$ 178,888	\$ 153,868
Electronic Giving:	\$ 81,431	\$ 74,036
TOTAL	\$ 260,319	\$ 227,904

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

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Monday, Jan. 26th through Friday, Jan. 31st!

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It is an opportunity for us to recognize the importance of Catholic education & formation and to celebrate our preschool and kindergarten that have instructed and formed our children for over 40 years. Assumption Academy, our Preschool and Kindergarten has enjoyed a strong reputation. Our enrollment remains very healthy at 150 children. They excel as they are instilled with the Catholic teachings of love of God and neighbor in a variety of fun and exciting ways.

The national theme for this week – *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community* – is well reflected in our school. Like all Catholic schools, ours has an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. And, as you read in my article two weeks ago, our Ordinary, Archbishop Nelson Pérez, is calling us all to join him in a new initiative of evangelizing – that is, sharing the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ – with our fellow Catholics who have drifted away from the Church as well as with those in our midst who are not Catholic. You will notice that the logo for Catholic Schools Week is made up of images of people surrounding a cross. This symbolizes the important reality that the Church – and all of its institutions, including its schools – are, first and foremost, not buildings but people of faith encircling and embracing our Lord, who spent his public ministry proclaiming the Good News through words and actions. As he drew people to himself while he was among us in person, we are called to draw people – both non-active Catholics and non-Catholics – to our Lord. Our school begins to equip your children to do this even at their young age. And, as we learn more about our archbishop's new initiative, we will be calling upon everyone in our parish as well as our school to embrace this new and exciting endeavor in our parish and throughout the archdiocese.

Faith, hope and love are the binding elements of Catholic schools. Our faith in Jesus Christ fills us with joy and hope as we strive to follow him and lead others to him as well. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, let us be grateful to God for his love for us and energized to share his love with everyone that we meet!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT:

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered by Archbishop Nelson Perez on **Sunday, March 2, 2025 at the 10 AM Mass**. Due to the seating required for the Confirmandi, sponsors and family members, there will only be 7 pews in the back on either side available for parishioners. Liturgy of the Word for Children on this Sunday will NOT be offered. No announcements will be made at this Mass. We ask that you keep this in mind when you are planning to attend Mass on Sunday, March 2nd. It is not our intention to discourage anyone from attending Mass, but we want you to be fully aware of the limited seating that will be available at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2nd. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families!