

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.

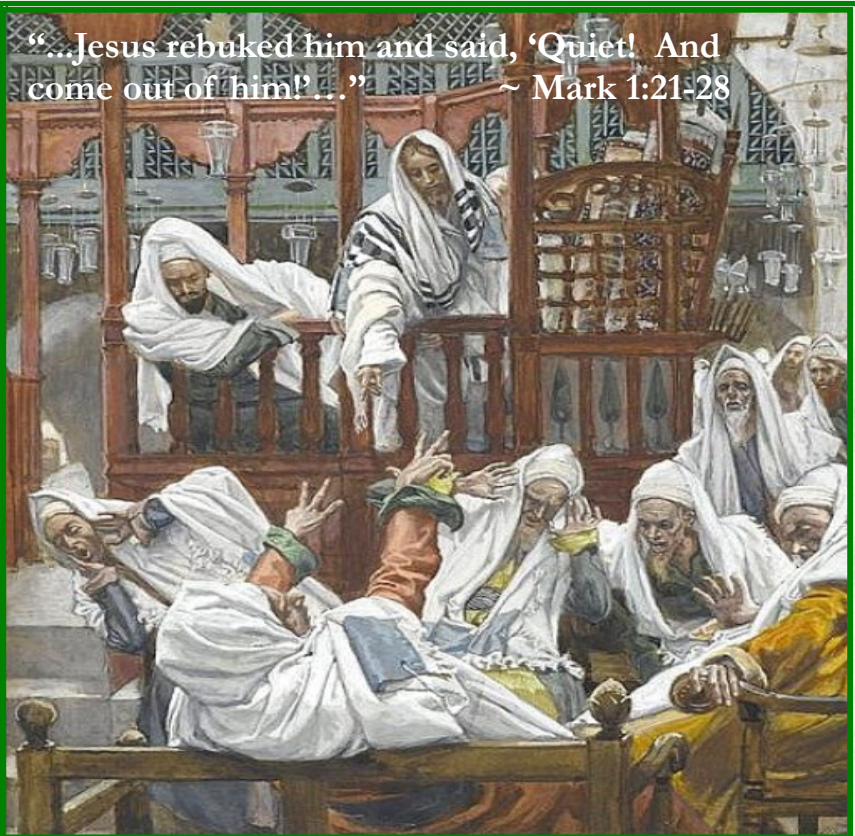
PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

“...Jesus rebuked him and said, ‘Quiet! And come out of him!’...” ~ Mark 1:21-28



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

January 28, 2024
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – January 27, 2024

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

- 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

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- 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

Monday - January 29, 2024

- 8:00 Pauline Migliorini
by Michael & Cecilia Macera

Tuesday - January 30, 2024

- 8:00 Giovannino Capone
by Michael & Cecilia Macera

Wednesday - January 31, 2024

St. John Bosco, Priest

- 8:00 Robert Fisher, 5th Anniv.
by Deacon Paul & Maria Fisher

Thursday - February 1, 2024

- 8:00 Regina Walker, 13th Anniv.
by Jack & Anne Rogers

Friday - February 2, 2024

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels
by Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan

Saturday –February 3, 2024

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

St. Ansgar, Bishop

- 9:00 Mary & Joseph Penkala
by Granddaughter, Christine He & Family
- 5 PM Peg Saidis by Sharon & Michael Saidis

Sunday, February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Special Intentions of Jennifer & Diana Vu
by Their Parents, Andy & Jenny Vu
- 8:30 Darlene Daniels
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM Timothy Weglicki by The Flynn Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Deceased Members of
The Piombino Family
& Special 2024 Intentions

Week of: **January 28, 2024**

By: The Piombino Family

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 James Tomasso. May his 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:

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me? Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?

PREP

There will be no class for the Family Catechesis group until Feb. 4th at 9:30 AM!

Our Outreach for January and February is a "Souper Bowl" collection of canned or boxed soups for our Giving Room.

Confirmation Class is today at 11:15! Also, our Parent/Student Confirmation Retreat will be on Feb. 25, 2024 at the Blessed Raphaela Retreat Center. More info. to come!

Our regular Monday PREP Levels 1 to 6 will meet tomorrow, Jan. 29th at 4:45 PM!

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.

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 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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



It's a new year and we are ready to celebrate Catholic School's Week!



All of the Faculty, Staff, and Administrators at Assumption Academy are so honored and proud to be part of such an amazing Catholic school.

All across the nation, Catholic schools are taking time out to celebrate that giant thing that sets us apart. Jesus is present in everything we do and in everything we teach.

Of course, we could not be here without you!

We are so grateful for your prayerful support, and often financial support. The OLA Parish has been the heartbeat of this school and rightfully shares in all of Assumption Academy's success.

Thank you one and all.



Please drop by our Open House on Jan. 31st between 10AM and 2 PM to see us in action.

PASTOR'S CORNER



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Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. The Gospel this weekend comes at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry early in the Gospel of St. Mark. Jesus has now moved to Capernaum, which is located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee and which would be His "home base" for most of His three-year ministry. This particular Gospel account occurred on the Sabbath (our Saturday), which the Jews observed as a day of rest and worship. As would be expected from a faithful Jew, Jesus went to the synagogue (the place of worship) that day. Jesus taught there with authority. The people listened to Him (alluding back to today's first reading) and "were astonished at his teaching." But Jesus astonished them even further with what happened next. A man with an "unclean spirit" came into the synagogue. The phrase "unclean spirit" means that this man was demon possessed. The demon identified Jesus as "the Holy One of God." In other words, the demon knew (likely even better than the observers at the time) that Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus then proved this identity by authoritatively rebuking the demon. Simply by His words of rebuke, the demons fled. The man was freed from the control of the demon by the power of God. Jesus came into the world for this purpose: to drive evil out. We see here that He is more than capable of doing that. Jesus is God in the flesh, so He has authority over all things. He, therefore, can transform us and set us free from the sin that plagues us. Jesus wants to give us freedom in Him, but will we have the trust to listen to Him and obey His divine authority?

Looking ahead, on Friday, February 2nd, 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 OLA 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.

We again highlight and encourage participation in our Annual Parish Retreat for Men at Malvern Retreat House during the first weekend of February — February 2–4. For additional information and/or to register, please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call **Tony Gentile @ 610-513-6834**.

Soon Lent will be here! This year it begins rather early on February 14th (St. Valentine's Day). As is customary during the season of Lent our music for the Mass will be "simplified" to reflect the spirit of the season. For all the Sundays of Lent we will be chanting the Antiphons for both the Entrance and Communion processions. Likewise, we will incorporate into the Mass a few sung acclamations in Latin. This adjustment in music gives us an opportunity not only (in the case of the Antiphons) to sing the Liturgy itself as the Second Vatican Council intended but likewise, to utilize the universal language of Latin to show our solidarity with other cultures around the world. Over the next three weeks I will use this column to further explain these musical adaptations in the hopes that you can appreciate the diversity and richness they will bring. Usual hymns in the vernacular will still remain at the Presentation of the Gifts and at the end of Mass and worship aids will be provided for the participation of all. I look forward to sharing more information about this over the next few weeks and I am looking forward to a prayerful and spiritually uplifting Lenten season with all of you and your families.

I take this opportunity to thank all of those who have responded so generously to this year's *Annual Appeal*. As of this date we have received \$85,736. 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 estimated to cost \$185,000. I offer heartfelt thanks to all for doing whatever you can within your means to support OLA. We are truly grateful!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey