

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

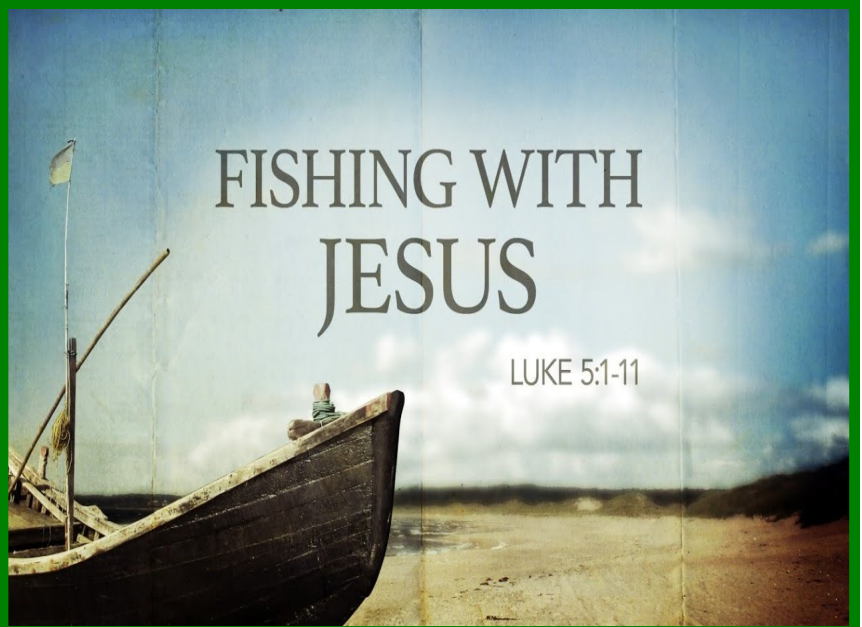
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



Baskets will be in the vestibule from 2/09/2025 thru 3/02/2025 to collect your old blessed palm which will become our ashes for Ash Wednesday.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – February 8, 2025

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

9 AM Parents, Joe & Jean Nudy

by The Nudy Family

5 PM Anthony Focarino

by Fran & Joe Schuda

Sunday, February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Virginia Gaeto by Celia Paolantonio

8:30 Carmela Calvarese, Birthday
by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

10 AM Nicholas Moscia, 1st Anniv.
by Wife, Becky & Family

Monday - February 10, 2025

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 Katherine Lex by Son, George Lex

Tuesday - February 11, 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:00 Michael Verguldi

by Dennis & Judy Tolan & Family

Wednesday - February 12, 2025

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Thursday - February 13, 2025

8:00 Edward Rofi by Antoinette Recchi

Friday - February 14, 2025

St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop

8:00 Ann & Louis Filipone

by Bob & Dena Filipone

Saturday – February 15, 2025

9 AM Michael Audet

by Sister, Marguerite Paolantonio

5 PM Dolores Del Rasso

by Diane, Jim & Kelly Claffey

Sunday, February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 James Tomasso

by Daughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

8:30 Leon Slifer

by Son, Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

10 AM Ed Rofi by OLA Legion of Mary

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Special Intentions of
Andrew & Anthony
D’Innocenzo & Family

Week of: February 9, 2025

By: Mom & Dad

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, 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, Donna DeLuca, Deborah Garzarella & 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: Alice Custer

Week of: February 9, 2025

By: Tina DiMarcantonio

FLORAL MEMORIAL



For: Nick Moscia

Week of: February 9, 2025

By: Wife, Becky & Family

PREP

I wish to call attention to the reminder of the limited seating for the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, March 2nd at 10 AM. Please refer to the Sunday Bulletin and Email notifications from the Parish Office in this regard! Please keep the Confirmation students in prayer as they prepare to receive this wonderful Sacrament.

A reminder that there will be no classes on Sunday, Feb. 16th and Monday, Feb. 17th as we celebrate the President's Day holiday weekend!

Since the Eagles are in the Super Bowl Game, we can celebrate this by bringing in a can of soup for our "Souper Bowl" outreach for our Giving Room. Hopefully we all will be celebrating a victory for our Eagles as well!

SIPPIN' FOR THE SISTERS

The IHM Office of Mission Advancement invites mothers, daughters, sisters & friends to join them for tea to benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When: Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~ 2:30 - 4:15PM

Where: Meehan Center, SS. Simon & Jude Parish, West Chester, PA

For registration info: ihmimmaculata.org/.

OLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Our Children's Choir will begin its Spring Season! We meet Thursdays in the Church Choir Loft. **Rehearsal is 6PM - 6:50PM.**

This is a Church activity for students ages 7 - 13.

If you are interested in joining, contact Anne Sprissler at asprissler@olastrafford.org.

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: When have I felt like I was in deep water, in over my head, when doing something I felt called by God to do? Did I overcome my fear or discomfort and how?



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Please consider sponsoring our fundraiser.

Sponsorship Levels

Gold Sponsorship (\$1,000)

- ◆ Listed as sponsor on social media sites with link
- ◆ Listed as sponsor in Parish/school bulletins
- ◆ Company logo or family name prominently displayed on Step and repeat
- ◆ Ability to provide a table at the event to promote your services and products
- ◆ Company logo displayed on table centerpieces

Silver Sponsorship (\$500)

- ◆ Listed as sponsor on social media sites with link
- ◆ Listed as sponsor in Parish/school bulletins
- ◆ Company logo on step and repeat
- ◆ Promotional materials in event program
- ◆ Company logo displayed on table centerpieces

Bronze Sponsorship (\$250)

- ◆ Listed as sponsor on social media sites
- ◆ Listed as sponsor in Parish and school bulletins
- ◆ Company logo on step and repeat
- ◆ Promotional materials in event program

Family Sponsor (\$50)

- ◆ Listed on Social Media & event program

Call 610-688-5277 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	1/26/2025	1/28/2024
Collection:	\$ 193,178	\$ 161,046
Electronic Giving:	\$ 83,656	\$ 78,241
TOTAL	\$ 276,834	\$ 239,287

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 119,190

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER PRESENT!



“Present!” This is the simple response a man makes when his name is called at his ordination. With this response, he humbly acknowledges God’s call to serve His people in the ministerial priesthood. At his baptism, he has already been called to the priesthood shared by all of God’s people. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains so clearly, “through faith and Baptism, one receives a share in this people’s unique, *priestly* vocation: ‘Christ the Lord, high priest taken from among men, has made this new people a kingdom of priests to God, his Father’ (§ 784). The CCC goes on to explain:

The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are “consecrated to be...a holy priesthood.” (§ 1546)

The ordained ministry or *ministerial* priesthood is at the service of the baptismal priesthood. The ordained priesthood guarantees that it really is Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church. The saving mission entrusted by the Father to his incarnate Son was committed to the apostles and through them to their successors: they receive the Spirit of Jesus to act in his name and in his person. (§ 1120)

Those called to the ministerial priesthood, while sharing the same call to the priesthood of all the baptized, are set apart to dedicate themselves to leading all of the baptized into closer union with God through his son, Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that the candidate makes himself present when called to ordination.

We have been blessed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to have men who uttered their “present” and then responded by generously serving in parishes, schools, hospitals and various other ministries. They have preached the Word of God, celebrated the sacraments and offered the faithful the guidance and support they needed on their journey back to God.

For some of these men, however, their “present,” which called them to give up everything to follow Christ, now finds them depending on you for your generous care and support. Villa St. Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, and a variety of other health care facilities throughout the Archdiocese provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and no longer able to serve in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers & financial support.

Our annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up this weekend. As you have been in the past, I encourage you to be generous in grateful recognition of the service these priests have offered you and your families. Please know that your kindness and generosity is remembered daily in their Masses, intentions and prayers. And, I ask that you continue to remember them in your prayers as well!

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 & 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 consider attending one of our other Masses such as the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Sat., 3/1 or Sun 3/2. at 7 AM or 8:30 AM Masses where there is ample room. It is not our intention to discourage you from attending Mass, but we ensure that you are 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!