

### 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



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

### *Roman Catholic Church*

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

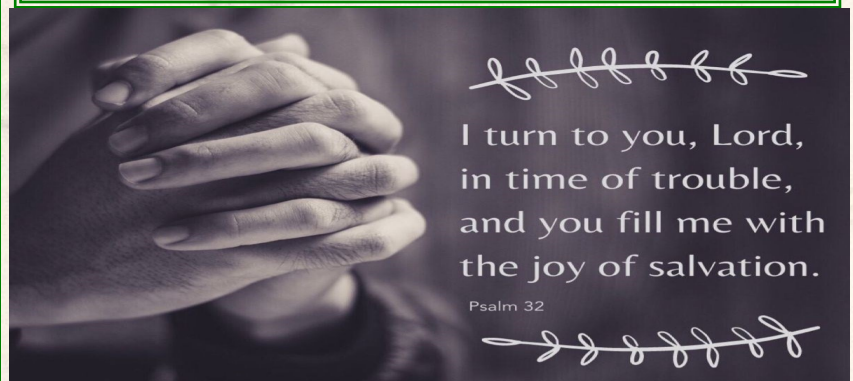
**February 11, 2024**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Day of the Sick**

**World Marriage Day**

**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**



#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES:**

**ASH Wednesday, 2/14/2024 Masses &**

**Distribution of Ashes: 8 AM, 12:05 PM & 7 PM**

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**Stations of the Cross, Friday, 2/16/2024 at 7 PM**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday –February 10, 2024****St. Scholastica, Virgin**

- 9:00 Lauren Moran by Amy & Chris Grant  
 5 PM Deceased Members of the Salamone Family

**Sunday, February 11, 2024****6th Sunday in Ordinary Time****World Day of the Sick****World Marriage Day**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish  
 8:30 Special Intentions of Janet Lombardo  
 by Susan Kincade  
 10 AM Darlene Daniels  
 by Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

**Monday - February 12, 2024**

- 8:00 Special Intentions of John Catalanotto  
 by Mary Ann Belmonte

**Tuesday - February 13, 2024**

- 8:00 John DiMaio, Jr., 2nd Anniv.  
 by Son, John & Vera DiMaio & Family

**Wednesday - February 14, 2024****ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8:00 Andrew Sivack by Jack & Anne Rogers  
 12 Noon Darlene Daniels by Fred & Bonnie Toroni  
 7 PM Leon Slifer  
 by Son, Robert, Mildred & Millie Slifer

**Thursday - February 15, 2024**

- 8:00 John C. Martin, Sr. by Tom & Deb Havrilla

**Friday - February 16, 2024**

- 8:00 Domenico Calvarese  
 by Brother, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

**Saturday –February 17, 2024****The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

- 9:00 Michael Audet  
 by Sister, Marguerite Paolantonio  
 5 PM Deceased Siblings of the Rogers Family  
 by Brother, Jack & Anne Rogers

**Sunday, February 18, 2024****1st Sunday of Lent**

- 7:00 Nick Recchi by Wife Antoinette & Family  
 8:30 Henry “Hank” Ginnona  
 by Mr. & Mrs. James Viola & Family  
 10 AM Charles B. Herrin by Comcast TPX SLT

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**

For: Lauren Robb

Week of: **February 11, 2024**

By: Nanny &amp; Poppy Robb

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Who can I reach out to in order to help  
 make my family/community/world whole?  
 How can I go about doing so?

**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 Nicholas Moscia.  
 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.

**CHANGE FOR CHRIST WATER JUGS**

During Lent, we are collecting alms for the Mother of  
 Mercy House in Kensington. This inner city ministry was  
 started by 2 Philadelphia priests and an IHM sister. You  
 can learn more about this ministry supporting the poor at  
[www.motherofmercyhouse.org/about](http://www.motherofmercyhouse.org/about). Please pick up  
 a purple cup and return it during Lent to an Usher or the  
 Parish Office. There are water jugs in both vestibules. It  
 is also possible to donate online using “Change for  
 Christ” in Parish Giving.

**OLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, open to ages 7 - 13,  
 begins its Spring Season on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. New members  
 are welcome. Rehearsals are held on Wed., 6 PM-7 PM  
 in the church choir loft. To join, contact Anne Sprissler,  
 Dir. of Music at [ParishOffice@olastrafford.org](mailto:ParishOffice@olastrafford.org) or  
 call the Parish Office at 610-688-1178.

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**

For: Deceased Members of  
 Angellili & Faga Families

Week of: **February 11, 2024**

By: Sr. Rita Marian Angellili, IHM



## PREP

There will be Confirmation Class today at 11:15 to 12:15 PM! Plenty of time to get ready for the Super Bowl game this evening!

Information will soon be sent to all families concerning the annual mandatory Safe Environment Lessons for all PREP students. Please be alert to the coming email in this regard!

There will be no PREP sessions on Feb. 18th and Feb. 19th due to the President's Day national holiday!

We will be collecting cans or boxes of soup for our Giving Room until the end of February as part of the PREP Outreach initiative! Thank you for your generous donations!

## "THE SAMARITANS CHOICE - AN ACT OF LOVE."

On Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 at 7 PM at St. Joseph Church, (332 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA), in the church, the Archdiocesan Office for Life & Family in partnership with the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, American Association will present an educational program designed to help stem the tide of human trafficking in our local community. The presentation is provided free of charge and open to all. The focus is on prevention and protection for you, your family and those who fall into your sphere of influence by raising awareness on how to identify the signs, how to report it, and how to support survivors. For more information on this program please visit the website: <https://phillycatholiclife.org/>.

## 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.



## ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week! We all took some time to reflect on our blessing and have some fun! All of us are so grateful for our parents, our teachers, and the IHM sisters.

We remembered all parishioners of OLA in our prayers, because we are eternally grateful for your support.



Why we love our school

Thanks Mom & Dad

Musical chairs fun!

Now we are ready for the Superbowl.



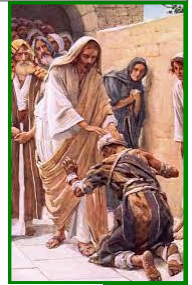
We collected a mountain of soup and have made our predictions.



Are we really Chiefs fans or are we Swifties?

**CONTRIBUTION LETTER:** To request your 2023 Contributions Letter for tax filing, contact the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or email: [ParishOffice@olastrafford.org](mailto:ParishOffice@olastrafford.org).

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In today's first reading we see how lepers were treated according to the Mosaic law. They were unclean and ostracized from society. No one was to come into contact with them for fear of contracting the disease. In fact, if anyone touched a leper, he or she would be automatically declared unclean (even if they did not contract the disease). Jesus then, showed His authority over the Mosaic law and over leprosy itself by cleansing this leper. Jesus reached across the void that separated the leper from society, doing the unthinkable by touching the man. Jesus' action was a response to the man's faith, for it was the leper who first reached out to Jesus and believed that Jesus could heal him. Jesus saw his human dignity and had compassion for him. His act of touching the leper had the opposite effect of what should have occurred according to the Mosaic law. Rather than the leper making Jesus unclean, Jesus made the leper clean. All Jesus did was touch the man and say, "Be made clean," and the leprosy left him.

As we have seen in recent Gospel readings, Jesus here was revealing Himself to be God in the flesh by speaking and acting with divine authority. Yet, Jesus commanded the man to keep this miracle a secret. Why? Although Jesus was revealing Himself, He knew that it was too soon for a full disclosure of His identity. Jesus did not want a riot or people to become sensationalized by His miracles. He knew that too much talk would actually hinder His ministry initially because He wouldn't be able to effectively preach if there was too much sensation around His message. We, in fact, see this being the result of the healed man not heeding Jesus' words and telling everyone anyway. As a result, "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Regardless, today we can imitate the Leper's enthusiasm about sharing what Jesus has done in our own lives. After all, Jesus brings healing to us even today and our encounters with Jesus never leave us the same.

With the coming of the season of Lent, we begin our annual Lenten campaign called "Change for Christ". It is when we distribute cups for you to take home and fill up with "spare change" reflecting your sacrifices for others in need. You can return your cups of change during the season of Lent and/or place your donations in the receptacles in the church. In recent years we have assisted the charitable works in the diocese of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. This year, however, we will be changing our cause and sponsoring a charitable organization a little closer to home. It is Mother of Mercy House located in Kensington, Philadelphia. It was founded by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia several years ago to be a "presence" on the streets of that community. Our priests and religious are very active there in serving the needs of the poor in that community. I would invite you to visit their website <https://motherofmercyhouse.org/> to learn more about them. Kensington, Philadelphia has been in the news lately regarding many challenges they face to help those who are struggling with poverty and addiction. Our cause this year can greatly benefit them and support the charitable efforts of those [priests and sisters](#) who minister there. This is a wonderful cause and an opportunity especially to teach our children the need to make sacrifices for others and to recognize the face of Christ in those who are poor and needy.

Soon, with the First Sunday of Lent, we will be singing the Entrance and Communion Antiphons at each Mass. These Antiphons are very much an integral part of the Mass. They are the words of the Mass itself. Since the promulgation of the new Mass of Paul VI in 1969, provision has always been made however, to allow for the substitution of these texts with another "suitable hymn or song" and this is what we usually do on Sundays at our sung Masses. This in many ways can be seen as a blessing or a curse. On the one side, we have experienced a variety of musical choices for the Mass. On the others side, we have not been singing the Mass itself as the Second Vatican Council desired. With recent awareness of their scriptural richness (and new musical compositions provided for them), there has been a renewed interest to make these Antiphons more a part of the established and varied repertoire of the Church today. It is my hope that these musical settings will provide a way for you to pray the Mass itself better and to deepen your appreciation of the Word of God among the many other hymns and songs that lift our spirits at Mass. I look forward to sharing more with you about the music we have planned for Lent over the next few weeks. In the meantime, I hope and pray these changes will add to your journey towards Easter.

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*