

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 Beatitudes—The Way to Happiness (Luke's Gospel)

Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!



Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

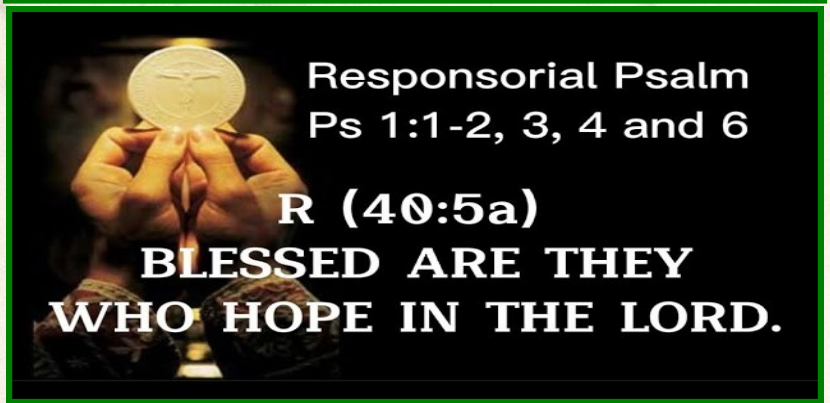
Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets this way.

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

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

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**BLESSED ARE THEY
WHO HOPE IN THE LORD.**

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 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
- Monday - February 17, 2025**
The Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order
 8:00 Nick Recchi, Birthday
 by Wife, Antoinette & Family
- Tuesday - February 18, 2025**
 8:00 Sister, Celeste Brophy
 by The Nudy Family
- Wednesday - February 19, 2025**
 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- Thursday - February 20, 2025**
 8:00 H. James, Michael & Alecia D’Ignazio
 by Your Brothers, Uncles & Family
- Friday - February 21, 2025**
St. Peter Damian,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:00 Special Intentions of
 John & Anita Catalanotto by David Rider
- Saturday – February 22, 2025**
THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
 9 AM Domenico Calvarese
 by Brother, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
 5 PM Confraternity of St. Peter by Chris Renzi
- Sunday, February 23, 2025**
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 T. Richard Campbell
 by Daughter, Nancy Campbell
 8:30 Michael Verguldi
 by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
 10 AM Armond “Mondi” Novelli
 by Daughter, Jean Novelli Capolupo

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Nick Recchi, Birthday
Week of: February 16, 2025
 By: Wife, Antoinette Recchi & Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Nick & Kelly Sciarratta, 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, 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 & Nicholas Connolly.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for John Shelsy & Deborah Garzarella. May their souls & 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, 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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food & happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

PREP

Last weekend was very exciting as many of us watched the Super Bowl game. We can learn much from how the team works as a unit! Our PREP students can look to the players as role models. In many of the interviews the players gave credit and glory to God for their achievements. Our goal in the PREP Program is to help the students put God first in their lives as they come to know and love Him better through their studies of the Faith. Weekly Mass gives them the opportunity to come to know our God in a more personal and intimate way! Parents have the obligation to take the children to Mass so that the explanations they hear in class will become understandable! It is a beautiful thing to see families worship together at weekly Mass!

Reminder: No class on Sunday, Feb. 16 and no class on Monday, Feb. 17

Final practice for the Confirmation Class is Sunday, Feb. 23 from 11:15 AM until 1:00 PM – all are expected to attend! There will be limited space for parishioners at the 10 AM Mass on March 2. Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin in this regard!

Just a reminder that we are still collecting soup for the food cupboard until the end of February. It's our own version of the "Souper Bowl". Please bring it on PREP days.



OLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir has begun its Spring Season! We meet Thursdays in the Church Choir Loft.

Rehearsal is 6 PM to 6:50 PM.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday
Spend an hour with Jesus!



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: | 2/02/2025 | 2/04/2024 |
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| Collection: | \$ 199,080 | \$ 167,378 |
| Electronic Giving: | \$ 86,740 | \$ 78,241 |
| TOTAL | \$ 285,820 | \$ 245,619 |

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Two months ago, I introduced you to the Jubilee Year in preparation for its inauguration on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. This year is intended to intensify our experience of God's grace at work within and around us. So, as we continue this Jubilee Year, I invite you to consider some ways to benefit from the special graces that are available to us. First, since the theme for this holy year is "Pilgrims in Hope," I encourage you to deepen your understanding of Christian hope. Hope, one of the three theological virtues, is not optimism, such as a wish for good weather as you prepare for an upcoming vacation. Rather, the virtue of hope "never disappoints" because it is based on "God's love [which] has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Pope Benedict's second encyclical, *Spe Salvi (Saved in Hope)*, explores this theological virtue in great depth so I invite you to read or reread and pray over this elegant encyclical.

The Bible is filled with messages of hope from its first Book – *Genesis* – to its last – *Revelation*. I encourage you to spend time reading the Bible, savoring the great hope that is found in its accounting of Salvation History. To assist you in your understanding and appreciation of the sacred scriptures, I suggest that you turn to the recently published *Ignatius Study Bible* or the *Word on Fire Bible*. Four of the projected seven volumes of the *Word on Fire Bible* are now available for your inspiration and edification. I also encourage you to get in touch with the saints. *Voices of the Saints: A 365-Day Journey*, written by Bert Ghezzi, offers a daily companion along this year's pilgrimage of hope. Investing in this great book will serve you well not only this year but for many years to come.

Jubilee 2025 will include a 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which gave us the Nicene Creed that we recite to this day. This creed provides us with all of the essential elements of our faith. I invite you to get more familiar with it by reading *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed* by Bishop Robert Barron.

One of the greatest means for hope that our Church offers is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this powerful sacrament, we are able to return to a strong relationship with God who longs for us to be one with him. Especially if it's been some time since you have celebrated this sacrament, I encourage you to take advantage of the graces it offers.

Pilgrimage is a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. And, jubilee churches will be designated in (arch)dioceses around the world where pilgrims may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The following churches hold shrines where Jubilee Indulgences may be obtained: the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul, St. Anne, the Miraculous Medal Basilica and St. Rita in Philadelphia, St. Jude, Chalfont, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, St. Bede, Holland, and Nativity BVM, Warminster.

This Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope. Before it concludes with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, I invite you to take advantage of this ancient Church tradition to seek our Lord in hope and make his love ever more present in your life and in our world.

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