

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 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



LENTEN ACTIVITIES:

Lenten Faith Formation with Deacon Paul Fisher
Mon., 2/26/2024 at 7 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel

"Finding Peace & Joy in the Crosses of Life"

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Eucharistic Adoration & Confession,
Tuesday, 2/27/2024 at 7 PM in church

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WWP Lenten Soup Night
Wed., 2/28/2024 at 7 PM in Assumption Hall

"Forgiveness: Love in a Wounded World"

By Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM

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Stations of the Cross,
Friday, 2/23/2024 at 7 PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

- 9:00 Joseph Somers
by Daughter, Christine & Mark Gaeto
& Family
- 5 PM Margaret Layton
by Joseph & Francis Schuda

Sunday, February 25, 2024**2nd Sunday of Lent**

- 7:00 Holy Souls In Purgatory by Jeanne Marley
- 8:30 H. James, Michael & Alicia D'Ignazio
by Their Brothers & Family
- 10 AM Antoinette Falcone
by Tony & Yolanda Falcone

Monday, February 26, 2024

- 8:00 T. Richard Campbell by Daughter, Nancy

Tuesday, February 27, 2024**St. Gregory of Narek,****Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 Jack & Claire Norton
by Sister, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 29, 2024

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels
by Jean Calvarese-Donovan & Family

Friday, March 1, 2024**First Friday****World Day of Prayer**

- 8:00 Rev. Francis Rauseo, Pastor

Saturday, March 2, 2024**First Saturday**

- 9:00 Giulio Odorisio
by Daughter, Lisa Mari & Family
- 5 PM Margaret Crowe
by Michael & Cecilia Macera

Sunday, March 3, 2024**3rd Sunday of Lent**

- 7:00 Deceased Members of the Carini Family
by The Salamone Family
- 8:30 Maria Norma Benigni
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM Virginia Giovannini, 1st Anniv.
by Virginia & Ralph DiFronzo



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

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Special Birthday Intentions of
Anthony D'Innocenzo
Week of: **February 25, 2024**
By: Mom & Dad

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, 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, Carol Barbera, Mike Howley, Tammy Kohal & Theresa Flanagan.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Rose Toukatly, mother of Jack Toukatly & Catherine Martiniano, sister of Vince Calvarese. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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. 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 CHOIR CANTATA

The OLA Choir will perform *Lenten Sketches* by Joseph M. Martin on Sun., 3/3 at 4 PM.. This Cantata is a musical portrait of the last pivotal days of Christ's earthly ministry: the Triumphal Entry; the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane; and the Crucifixion.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "Here I am" to accept that change to my life?

PREP

A few reminders for the days ahead:

We will present the Safe Environment lesson to the PREP students on March 4 during the regular class time. Information has been sent but if there are any questions, please call the PREP office.

We encourage all our students to refer to the Lenten suggestions given to them in class. Lent is a special time to come closer to our God through prayer and good works!

Looking Ahead: There will be no class on Sunday, March 24 and Monday, March 25 – many students will be having spring break in their respective schools at that time!

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

All are invited to attend on Mon., Feb. 26th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Deacon Paul Fisher will give a presentation on *Finding Peace and Joy in the Crosses of Life*. He will guide us on: How to use the crosses we suffer from in life as a springboard to a deeper relationship with Jesus, and how to accept our crosses and find joy in them.

**MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS
WED., 3/06 AT 7 PM**

Everyone is invited to attend this special prayer service walking us through the Passion of Christ from our Blessed Mother's perspective sponsored by the Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

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

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LENT
— 40 Days Of Renewal —

**ASSUMPTION
ACADEMY
2024 News****The Return of Go For the GOLD:**

The \$10,000 Raffle is back!

Each ticket is \$100.

The winning ticket will be drawn in May.

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 call the school office at 610-688-5277

Or

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

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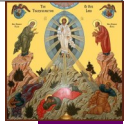
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CONTRIBUTION LETTER: To request your 2023 Contributions Letter for tax filing, contact the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or email: ParishOffice@olastrafford.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Second Sunday of Lent*. On this Sunday for centuries, the Church has always proclaimed at Mass the account of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It is recounted in all of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). On Mount Tabor, Jesus reveals His glory to Peter, James and John. Knowing the difficult days that His disciples would soon face, Jesus gives His dear friends a glimpse of His divine radiance, which He offers to strengthen the faith of those who will soon accompany Him on His road to Jerusalem to suffer and die for us.

It is true in many ways that we may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But when we think about it, every day in countless and seemingly small ways, God does break into our world and in our daily lives in a marvelous way. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person can be a moment of "transfiguration" both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God is reaching out to us. We, too, are called in these Lenten days to follow Christ through the experience of His passion and death to the glory of His Resurrection. May our Lord continue to strengthen us as we continue our Lenten journey of renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of "transfiguration" in our own ordinary daily lives. And, may we in turn be transfigured more into the likeness of Christ during this season of Lent.

This weekend LOLA will be holding their annual Lenten Soup Sale Fundraiser. We invite you to stop by Assumption Hall after Mass to purchase or pick up your pre-ordered soup. I sincerely thank them for sponsoring this yearly event during this holy season of Lent.

I encourage you once again (if you haven't done so already) to take home one of the purple cups available at the exits of the church. Each year, during the season of Lent, we take up our annual appeal called "*Change for Christ*". This year, we are supporting Mother of Mercy House located in Kensington, Philadelphia. I invite you to visit their website: <https://motherofmercyhouse.org/> to learn more about them. This is a wonderful cause and a special opportunity to teach ourselves and our children the need to make sacrifices for others and to recognize the face of Christ in those who are poor and needy.

Just a reminder that each Tuesday during the season of Lent, confessions will be available from 7 PM - 8 PM in the church during the usual time of our weekly Holy Hour. Likewise, every Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the church at 7 PM - 7:30 PM. I encourage you & your families to take advantage of these time-honored Lenten practices of faith and devotion.

Several special events are happening this week to spiritually assist us in our Lenten journey towards Easter. First, you are invited to attend this year's Lenten Faith Formation night on Monday, February 26th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Deacon Paul Fisher will give a talk on *Finding Peace and Joy in the Crosses of Life*. Likewise, you are invited to OLA's Lenten Evening of Reflection and Soup Dinner on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 PM in Assumption Hall. Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM will be speaking on Forgiveness. For details and to register - please see the OLA website and vestibule bulletin boards located in the church.

This weekend, our Confirmation Candidates will be gathering for a retreat at St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Havertown, PA. I thank Sr. Rita Marian for coordinating this event and I thank all of our catechists and volunteers who make our PREP program so enriching to our young children. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4th. May God continue to bless them as they await the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, just as a reminder, the OLA Sunday Collection Counting Committee is still seeking new volunteers to assist with collection counting. We ask all those who may be interested to please contact the Parish Office. Also, our Children's Choir (open to ages 7-13) will begin its Spring Season on February 28th and is now accepting new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Parish Office either by phone or e-mail.

I take this opportunity once again to thank you for your prayerful and financial support of our parish. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families and may God continue to bless you all on our journey towards Easter.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey