

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



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of
The Passion of the Lord

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

2024 LENTEN TRIDUUM:

HOLY THURSDAY, 3/28/2024
MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:30 PM

ADORATION AT 9 PM – 10:30 PM
NIGHT PRAYER AT 10:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, 3/29/2024
MORNING PRAYER AT 9 AM
VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT 3 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, 3/30/2024
MORNING PRAYER AT 9 AM
EASTER VIGIL AT 8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, 3/31/2024
AT 7 AM, 8:30 AM & 10 AM

Parish Office closed Holy Thursday thru Easter Monday
(3/28 - 4/1). It will open on Tuesday, 4/02.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –March 23, 2024

- 9:00 Deceased Members of The He Family
by Michael He & Family
- 5 PM Carmen & Cecelia Saia
by the Salamone Family



**Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

- 7:00 Angela Juliano
by Granddaughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson
- 8:30 Darlene Daniels
by Vinnie, Pam & Sonny DiMartini
- 10 AM Deceased Members of The Sarmento &
DiFronzo Family
by Virginia & Ralph DiFronzo

**Monday - March 25, 2024
Monday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 Rev. Crispino DeLuca, Pastor

**Tuesday - March 26, 2024
Tuesday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 Anthony Falcone by Lisa & Larry Mari

**Wednesday - March 27, 2024
Wednesday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels by The Carbo Family

**Thursday - March 28, 2024
HOLY THURSDAY**

- 8 PM For the People of the Parish

**Friday - March 29, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY**

- 3 PM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday – March 30, 2024
HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL**

- 8 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**

- 7:00 Special Intentions of Bishop Keith
Chylinski by The Maciey & Slifer Families
- 8:30 Special 60th Wedding Anniv. Intentions of
Yolanda & Dino Calvarese
- 10 AM Special 10th Birthday Intentions of
Henry Fiorini by DeDe & Pop



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 Sciarratta, 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 pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:

John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati and Matthew Wilson.

CHANGE FOR CHRIST WATER JUGS

Please remember to return your Purple “Change for Christ” cups! You can give it to an usher or put it in the glass jars in either vestibule. During Lent, we have been collecting alms for the Mother of Mercy House in Kensington. You can learn more about this ministry supporting the poor at: motherofmercyhouse.org/about. It is also possible to donate online using “Change for Christ” in Parish Giving.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Special Intentions of Juliet Gondela
Week of: **March 24, 2024**
By: Nonna & PopPop

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Angela Juliano
Week of: **March 24, 2024**
By: Granddaughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

PREP

There will be no class on March 24th, today, for the Confirmation group! Also, there will be no class for Levels 1 to 6 tomorrow, March 25th. Many schools are on Spring Break. We hope that our students will try to participate in the Holy Week Services as much as possible.

New registrations for next year's class will be sent home on April 1st and will be due by May 31st. Please call the PREP Office with any questions or concerns. We will continue to offer both the Family Catechesis monthly program and the weekly Monday program. Students in Level 3 & 7 (the Sacrament levels) must attend the weekly program.

PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE RESOURCE CONFERENCE

On Sat., 4/06/2024 from 9 AM - 1 PM

**At St. Matthew Church Hall,
219 Fayette Street in Conshohocken**

All are invited to attend this conference to learn how to get involved with pro-life activities & see the pro-life resources offered in the Philadelphia area. This conference is free with a free lunch provided. Registration is required.

To register, please send your name & phone number to: lifconference@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150.

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 & sweatshirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles and formula
- ◇ ◇ Cleaning supplies

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



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



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PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* which formally opens Holy Week. This is the most important week of the whole liturgical year. Beginning with the pageantry & processions of Palm Sunday and ending with the stark quiet of Holy Saturday, the Church gives us each year an opportunity to retrace the path that Christ himself traveled in his final days. All of our Lenten practices & penances have prepared us for this moment: for now we embark on a journey in which we encounter the power and presence of Christ's unconditional love for us.

I encourage you and yours families to come to take advantage of these most holy days in preparation for Easter Sunday. In light of these upcoming celebrations, I offer some reflections to encourage you all to set time aside to walk the journey of this week with our Lord.

On this Palm Sunday, we know that the feast of the Passover is near. Jerusalem is filled with all those who have come from far and wide to celebrate the remembrance of their Exodus from Egypt and to look forward to the coming of the Messiah. Amid all of this preparation, some wonder if the Teacher will come for the Passover. He does. The crowds spot Jesus while he is still a way off riding on a colt, and they give him a royal welcome. They spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and line the streets with them. And all the while they cry out: *Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.* As he enters Jerusalem, Jesus is acclaimed as the Son of David, the king who is to restore the prosperous kingdom that David enjoyed 1000 years earlier. But not all share in this joyful proclamation, and they try to silence the crowd. Jesus responds: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" The King has entered the holy city. But, Jesus is not the sort of king that the people expect: he does not liberate them from the hated Roman occupation. This king comes to conquer sin and death with the weapons of service, obedience and love, love unto death.

Holy Monday - Wednesday follows: After his royal entry, Jesus spends much of the next three days teaching and preaching in the Temple. He enters the Temple in a very surprising and unexpected way. Jesus enters the temple area and drives out all those engaged in buying and selling there. He overturns tables, seats and even fashions a whip to help him in this cleansing. *My house shall be a house of prayer but you have made it a den of thieves.* This is a direct attack against the Sadducees, the priestly class, who have a monopoly on all liturgical transactions and dealings. For the Sadducees, this offensive display is the final straw. The chief priests and the scribes are seeking a way to put him to death, yet they fear him. However, the crowds are spellbound by his teaching and he continues to teach them at length, to confound the traps of the Pharisees, and even prophesy about his death and resurrection. But it will be on Wednesday that the chief priests will get a break: Judas Iscariot, who is disillusioned with Christ, conspires with them to betray his teacher. The scene is now set for the end of the week.

Holy Thursday - Saturday (the Sacred Triduum): Knowing that the hour of betrayal is near and as part of the Passover ceremonies, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples. By washing the feet of the apostles, he reveals that his authority and his mission are rooted in the loving obedience of service. Further, in the Institution of the Eucharist, he shows the depths of his love: for he never abandons his followers but is always present to us in this Sacrament. And it is with this same love that Jesus allows himself to go through his Passion and Death. Amid the betrayal of Judas and the denials of Peter, amid the brutal scourging and the mockery, amid the pain and suffering of humiliating crucifixion, we see the horrors of sin and the love that Christ has for us in offering His life so that he can then offer us forgiveness and mercy. His mission is clear: to make all things new whatever the cost. And it is by entering into the events of this Holy Week with open hearts that our lives are transformed: for if we perseveringly walk "shoulder-to-shoulder" sincerely with Christ through these joys and sorrows, the love and agony of this Holy Week we will find ourselves transformed with him by the power of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I wish you and your families a blessed and fruitful Holy Week!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey