

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

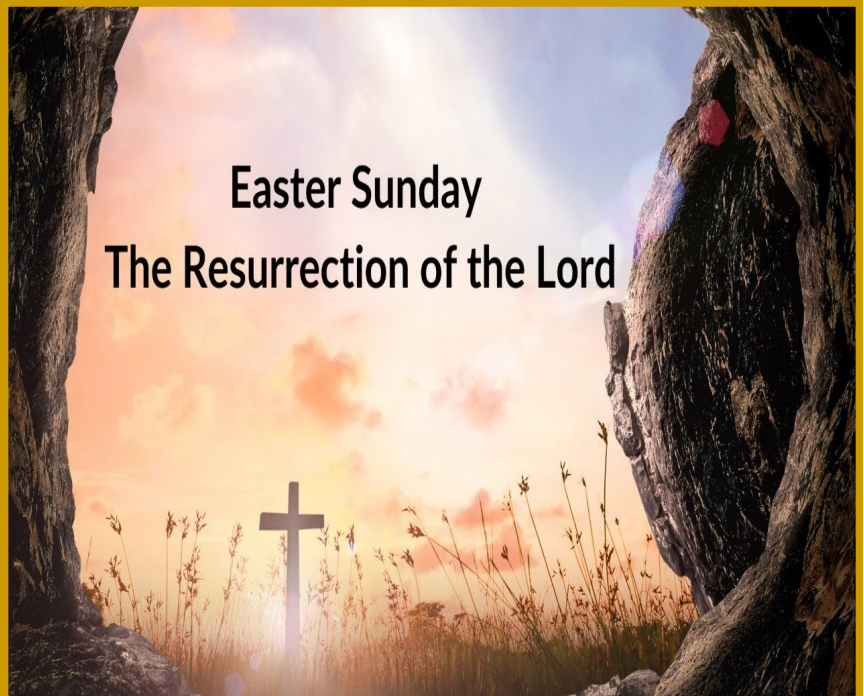
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

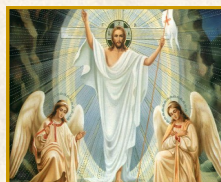
ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

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



March 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY of
The Resurrection
of the Lord

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

"This is the day that the
LORD
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it."

Psalm 118.24

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

8 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY of

The Resurrection of the Lord

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

Monday - April 1, 2024

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Darlene Daniels by Joseph & Karen Borzillo

Tuesday - April 2, 2024

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Helen Calvarese, Birthday by Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan

Wednesday - April 3, 2024

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Maria Norma Benigni by Vince Calvarese

Thursday - April 4, 2024

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8 PM Gertrude Verguldi by Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Toaln

Friday - April 5, 2024

First Friday

Friday within the Octave of Easter

3 PM Darlene Daniels by Ed & Cathy Spano

Saturday - April 6, 2024

First Saturday

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9 AM Special Intentions of Charlie & Mary Tornetta by Antoinette Recchi
 5 PM Theresa Dell'Orefice, 46th Anniv. by Son, James & Michelle Dell'Orefice

Sunday, April 7, 2024

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:30 Special 60th Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Dino & Yolanda Calvarese by Their Children
 10 AM Genoeffa Trosini by Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Tian-Min He
 Week of: **March 31, 2024**
 By: Son, Michael He & Family

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

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Dante Sciaratta, Joanne Bouvier's father. 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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How has the Resurrection transformed my life?
 How can it continue to do so?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Special Birthday Intentions of Katie Seedor
 Week of: **March 31, 2024**
 By: Mom & Dad

PREP**Happy and Blessed Easter!**

There will be class tomorrow for Levels 1 to 6. This Thursday evening at 7 PM Level 3 students will celebrate First Penance in Church. Parents may also receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Students who are age-appropriate & attend Private Catholic Schools or other PREP programs must register to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation in the parish in which they are registered. Please call the PREP Office for details.

Looking Ahead: 1st Holy Communion Class accompanied by a parent will be attending the Sacrament Retreat on April 14 at Blessed Raphaela Retreat Center. More info to come!

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,
- ◇ Formula & Depends - Adult M
- ◇ ◇ 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



Easter is another time for us to count our blessings and not just the eggs found in the hunt.

The children spend time each year learning to be like Jesus.

So,

We Feed the hungry,



Clothe
the naked

and
Visit the sick.



Thank you, Jesus
for showing us
the way to your Father!

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate *Easter Sunday*. On this great day in which we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, I, along with Msgr. Leighton, Fr. Kassa, Deacon Paul Fisher and all of our parish staff members extend to you & your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter! It is my hope and prayer that the joy of the Risen Christ will renew and strengthen your faith at this time of year and give you the “peace” that only He can give.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in any way to make our Holy Week liturgies beautiful and prayerful: all of our liturgical ministers, our music ministry as well as those who keep the church clean and decorated. We have many wonderful and dedicated people here at Our Lady of the Assumption who work “behind the scenes” and I could not have done anything without them. We are so blessed and I am so grateful.

And so our Lenten journey is now complete. It was back on February 14th that we began this journey with Jesus on Ash Wednesday and we accepted his invitation to take up our cross and follow him. This past week, we were with Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday, Jesus bent low and washed the disciples’ feet giving them a new commandment to love and serve one another. On Good Friday, Jesus gave his life for ours on the cross. Now, having sat at the table with him and having stood at the cross with him, today on this glorious Sunday, we find ourselves at the empty tomb and proclaim, along with Mary Magdalene, Jesus is risen! Death did not have the final word. Light has overcome darkness; new and everlasting life is offered to all people.

This Easter Sunday, we stand with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. She was a loyal and faithful disciple of Jesus as he preached to the crowds and healed the sick. She, with the other women, stood at the cross and watched her friend and master die a very public and humiliating death. Now after his death and burial, she is still looking for him. Imagine her surprise and shock when she saw that the huge stone that covered the tomb was rolled away. Imagine her shock and disappointment when she saw that the tomb was empty.

However, all is not as it seems. Turning around she sees “the gardener.” This ordinary gardener is the risen Lord! Jesus looks at her in a familiar way and says one word, “Mary.” Immediately, her eyes are truly opened and she realizes to whom she is speaking. She too replies with one word, “Rabboni” – which means “teacher”. Her disappointment turns to immense joy. Jesus has a mission for her. He asks her to go and tell the others that he has risen from the dead. Mary is the first to experience the resurrection and she is the first to proclaim this great news.

Today, we are called to follow Mary’s example; we too are asked to go and tell, to go and share the good news of our faith with others. Mary did not keep the good news of the resurrections to herself and neither can we. Just as Jesus called Mary by her name, he calls each of us by our name today. Like her, we too are called to be missionary disciples who share and proclaim the good news of the resurrection with all those we meet.

Once again, my prayers are with you and your families as we now enter these 50 joyful days of Easter. I want to take this opportunity once more to sincerely thank all of you for your prayerful, loving and financial support. It is truly and greatly appreciated! May God continue to bless you and your families during this Easter Season.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey

PASTOR'S CORNER

BUONA PASQUA!
CRISTO È RISORTO, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!