

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



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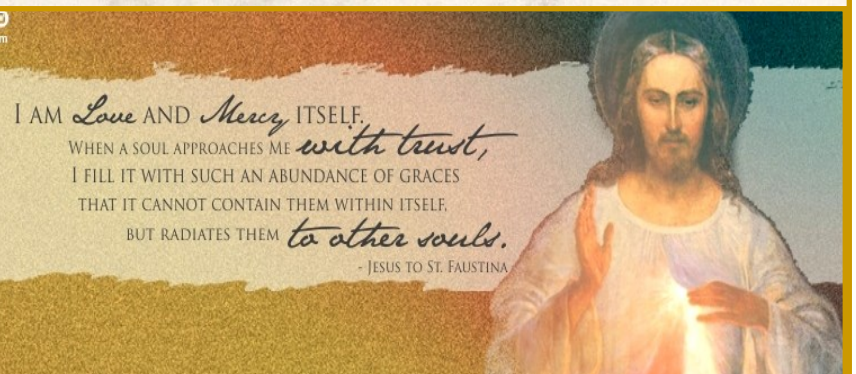
April 7, 2024

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Give thanks to
the Lord, for he is
good, his love is
everlasting

Psalm 118:1



I AM *Love* AND *Mercy* ITSELF.
WHEN A SOUL APPROACHES ME *with trust,*
I FILL IT WITH SUCH AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACES
THAT IT CANNOT CONTAIN THEM WITHIN ITSELF.
BUT RADIATES THEM *to other souls.*
- JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA

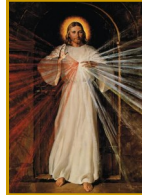
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - April 8, 2024

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 8:00 Elizabeth Walker Gordon, 3rd Anniv. by Sister, Nancy Rogers

Tuesday - April 9, 2024

- 8:00 Louis DeLuca by Wife, Donna & Family

Wednesday - April 10, 2024

- 8:00 John DiMaio, Jr., 86th Birthday by Son, John & Vera DiMaio & Family

Thursday - April 11, 2024

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels by Chris & Angela Bradley

Friday - April 12, 2024

- 8:00 Frank Juliano by Granddaughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

Saturday – April 13, 2024

- 9 AM Deceased Members of the Miller Family by Richard & Barbara Merman
- 5 PM Michael F. Gentile by Son, Anthony & Dina Gentile & Family

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:30 Marcelle Somers by Daughter, Christine & Mark Gaeto & Family
- 10 AM Domenico Calvarese by Sister, Yolanda & Tony Falcone

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Gabe & Louise Norcini
Week of: April 7, 2024
By: Diane & Paul Norcini

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, 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 & Allison Rogge.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati and Matthew Wilson.

AOP METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce & who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced & want to marry in the Church, or are remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-03750 or go to: www.archphila.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Dante "Dan" Sciarratta
Week of: April 7, 2024
By: Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In what way do I notice the gift of God's mercy today? To whom do I need to extend mercy?

PREP

Registrations for the 2024 - 2025 PREP Program has started. Forms have been emailed to current families in the Program. Additional copies can be gotten in Church and the Parish Office. Please call the PREP Office with any questions or concerns. Students new to the OLA PREP Program must also submit a copy of their Baptism certificate for our records. Registrations will be accepted until Mary 31st!

BE ENCOURAGED

This website offers links to find Catholic doctors, local crisis response phone numbers & ministries that can assist with recovery & healing for those who are experiencing mental health struggles. Info is available at: www.archphila.org/support.

APRIL IS ABORTION RECOVERY MONTH

Are you or someone you love hurting from an abortion? You're not alone. You can find the peace, healing and forgiveness you so deeply desire. Contact Office@RachelsVineyard or call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME.

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 Norris-town, PA!
- ◇ ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles, Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ◇ ◇ Cleaning supplies

2023 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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FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the *Second Sunday of Easter* concluding what is called the “Octave” of Easter. Each day this past week has been considered as if it were “Easter Day” itself because liturgically speaking the joy of Easter cannot be contained in just one day. It spills over fully for 8 consecutive days. At the conclusion of Mass this weekend, we will sing the “double Alleluia” as we did last Sunday to highlight this connection, but we will hear it again on Pentecost Sunday when the Easter season formally concludes. The 50 days of the Easter Season are permeated with the joy of the Risen Christ and these great Sundays especially are an opportunity for us to renew our belief in the Resurrection of Christ and of our own resurrection one day by virtue of our baptism by which we have all been given a “new life” as His sons and daughters.

This Sunday has also come to be known in more recent times as *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Rooted in Christ’s revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, St. Pope John Paul II established this feast worldwide according to the motto which is at the heart of the gospel, “Jesus, I Trust in You.” It reminds us that our God is a God who is more interested in our future than our past. He is a God who forgives and when we experience his mercy, trust grows in our heart. It is trust which extinguishes the fires of fear. The generosity of God’s mercy gives us the confidence to overcome our fear and trust in Him. In this Easter Season, let us call down the full abundance of the Lord’s mercy on ourselves, our families, and our community that we might always trust in his care and providence especially during these uncertain and trying times in our world today.

Next weekend on **Sunday, April 14th** we will welcome **Bishop Keith Chylinski** to celebrate the **10 AM Mass**. As many of you know, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently consecrated 3 new Auxiliary Bishops on March 7th. We should be especially proud here at OLA as Bishop Keith is a “son” of our parish. Keith moved to OLA when he was in high school and was an active member singing in our choir for many years and involved in other parish programs. Many of you at that time came to know him and love him. Bishop Keith will then come to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and it will be followed by a light reception. It is my hope to present him with a gift on behalf of our parish community following the Mass. As has been announced, we are collecting donations in order to gift him with a full set of Mass vestments along with a matching bishop’s Mitre. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church, and you may simply place your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. We look forward to his pastoral visit to welcome him home on this historic occasion. We should all be honored that one of our own has been consecrated an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Just as a reminder, *Easter Water* is available at the front of the church in the covered silver vessel located near the baptismal font. If you wish, you may bring an empty bottle to church to take some of this blessed Easter Water home during this Season of Easter. Holy Water may be placed in small fonts at the doorway of your homes, or it may simply be kept in a safe place to be used occasionally to bless yourself, your family members or to be sprinkled in the rooms of your homes. Of course, Holy Water can be taken anytime from the church throughout the year, but in this time above all it is even more appropriate as we celebrate our new life in Christ.

I want to thank again all those who made the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and beautiful this year. We thank all of our volunteers who decorated the church, it looks so beautiful. I want to thank our liturgical ministers (our servers, lectors, cantors, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion). In a special way, I want to thank our choir under the direction of Anne Sprissler and Maria Dell’Orefice (accompanist) who provided such beautiful music for the Sacred Triduum & the Easter Sunday liturgies. We are so blessed to have such dedicated people involved to make our celebrations so beautiful, inspiring and uplifting.

This past Thursday we celebrated the Sacrament of Penance with our candidates who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. There are 24 boys and girls this year. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to receive Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on April 27th.

Once again, I thank you for your generosity to OLA this Easter and I hope and pray that you and your families will continue to be blessed by the joy and peace of the Risen Christ.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey