

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

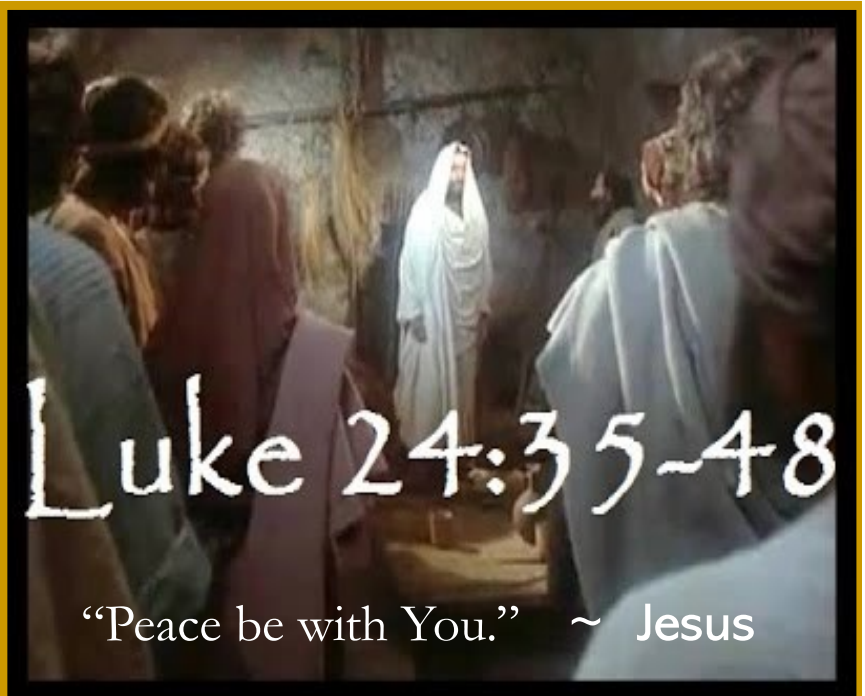
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PREP OFFICE

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

April 14, 2024

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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 Marcella Somers
by Daughter, Christine & Mark Gaeto & Family
- 10 AM Domenico Calvarese
by Sister, Yolanda & Tony Falcone

Monday - April 15, 2024

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels
by George & Barb Pennypacker

Tuesday - April 16, 2024

- 8:00 Claire Byrnes by Skip & Lynn Gosnell

Wednesday - April 17, 2024

- 8:00 James Childress
by Christine He &
SKS Walking With Purpose Friends

Thursday - April 18, 2024

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels
by Joseph & Patricia Norcini

Friday - April 19, 2024

- 8:00 Anthony Angelucci by The Lutz Family

Saturday – April 20, 2024

- 9 AM Vivian Couchara by Jack & Anne Rogers
- 5 PM Henry “Hank” Ginnona
by The Slifer Family

Sunday, April 21, 2024
4th SUNDAY of EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- 7:00 Hugh McCafferty
by The McCafferty Family
- 8:30 Marie Audet
by Daughter, Marguerite Paolantonio
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels
by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Nicholas Moscia
Week of: April 14, 2024
By: Fran & Shirley Pietrini

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, 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 & Allison Rogge.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Concetta Clayton. May her 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.

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 & sweat-shirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles
Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ◇ ◇ Cleaning supplies

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I sense Jesus’ presence in my life?
When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?

PREP

Our First Communion Class will have a practice on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:30 AM until 12 Noon. Please drop off the students in front of the Church. Also, completed Banners should be returned at this time! They will identify the Family Pew for the First Communion Mass!

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.

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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY APRIL 20TH - 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Do you want to renew, strengthen and enhance your Marriage? Engaged and Married couples of all ages are invited for a heart filled day with Dynamic Speakers, Breakfast, Lunch and Mass at St. Helena's Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

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



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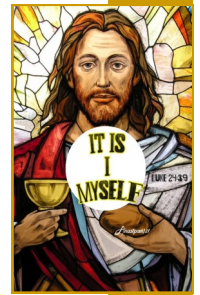
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PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the *Third Sunday of Easter*. We continue to celebrate these beautiful Easter days in preparation for Pentecost Sunday. These days focus on the appearances of our Lord to His disciples after the Resurrection. Imagine though if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

This weekend invites us then to consider how much we believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to us in person would help deepen our faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to us today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Let us reflect then today, upon our own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in our own lives. Within us, like the first disciples, we will then come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that we can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others we meet in our world today.

This Sunday we 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 this past March 7th. We are 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. Many of you at that time came to know him and love him. Bishop Keith will celebrate this Mass in Thanksgiving and it will be followed by a light reception in Assumption Hall. 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 elevated to the Office of Bishop for our Archdiocese.

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.

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