

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:

Rose Ann 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

AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME,
I HAVE ALSO LOVED YOU.

*Remain in
my love.*

JOHN 15:9-17 CSB | TBV

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

May 5, 2024

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

THE LORD HAS
REVEALED TO THE
NATIONS HIS SAVING
POWER

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – May 4, 2024

First Saturday

- 9 AM Special Intentions of Heeja Cecilia Kim by Leah Kim-Tomilson
- 5 PM Pierre Cordani, 2nd Anniv. by The Dolley Family



Sunday, May 5, 2024

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

- 7:00 George Faha by The McCafferty Family
- 8:30 Sheila T. O'Connor by Maryanne Higbee
- 10 AM Peter Dell'Orefice, 37th Anniv. by Son, James & Michelle Dell'Orefice

Monday - May 6, 2024

- 8:00 Jackie Henn Easter by Her Childhood Friend, Christine He

Tuesday - May 7, 2024

- 8:00 Ruth T. Tressel by John & Vera DiMaio

Wednesday - May 8, 2024

- 8:00 Rose Ferrilli by Son, Andy & Genell Ferrilli & Family
- 7 PM Ida & James D'Innocenzo by Peter & Donna D'Innocenzo

Thursday - May 9, 2024

ASCENSION THURSDAY

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:05 PM Genoeffa Trosini by Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family

Friday - May 10, 2024

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church
St. Damien deVeuster, Priest

- 8:00 Special Intentions of the Ladies of OLA by Chris Renzi

Saturday – May 11, 2024

- 9 AM Msgr. James T. McDonough
- 5 PM Carmela Calvarese by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

Sunday, May 12, 2024

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

Mother's Day

World Day for Social Communications

- 7:00 All Mothers Living & Deceased
- 8:30 All Mothers Living & Deceased
- 10 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Angie Sciarratta
Week of: May 5, 2024
 By: Niece, Joanne & Chris Bouvier

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our

parish family: Nicole LaMonaca, Ed Drill, Anthony Carlone, Elsa Marsili, Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, 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 & Vince Buggy.

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

OLA PRO-LIFE Next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12th, Vince Silveri will offer flowers after the Masses for Mother's Day. Your Free Will Offering will benefit the Chester County ProLife Union.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What sacrifice have I made this past week for someone I love? What sacrifice can I make this coming week? What sacrifice am I willing to make for someone I hardly know?

PREP

Blessings and Congratulations to our PREP Level 7 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday! We welcome & encourage you to take an active role in your parish as a sign of your commitment to this Sacrament!

Registrations for 2024-2025 PREP classes are due by May 31st!

Our Annual May Procession and Devotion will be on **Monday, May 13th at 7 PM**. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful tribute to Mary, the Mother of God! Our end of PREP Year Ice Cream Social will be held immediately following the May Procession in Assumption Hall.



OLA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, the OLA Knights of Columbus are hosting their Pancake Breakfast in Assumption Hall from 7:30 AM - 12Noon. All are invited to come and enjoy eggs, sausage, pancakes, pastries, juice & coffee. There is no cost. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the OLA Parish. What a beautiful way to celebrate the last Sunday of Easter!

JOIN OLA'S FLOCKNOTE PAGE!

Parishioners are encouraged to join Our Lady of the Assumption's Flocknote page which is a free mobile app created to assist parishes such as OLA to send communications & updates including funerals, weddings & sacrament announcements to the parish.

To join Flocknote now, either

1. text **MYOLAFAMILY** to **84576** or
2. scan the QR code below:



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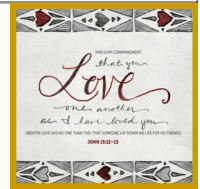
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FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that He was the vine & that His disciples were the branches. In the example of the "vine and the branches", we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others – that of sacrificial love. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that He is known by the Father and that His disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds His disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that His disciples do know Him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, a sacrificial love. This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read His instruction to the disciples in light of His death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love & service that He teaches to His disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for His friends, for His disciples, and for us. Through His death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded and be willing to lay down our lives as well for one another.

This weekend, we will have representatives who are part of our Building OLA's Community Committee speak at all of our Masses inviting everyone to join Our Lady of the Assumption's Flocknote page. Flocknote is a completely free mobile app, created for churches and ministries to disseminate communications and updates from and within the parish community. Communications such as funeral, wedding and sacrament announcements will be shared through Flocknote for those who wish to share updates. If you are interested in joining Flocknote now, you can text MYOLA FAMILY to 84576. We will be following up next week to provide another opportunity to take advantage of this initiative.

Yesterday, Saturday, May 4th, we welcomed Archbishop Edward Adams to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. 15 candidates were confirmed as well as one adult. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers as they prepare with great joy to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On Saturday evening, fun was shared by all at LOLA's annual Night at the Races at the *Italian American Club*. I thank the Ladies of Our Lady of the Assumption for all of their hard work to make this a wonderful night for all.

Just as a reminder, on Monday May 13th we will celebrate our *Annual May Procession* and crown Mary, our Blessed Mother, as Queen of Heaven and Earth and our hearts. A simple devotional prayer service will be held in the church at 7 PM. A special ice cream social in Assumption Hall will continue the festivities of that night. We look forward to seeing you and your families there.

Everyone is invited to OLA's Book Club discussion of *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Father Jacque Philippe on Wednesday, May 22nd. Pizza and light refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM. I, Father Carey will lead our discussion starting at 7 PM. For more information and to RSVP to this event, please see the OLA website and vestibule bulletin boards.

We recently had an important meeting with several contractors to place their bids on replacing our interior church beams, church roof as well as our rectory roof. As I shared with you last Fall, our interior support beams in the ceiling have now failed (split) to the point of needing to be repaired (this is most critical). In addition, our exterior roofs at this time for the church & rectory need to be replaced as well due to age. This will be a major project for us at OLA. I sincerely want to thank all of you who have so generously contributed to this year's Annual Appeal for this "special project". At this time, we still welcome any donations for this cause. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you again for your generosity and all the sacrifices you make for our parish and to help others in need. We are blessed to have such a wonderful parish community and I appreciate all you do to keep our parish faith-filled, alive, and strong. May God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey