

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



Pentecost Sunday

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



**OLA
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Come to our Pancake Breakfast in Assumption Hall from 7:30 AM - 12Noon today. All are invited to enjoy eggs, sausage, pancakes, pastries, juice & coffee. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the OLA Parish.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – May 18, 2024

- 9 AM Roberta Brophy by Jeanne Marley
- 5 PM Maria Norma Benigni. Birthday by Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

Sunday, May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 7:00 Nick Recchi by Wife, Antoinette Recchi & Family
- 8:30 Special 25th Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Robert & Millie Slifer by Daughter, Millie
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels by Mike, Cathy & Sophie Kunsch

Monday - May 20, 2024

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

- 8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of Mary Agnes Gifford by The McCafferty Family

Tuesday - May 21, 2024

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:00 Carlo D'Ambrosio by Daughter, Dina & Anthony Gentile & Family

Wednesday - May 22, 2024

St. Rita of Casia, Religious

- 8:00 Judy & Mike Yanak by Sister, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM

Thursday - May 23, 2024

- 8:00 Jean-Marcel Cormier, 15th Anniv. by Daughter, Michelle & Jim Dell'Orefice

Friday - May 24, 2024

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday – May 25, 2024

**St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church
St. Gregory VII, Pope**

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

- 9 AM Heeja Cecilia Kim by Lean Kim-Tomilson
- 5 PM Florence Cunningham by Mike & Joan Emmi

Sunday, May 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- 7:00 James Tomasso by Antoinette Recchi
- 8:30 Special Graduation Intentions of Millie Slifer by Mom & Dad
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels by Joe & MaryAnne DiMartini

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How do I carry out the Christian mission in what I say & do? How can each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, & fear of the Lord) aid in my mission?

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family. Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, 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, Ann Koltay, Ed Rofi, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, 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, 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, Michael Kerns & Barbara McEvoy.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Valerio Veneri, father of Valerie Danze. 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.

OUTREACH HELP

Outreach helps those in need. Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you are in need, you can reach 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 available)*
- ◇ 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

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Special Intentions of Di McTiernan
Week of: **May 19, 2024**
By: Chris & Joanne Bouvier

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Jean-Marcel Cormier
Week of: **May 19, 2024**
By: Wife, Vera Cormier & Daughter, Michelle Dell'Orefice

PREP

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

2024 - 2025 PREP Sacrament dates for the OLA Parish are as follows:

- Confirmation: March 2, 2025
(Archbishop Nelson Perez will confer the Sacrament)
(Level 7 Students)
- First Penance: March 27, 2025
(Level 3 Students)
- First Eucharist: May 3, 2025
(Level 3 Students)

IHM NUN RUN

Mark your calendars for Sat., 6/1, for the 11th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run, 3K walk starting at 8:30 AM. Register by May 24. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall for the IHM Sisters. For more info, visit: www.ihmnunrun.org.

JOIN OLA'S LECTOR MINISTRY!

We are looking for some additional lectors to read at the weekend Masses, especially at the 5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass & the 7 AM Sunday Mass. Anyone who would like to become a lector, can

- 1.) email Marguerite Paolantonio at mrsmpa1@gmail.com or
- 2.) leave a message on her cell phone at 474-919-5126 or
- 3.) contact the OLA Parish Office at 610-688-1178 to leave your name, email & phone number or
- 4.) on Flocknote, you may click on Lectors to leave a message there.

We thank all of our dedicated OLA Lectors and look forward to introducing this rewarding ministry to more parishioners.

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 this QR code:



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ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



May Procession and Muffins with Moms 2024

The children did not allow the wind and rain to dampen their enthusiasm. The Blessed Mother was honored and crowned with the help of Fr. Carey and Molly, one of our Kindergarteners, along with her amazing court. The children sang, and prayed and asked Mary to watch over all mothers. The Moms then stayed for a special treat and some time with their little loves. This is always one of our favorite days!



The \$10,000 drawing takes place tonight! Good Luck!

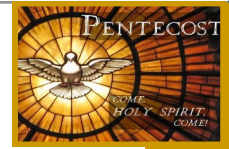
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday
Come spend an hour with Jesus!

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate *Pentecost Sunday*. This marks the end of the Easter Season, but it ends powerfully with the life-giving outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole world, the Church and on each of us personally. Before His Ascension, Jesus promised His followers that He would send them a Helper, an Advocate that is the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen them. This is not something that just happened in the past a long time ago. This dramatic and powerful outpouring of Christ's new life is still happening today, here and now. Today, you and I are personally filled and anointed with the life-giving and encouraging Holy Spirit. When we look back at the first followers of Jesus, we might be tempted to see them as being great and perfect leaders. But initially we know that wasn't so. They were not always strong, confident, courageous, or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. Peter denied Him and the rest of them deserted Him when He needed them the most. After His death, they all doubted and hid themselves away out of fear because the Jewish and Roman authorities were looking for them. Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of wind and the sight of fire. These frightened followers of Jesus are now transformed from within. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope and new purpose. Their fear is silenced and replaced with courage and conviction. They leave the room in which they were hiding and go into the streets to proclaim the Good News about Jesus. They become new people with a new message. At this very moment, the missionary Church is born.

We are no different from the first followers of Jesus; we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we were baptized and celebrated our Confirmation, we too were anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit. God continues to call & fill us with the same Spirit that the first followers of Jesus experienced. We are sent out just as they were. Today, we are called to be open to the Holy Spirit; today we too are called to be transformed so that we can live & share our faith with courage & conviction. Today, it is our privilege and responsibility to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News about Jesus.

This Sunday, we will have our Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are invited to Assumption Hall after all of our morning Masses for a delicious breakfast that will be served by our Knights. There is no charge for this breakfast, but as is customary a free-will offering will be kindly accepted and all proceeds will benefit our parish. A big thank you goes out to our local council of the Knights of Columbus for providing this wonderful event that brings us together as a parish family.

This weekend opens the Catholic Charities "In-Pew" Weekend. Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal impacts nearly one million lives through works of charity. The goal set for OLA this year by the Archdiocese is \$65,186. Of this goal, our generous parishioners have contributed \$19,480 thus far. If you have already contributed, we are tremendously grateful. If you have not yet given, envelopes are available in the vestibules of the church, or donations can be made by using the envelopes that were mailed directly to each parishioner's home. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities Appeal and your envelope should be mailed directly to them. We thank you for supporting the charitable works of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Just as a reminder, registrations for the 2024-2025 PREP classes are due by May 31st. Forms are available on the OLA website, or in the Parish Office.

This weekend Archbishop Nelson Pérez will ordain 3 men to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new assignments over the summer. It is also at this time of year that priests celebrate their own anniversaries. This past May 16th, I celebrated my 26th year as a priest. I am grateful for the years that God has given me and I also ask for your continued prayers in my ministry. Finally, last weekend we celebrated the 90th birthday of Msgr. Leighton, our weekend assistant. Please keep him in your prayers as he reaches this milestone and may God continue to bless him in the coming years ahead!

I hope you have a great week and may God continue to bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey