

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



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

May 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Blessed the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – May 25, 2024

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

St. Mary Magadelen de"PaZZa, Virgin

9 AM Heeja Cecilia Kim by Leah 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

Monday - May 27, 2024

**St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Memorial Day**

9:00 For Veterans of the Parish —
Living & Deceased

Tuesday - May 28, 2024

8:00 Special Intentions of Stella Kim
by Leah Kim-Tomilson

Wednesday - May 29, 2024

St. Paul VI, Pope

8:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Louis & Brenda D'Amicantonio

Thursday - May 30, 2024

8:00 Nicole Giacche
by Vinnie, Pam & Sonny DiMartini

Friday - May 31, 2024

**THE VISITATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 Frank Lemma by Wife, Maria & Family

Saturday – June 1, 2024

St. Justin, Martyr

9 AM Gina Falcone by Lisa Mari & Family
5 PM Anthony Nardelli
by Sharon & Michael Saidis

Sunday, June 2, 2024

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST (Corpus Chri)**

7:00 Ida Gambetta by Antoinette Recchi
8:30 Antimo A. Ferrilli
by Son, Andy & Genell Ferrilli & Family
10 AM Anthony D'Innocenzo
by Son, Peter & Donna D'Innocenzo

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Darlene Daniels
Week of: May 26, 2024
By: Joe & MaryAnn DiMartini

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 Dorothy DiMarcantonio. May her soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

OUTREACH HELP

Outreach helps those in need in our community. Drop off donations in the Giving Room. If you need help, you can reach the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or **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

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Marie-Claude Vittoz
Week of: **May 26, 2024**
By: Mike & Joan Emmi

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who is someone I am strongly bonded with?
How is our bond suggestive of those of the Trinity?
Who is someone I'm barely bonded with?
How can I strengthen and nurture that bond?

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 (Level 7 Students)
 (Archbishop Nelson Perez will confer the Sacrament)

First Penance: March 27, 2025 (Level 3 Students)

First Eucharist: May 3, 2025 (Level 3 Students)

Any student who is registered at the OLA Parish and attends a Catholic School or Academy or another Parish PREP Program should call the PREP Office to register to receive the Sacraments here at OLA Parish. The Archdiocese requires each person to receive the Sacraments in the Parish of their registration. OLA students are eligible to receive First Penance & First Eucharist at Grade 3 and Confirmation at Grade 7 or above. Please call the PREP Office with any questions or concerns.

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



SCAN ME

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 mrsmpal1@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 & look forward to introducing this rewarding ministry to more parishioners.

JOIN OLA'S CHOIR Singing in the choir is about a lot more than just making music. It's about being part of a community with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together! A choir provides an opportunity to serve your community and draw closer to God through worship when you participate in this communal act of worship. Don't let fear or uncertainty hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our OLA adult choir. Consider joining us to sing for the Feast of the Assumption Mass on Sun., Aug. 11th at 1:30 PM. Contact Anne Sprissler at asprissler@olastrafford.com or stop up in the Choir Loft and leave your contact information with the organist.



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Congratulations to Rachel & Kyle, the winners of \$10,000 prize in the Go for the Gold Raffle.

All of us at Assumption Academy would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket & who sponsored. Your support of our school mean the WORLD! Local Sponsors include ...



FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This week, we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as Solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday)*. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed Himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Trinity is a great mystery. However, when we use the word “mystery”, we are not talking about something that we can’t understand. Rather, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we pray about the power and presence of The Trinity, the more of it will be revealed to us. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus sends out His disciples in the name of The Trinity. They are to announce and proclaim the Good News of the gospel in the name of The Trinity, not their own name! Jesus calls them together and then sends them out as his messengers and ambassadors.

Today, we are the people who are called to be Christ’s disciples and messengers. Today, we are to proclaim and share with others all things that Jesus has done for us and told us. We are to live our daily lives conscious and aware that it is through the sacred name of The Trinity that each of us has been baptized and confirmed. When a child or adult is baptized and becomes a member of God’s family, the Church, the very same words that Jesus says in the gospel are used, “*Go, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*” Through our baptism and confirmation, we are called to be active, vocal and visible members of the missionary church. When we begin our prayer, whether alone or in church with others, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling upon The Trinity to guide us. Perhaps, today and during the coming week, we could do this a little slower. This will help us to become more aware that it is through the sacred name of The Trinity that we are members of a missionary Church and that we are all called to live and proclaim the Good News of the gospel and the message of Jesus.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). This feast was instituted to celebrate our belief in the Eucharist as the Presence of God Himself who comes to us at every Mass under the appearances of bread and wine. To mark this great feast, we will have a Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion of our 10 AM Sunday Mass. Everyone at Mass will be invited to process with our Lord outside and then we will have a concluding Benediction (blessing) in our piazza. As I mentioned above, this Solemnity, along with the Solemnity honoring the Most Holy Trinity, are special celebrations as we now leave the Easter season and enter into the season of Ordinary Time. We hope that you and your families will participate in this special day in honor of our Lord present among us in the most Blessed Sacrament.

Looking ahead, our Assumption Academy will be winding down with a Pre-K Closing ceremony at Assumption Hall on Wednesday, 6/05 and Kindergarten Graduation in the Church on Thursday, 6/06 followed by a reception. I take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Mrs. Patty Welsh for her hard work and dedication throughout the year as well as our dedicated faculty. We are blessed to have such a wonderful Academy that provides a place for our young children to grow both spiritually and academically. Please keep our young boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare for the summer months and pray especially for those who are graduating and moving on to other schools currently. May God continue to bless all of them and their families.

We are still collecting baby bottles for Mother’s Home in Darby, PA. We thank all of you who have so generously contributed this far. You may bring your bottle of change to the church or drop it off at the parish office. As you know, this annual drive assists many women and children in need. Thank you again for your generous support.

Finally, 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.

I thank you once again for your prayerful and financial support to our parish. It means so much. I hope you and your families have a great week and may God continue to bless you as we enter these summer months.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey