

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

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30AM - 4PM

Fri.: 8:30 AM - 12Noon

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



June 16, 2024
11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Happy Father's Day!

MY OLA  MY FAMILY OF FAITH



Return Baby Bottles for Mother's Home
Today, Sunday, June 16, 2024

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – June 15, 2024

- 9 AM Nicholas Moscia by Antoinette Recchi
- 5 PM Sebastiano Calvarese
by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

Sunday, June 16, 2024

**11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Happy Father's Day!

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

Monday - June 17, 2024

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

Tuesday - June 18, 2024

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia by Dottie Cocola

Wednesday - June 19, 2024

St. Romuald, Abbot

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Mike & Linda (Filipone) Mostardi

Thursday - June 20, 2024

- 8:00 Mario & Dottie Cappelli by
Daughter, Lisa & Mark Gregory & Family

Friday - June 21, 2024

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Dave & Elaine Dawson

Saturday – June 22, 2024

**St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
St. John Fisher, Bishop &
St. Thomas More, Martyrs**

- 9 AM Nicholas Moscia
by Dennis & Judy Tolan & Family
- 5 PM Anthony Ercole
by Wife, Filomena & Family

Sunday, June 23, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:30 Jim, Marie & Jeff Norton
by Sister, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM
- 10 AM Michael Cormier, 6th Anniv.
by Sister, Michelle & James Dell'Orefice

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: 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, 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.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Allison DiAntonio & Rose Sposato. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

OUTREACH HELP

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

FLORAL MEMORIAL



For: Special Wedding Intentions of
Michael Sesay & Katherine DeMeo
Week of: **June 16, 2024**

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Wife, Gina Falcone
Week of: **June 16, 2024**
By: Husband, Vincenzo Falcone

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Catherine "Dolly" Martiniano
Week of: **June 16, 2024**
By: Joanne & Tom Onufrak and
John & Vickie Procacci

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

PREP

Any late registrations can be sent or dropped off in the Parish Business Office during regular business hours. Classroom sizes will be limited so please register sooner rather than later!

2024 - 2025 OLA PREP Sacrament dates are:

Confirmation: Sun. 3/2/2025 at 10 AM
with Archbishop Nelson Perez presiding

First Penance: Thurs. 3/27/2025 at 7 PM

First Eucharist: Sat., 5/3/2025 at 10:30 AM

Students should complete 2 years of instruction prior to receiving the Sacrament mentioned above! May the summer afford you a time of rest & relaxation! PREP classes start in early Sept.!

JOIN OLA'S LECTOR MINISTRY

We are looking for some additional lectors to read at the weekend Masses, especially at the 5 PM Sat. 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 484-919-5126 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. We look forward to introducing this rewarding ministry to more parishioners.

JOIN OLA'S CHOIR Singing in the choir is more than just making music. You are 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 parish & draw closer to God through 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 to leave your contact information!

JOIN OLA'S FLOCKNOTE PAGE!

To join Flocknote now, either

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



SCAN ME



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



That's a wrap!
Congratulations and God Bless all of the 2024 graduates!

Have a safe and relaxing summer!



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 the *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us two parables that reveal something of the mystery of the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom of God was not only in reference to the final glory of Heaven, but a present reality here and now. It was present when He healed the sick, forgave sinners, shared a table with sinners and proclaimed the Good News of God's unconditional love for all. Jesus intended that the Kingdom of God He inaugurated would continue to come into our world through all of us, the community of believers that He gathered around Him during His earthly life.

Saint Francis Xavier once said, **"Be big in small things."** That is to say, we are to do the small, ordinary tasks of life with a loving and generous heart. It also reminds us of the spirituality of Saint Therese of Lisieux, or her "little way" as she referred to it. In her quiet hidden life, she did her daily tasks with an extraordinary love for the Lord in her heart. Even though her world was in some ways very small, her "little way" had a tremendous impact on generations of believers throughout the world.

Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed which at the time of its sowing is the smallest of all the seeds and, yet, once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all. Jesus is suggesting that we can all sow little seeds of God's Kingdom. Just as the sowing of a small mustard seed grows into a large plant providing shelter for birds, so our own sowing of tiny seeds of love and hope can have great and unforeseen effects for good. Faithful, everyday choices to scatter the seed of the Lord's love can transform the world. Jesus is encouraging us to appreciate the value of our own small gestures of generosity & loving-kindness. He often drew attention to the significance of small gestures, of the mustard seeds of love. He said on one occasion that if anyone gives a cup of cold water to a thirsty person, they will not lose their reward and pointed out the greatness of the poor widow's contribution in the Temple.

In the first parable in today's gospel, Jesus seems to be saying that God can be working quietly, mysteriously, and yet powerfully, at the heart of the familiar. The farmer sows the seed and then does nothing for months, and, yet there is a wonderful process of growth going on all the time, until he is ready to reap the harvest. Jesus is saying that when we sow seeds of hope and love. More is always happening than we realize; God is at work there. The coming of God's Kingdom into the world is primarily God's work through, with and in us.

As Jesus' disciples we all have a role to play in building up God's Kingdom. Here and now for Him, we have to sow the seeds of Faith, Hope and Love. If we do that, if we are big in small things, God will multiply our efforts beyond our imagining. God will be working powerfully through our efforts, small as they may seem!

On this Father's Day weekend, we remember in a special way all of our dear fathers. We will have a special blessing at all the Masses this weekend for them and we will also remember and pray for them in the Prayers of the Faithful. Whether living or deceased, let us never forget our dear fathers and always seek to honor and remember them with a spirit of profound love and respect. Happy Father's Day!

This weekend, we conclude our Baby Bottle Drive for Mother's Home in Darby. I take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated and for bringing your contributions over these past few weeks. If you forgot to bring your baby bottle to Mass this weekend, you are more than welcome to drop it off at the Parish Office during the week. Thanks again for your generosity to such a great cause.

It was seven years ago this week that I arrived here as pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making me feel so much at home here. Likewise, I offer my sincerest thanks as well to all the staff, volunteers, council members, etc. over these past years for helping me care for our parish and keep it vibrant, healthy and strong. Please continue to pray for me as your pastor and be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Just a reminder that during the summer, the Parish Office will be open on Fridays for a half-day only between the hours of 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. I thank you for making this slight adjustment regarding our parish schedule. I hope you are enjoying these summer months and I thank you once again for your generosity and support to our parish. Have a great weekend!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey



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