

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



Jesus calms the Storm ~ Mark 4:35 - 41

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

June 23, 2024

12th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday - June 24, 2024
THE NATIVITY OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of
 Bridie McCafferty
 by The McCafferty Family
Tuesday - June 25, 2024
 8:00 Rev. Daniel Hoy, Priest
Wednesday - June 26, 2024
 8:00 Rev. Daniel Pirolli, Pastor
Thursday - June 27, 2024
St. Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:00 Nicholas Moscia
 by Joe & Sue Paolantonio
Friday - June 28, 2024
St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
 8:00 Sophie & Francis Ferdinand,
 110th Anniv. by Chris Renzi
Saturday – June 29, 2024
STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES
 9 AM Nicholas Moscia
 by Vince Calvarese & Family
 5 PM Special Birthday Intentions of
 Michael James Emmi by Mom & Dad
Sunday, June 30, 2024
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:30 Jennie DiLucca, 23rd Anniv.
 by Her Children
 10 AM Nicole Giacche by The Ladies of OLA

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 & Michael Kerns.
Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Anne Brown, sister of Richard Merman. 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. 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 & sweatshirts 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: **June 23, 2024**
 By: Chris & Joanne Bouvier

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Michael Cormier
 Week of: **June 23, 2024**
 By: Mom, Vera &
 Sister, Michelle Dell’Orefice

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What storms am I weathering right now?
 What storms can I see threatening those I know?
 How can my faith help me handle mine and assist others in theirs?

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



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ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News

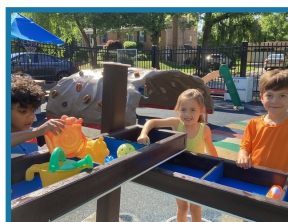


Summer News!

School is out for the summer, but the fun continues with *Fun in the Sun Camp!*

You don't have to travel to the Jersey Shore to find sand & surf. We have it all and the children are loving every minute.

Stories, Arts & Crafts, and Soccer lessons have kept us moving and learning. Waterslides and water tables have been a blast of cooling fun. I think the best part may be the **SNACKS!**



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 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowds in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to His disciples. Jesus then led His disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. You will notice that the sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a great storm at sea. When a storm suddenly arises out of nowhere, the disciples are naturally frightened. As the story unfolds, there is an obvious contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around Him. We might say that this Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are all "in the boat" (so to speak) as the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as His disciples and have the courage to go to Him in our troubles. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present Him with our needs? Jesus does not chide His disciples for waking Him. Instead, He chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. Perhaps it is when we are willing to bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective rather than ours.

The Festival Thermometer is back! Our goal this year has been set at \$7,500. Please consider making a donation to our annual Festival appeal this year as it really helps to defray the many costs and expenses associated with the feast. A donation box is located in the back of church, or you may go to the Festival page on our website to donate online. You can keep track of our progress each week by looking at the thermometer in the vestibule of the church as we lead up to the big day of celebration. In addition to the Festival Thermometer, the Annual Ad Book is being put together as part of our fundraising efforts. All ads, patron club levels & memorials need to be submitted by **Friday, July 12th**. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the Parish Office or Millie Slifer at 610-662-6231. I thank you in advance for your generosity towards this annual event. We are looking forward to another wonderful feast!

Just recently our choir formally concluded their season and will be on break throughout the summer months. I do want to take this opportunity to thank all who volunteer their time & talents to provide beautiful & uplifting music each week at our 10 AM Mass as well as the many special liturgical celebrations that we have throughout the year. Under the direction of Mrs. Anne Sprissler and our organist, Maria Dell'Orefice, they do a tremendous job to inspire us throughout the liturgical year. I would also like to offer a thank you to Millie Slifer who accompanies our 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays and is always willing to step in for any other sacramental celebrations. In addition, I thank our cantors who give so much of their time to lead us in song. We are truly blessed to have so many talented musicians and ones that give so generously from their hearts to help to make all of our Masses so beautiful throughout the year. Thank you all!

Just a reminder to our families with children entering 1st grade in the Fall in the public schools, or those with children who will be new to the PREP program, that new registrations are being accepted at this time. Re-registrations are also being accepted at this time for those students who are returning. PREP Registration/Re-registration forms are available: 1) In the rack by the elevators in the church; 2) in the Parish Office; and 3) on the OLA website: www.olastrafford.org/PREP. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the upcoming PREP program you may contact Sr. Rita Marian directly at the Parish Office.

Last weekend, we concluded our annual Baby Bottle Drive for Mother's Home in Darby, PA. If you forgot to bring your baby bottle last weekend, you may simply bring it to the Parish Office at your convenience.

As a reminder, our celebration of our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10 AM Mass will be suspended during these summer months until the Fall. I am so grateful for all of our catechists who have given so generously of their time throughout the past year. We look forward to resuming this program in September.

I thank you again for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish. I hope you are enjoying these beautiful summer days. May God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey