

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

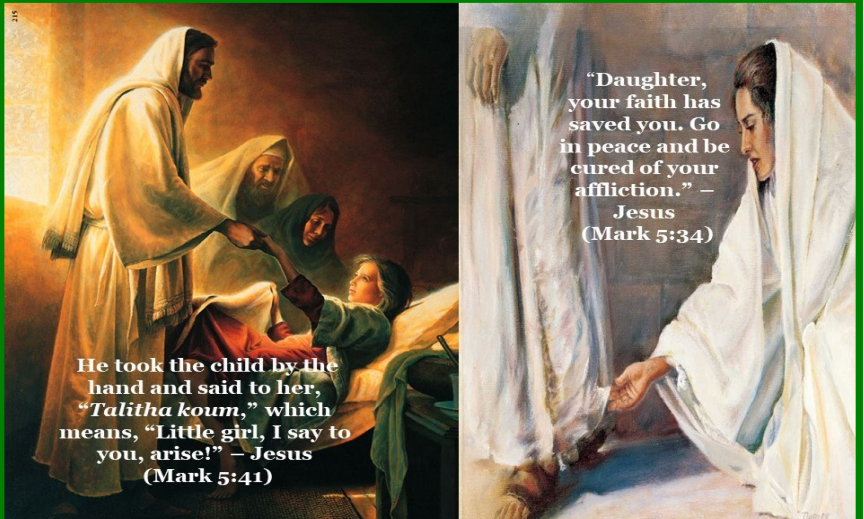
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



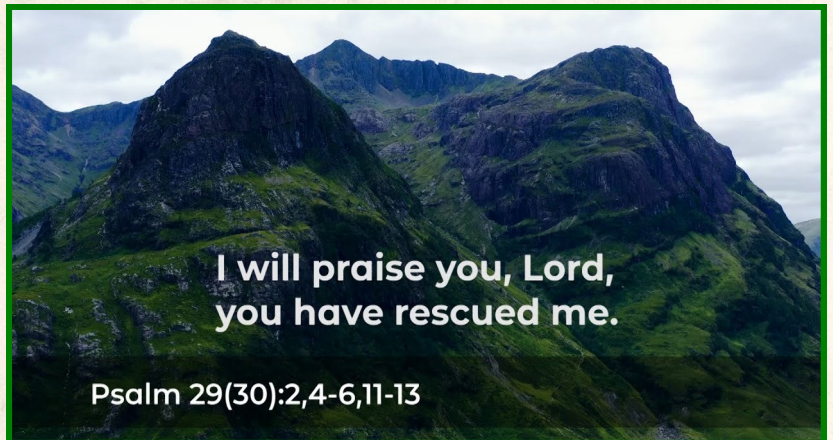
Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

June 30, 2024
13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Mass on Thurs., July 4th will be at 9 AM.
The Parish Office is closed on July 4th & 5th.



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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - July 1, 2024

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Richard, Julie & Richard McCormick

Tuesday - July 2, 2024

- 8:00 Anthony Falcone
by Dino & Debbie Calvarese, Jr.

Wednesday - July 3, 2024

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

- 8:00 Special Intentions of Bishop Keith
Chylinski by the OLA Choir

Thursday - July 4, 2024

Independence Day

- 9:00 Nicholas Moscia
by Matt Huber & Alana Milazzo

Friday - July 5, 2024

First Friday - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- 8:00 Missy Norcini by Laura Jansen & Family

Saturday – July 6, 2024

First Saturday

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

- 9 AM Rosemarie Mauriello
by Daughter, Dina Miller & Ed Szwarc
- 5 PM Mary & Sandoro D’Ignazio, Anniv.
by Sons & Family

Sunday, July 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Ngan Nguyen
by Daughters, Jenny, Mary & Tina
- 8:30 Nicole Giacche
by Robert, Mildred & Millie Slifer
- 10 AM Nicole Giacche by The Tolan Family

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How does my faith affect the way I anticipate death? How can it increase my courage? How can I encourage others to keep the faith

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 pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati and Matthew Wilson.

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

Anyone in need of assistance during these sweltering summer days, please contact either the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or call and leave a message for Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482. Please stay cool!

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
Week of: **June 30, 2024**
By: Mom & Wife, Erma Giacche

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Armond “Mondie” Novelli
Week of: **June 30, 2024**
By: Vinnie, Pam & Sonny DiMartini

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 email Marguerite Paolantonio at mrsmpal1@gmail.com or call her 484-919-5126.

JOIN OLA'S 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!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held on: Aug. 9-11, 2024 and Oct. 4-6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

JOIN OLA'S FLOCKNOTE PAGE!

To join Flocknote either

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



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Summer News

School is out for the summer! Another great Fun in the Sun Camp has come to an end

Even though the warm weather turned HOT very quickly, the children and staff had a great time.

Waterplay, Arts and Crafts, More water play and Games in the gym made the week go by in a blink.

Assumption Academy will be quiet for a bit, but loads of new plans are being made for the 2024-2025 school year.

We pray that everyone has a safe and happy summer! See you soon!



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 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. We continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday, we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is highlighted as a courageous "act of faith". Very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man; the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, their courageous "faith" leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about these miracles. This has always perplexed many people and is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the "messianic secret". Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. But time and time again, we see that these instructions appear impossible to obey by those involved. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including us (the present-day readers of Mark's Gospel), must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' true identity. Likewise, each and every one of us regardless of class, status or circumstance of life, must make our own "act of faith" in affirming Jesus truly as the Son of God, the One who heals our many afflictions in life.

Last weekend, we concluded our annual Baby Bottle Drive for Mother's Home in Darby. I thank all of you who participated in this annual drive that helps so many and I look forward to sharing with you soon the total amount raised. As you may recall, this drive began on Mother's Day and, in conjunction with it, we sold roses outside of church for our mothers to help raise monies on behalf of the various programs and initiatives of our Pro-Life ministry. I am grateful especially to Vince Silveri who so generously gives of his time to help in this endeavor. I am happy to report to you that we collected a total of \$581 for Guiding Star Maternity Home, Philadelphia. Thanks to all who so generously gave to this important Pro-Life cause in the life of our local parish church as well as the wider community.

As a reminder, our Festival Thermometer has returned! 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 with your requests, please contact the Parish Office or Millie Slifer at 610-662-6231. I thank you in advance for your generosity towards this annual event and we are looking forward to another wonderful feast!

It seems hard to believe that we are entering into the month of July. This coming Thursday we will commemorate Independence Day. As we celebrate the birth of our nation this coming long weekend of July 4th, I do hope that everyone has an opportunity to get away and/or get some rest with your family and friends. Holidays like this one are special times when we can take the time to enjoy one another's company whether we are home, at the beach or in the mountains. Relax, and take the opportunity to appreciate the presence of God in these special moments, in the people who are special to you and in the gifts that we have been so freely given to us by the Lord who loves us. A happy and blessed Fourth to all!

Once again, I thank you again for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish. May God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey

