

## 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**

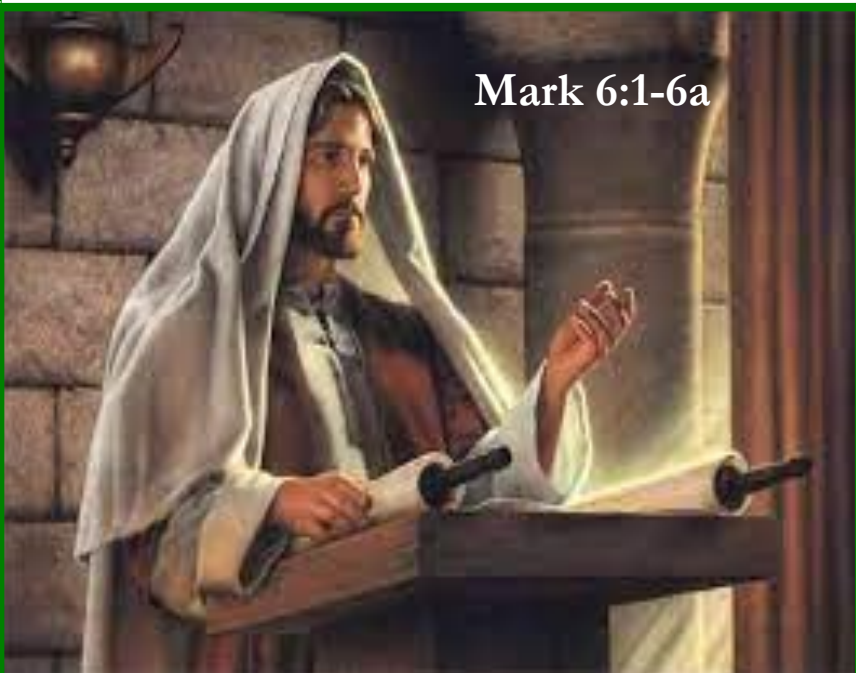
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

### **PREP OFFICE**

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

### **ASSUMPTION ACADEMY**

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



Mark 6:1-6a

## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

*Roman Catholic Church*

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



Psalm 123

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

*Come spend an hour with Jesus!*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

Monday - July 8, 2024

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscia  
by Norman & Angie Williamson

Tuesday - July 9, 2024

**St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday - July 10, 2024

- 8:00 Anthony Falcone by Vincent Falcone

Thursday - July 11, 2024

**St. Benedict, Abbot**

- 8:00 Rose Toukaty by The Slifer Family

Friday - July 12, 2024

- 8:00 Gerri & Louis Piombino  
by Their Children & Grandchildren

Saturday – July 13, 2024

**St. Henry**

- 9 AM Dante “Dan” Sciarratta  
by Mike & Joan Emmi
- 5 PM Special 13th Birthday Intentions of  
Jackson Fiorini by DeDe & Pop

Sunday, July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Nicole Giacche by Nancy Campbell
- 8:30 Jenny Slifer  
by Son, Robert, Millie & Millie
- 10 AM Anna & Carlo D’Ambrosio  
by Their Family

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me? Do I dismiss their words at once? How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice ?

**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 Sciarratta, 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: Rose Calvarese  
Week of: **July 7, 2024**  
By: Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Norma Benigni  
Week of: **July 7, 2024**  
By: Tina DiMarcantonio

**PREP**

PREP 2024-2025 starting dates to mark on your calendar now:

- **Family Catechisis Parent Meeting:**  
Thurs., 8/22 at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
- **Family Catechisis Session #1:** Sun., 9/8 at 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM in Assumption Hall.
- **Confirmation Class (Level 7):**  
Sun., 9/8 at 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the OLA Upper Room.
- **PREP Levels 1-6:**  
Mon., 9/9 at 4:45 PM - 6 PM.  
Dismissal from Assumption Hall

Late registrations must be sent or dropped off in the Parish Business Office during regular business hours.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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



SCAN ME

**Italian Festival**

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**  
**3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Join us for our**  
**115<sup>th</sup>**  
**annual celebration!**

Children's Activities  
Bocce Court  
Live Music

**KONAICE**

Fire Engine  
Bingo Tables  
\$\$ Cash Raffle \$\$

**Sausage & Peppers**  
**Meatballs • Porchetta**  
**Tomato Pie • Calamari**  
**Tripe • Salad • Wine & Beer**  
**Hot Dogs • Cannolis**  
**Bake Sale • & much more!**

**Catering by:**



**LUIGI & GIOVANNI'S**

**Enjoy family fun**  
**in a neighborhood**  
**atmosphere!**

**Volunteer today! Please visit:**  
[www.olastrafford.org/festival](http://www.olastrafford.org/festival)

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth. While there, He begins to preach and teach in the synagogue. Initially, all seems to be going well for Jesus as the Gospel tells us that the people were astonished as they heard Him speak. However, this doesn't last too long, and suddenly they turn on Him saying; "Where did this man get all of this? Is He not (just) the carpenter, the Son of Mary?" And they would not accept Him. Perhaps this is because they could not believe that the great Messiah could come from such a familiar and humble place as one among their own. At the time of Jesus, the people were waiting and hoping for the Messiah. And, they had very set ideas about The Messiah and how He would establish His reign. They hoped that He would restore Israel to its former glory and then lead people triumphantly. However, Jesus would not be the kind of Messiah or leader they wanted. As one of their own, He challenges their assumptions about Him & their expectations of Him. And so, having turned on Him, they reject Him. While at first they were astonished at Jesus' words and wisdom, in the end, He winds up being amazed at their lack of faith.

Not everyone who met and heard Jesus liked what He said. Some did not even follow after Him. Similarly, with us, Jesus calls us by our name; He offers us the message He offered to those in the Gospel. How we respond to this invitation is up to us. We can either accept Jesus and His oftentimes challenging message or we can reject Him as those in the Gospel did. Like those in the Gospel, we have choices and decisions to make each and every day as we try our best to listen to, answer and decide to follow the path of Jesus. Each day, Jesus calls us by name to follow Him – how do we respond when we hear His call and invitation to us?

Soon, in little over a month, our Annual Italian Festival will be here. The Annual Festival will take place on August 11<sup>th</sup> with a special Feast Day Mass celebrated at 1:30 PM. Afterwards, the Festival will run from 3 PM until 7 PM with great food, live music, and fun & games for the kids. Along with our dedicated Festival committee, it is our hope to make this year's Festival even bigger and better than last year. Please spread the word and consider bringing a friend that day!

Leading up to that day, we will have our Triduum of Prayer on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Anthony Albanese, Parochial Vicar of St. Laurence Parish in Upper Darby, PA will be our guest homilist each evening. After prayer, we will offer food & entertainment each night. Fr. Anthony was ordained just last year and he looks forward to being with us to celebrate these traditional days leading up to our great feast. Please consider joining us for these very special days of prayer and fellowship.

The Festival Thermometer is back! Our goal this year is 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. You can keep track of our progress each week by looking at the thermometer in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Once again, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Many have asked about our church repair and roof project that we have been preparing for since last year. As of this writing, the project has been approved by the Archdiocese and a contract is in the process of being finalized. Our goal is to begin work around the middle of July. More information about the project will be shared in the weeks ahead. I thank all those who have kindly donated to this major project. We are still accepting donations for those who may be interested in doing so. If you have any questions regarding this project or how you can help, you can always speak to me or simply contact our parish Business Manager, Mr. Vince Buggy for more details. This is an exciting time for our parish to witness continued growth as we care for our beautiful church and rectory for future generations.

And again, I thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish. It is truly appreciated. Have a great week!

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*