

## 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

July 14, 2024

15th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

Monday - July 15, 2024

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday - July 16, 2024

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

- 8:00 Anthony Falcone  
by Louis & Brenda D’Amicantonio

Wednesday - July 17, 2024

- 8:00 Genoeffa Trosini  
by Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family

Thursday - July 18, 2024

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

- 8:00 Cyril E. Audet, Jr.  
by Daughter, Marguerite Paolantonio

Friday - July 19, 2024

- 8:00 Domenic Coyle & Ross Edlund  
by The Piombino Family

Saturday – July 20, 2024

St. Appolinaris, Bishop & Martyr

- 9 AM Nicholas Moscia  
by Michael & Cecilia Macera
- 5 PM Deceased Members of the  
Henry & Anna Jansen Family  
By Laura Jansen & Family

Sunday, July 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Nicole Giacche  
by Diane & Amanda Norcini
- 8:30 Nicole Giacche  
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM John Procacci  
by Yolanda & Tony Falcone

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Dante “Dan” Sciarratta  
**Week of: July 14, 2024**  
 By: Daughter, Joanne & Chris  
 Bouvier

**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 remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Heather Yervelli & Patricia Norcini. 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

Anyone in need of assistance during these sweltering summer days, please contact either the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or call Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

*Come spend an hour with Jesus!*

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Can I accept the challenge the Twelve did? What “unclean spirits” do I see that I can try to drive out? For what do I see myself calling for repentance? To whom can I bring healing?

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche  
**Week of: July 14, 2024**  
 By: Erma Giacche

**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.

### **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.

### **MASS AND HEALING SERVICE @ THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

Following Mass on Fri., 8/2 at 7 PM, there will be Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, & a Healing Prayer Service. This is a special opportunity to encounter Jesus, invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply, & heal emotional, mental, physical, relational, or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces.

**Location:** 654 Ferry Rd., Doylestown, PA

**Questions:** Email: [rafal@czestochowa.us](mailto:rafal@czestochowa.us)

Call: 215-345-0600

### **AOP METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce & who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced & want to marry in the Church, or are remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-03750 or go to: [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org).

## ***Italian Festival***



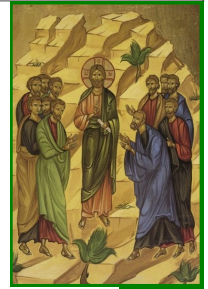
***Sunday, August 11, 2024***  
***3:00 PM to 7:00 PM***



***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 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. On one level, our Gospel this weekend is a very easy one to understand. On another level, it is very challenging to each of us today. The Gospel tells us that Jesus called the Twelve and then sent them out in pairs to preach repentance; anointing and curing many sick people. It would be easy for us to believe that Jesus just sent “them” out. However, if we believe that the Word of God is always alive and active, then we are also asked to accept that “we too” are called and sent by Jesus in exactly the same way. The friends & followers of Jesus spent a lot of time with Jesus. They ate and prayed with Him. They heard Him preach and teach. They saw the miracles He performed and the people that He healed. They were fortunate enough to get to know Him on a deep personal level. As always, Jesus had a plan; all the while he was preparing to send them out as His witnesses with His message of God’s kingdom. Called by name, He in turn sent them out to proclaim and announce His message. They did this with even greater courage & conviction when they were filled and anointed with His Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We are reminded this weekend that we too belong to this missionary church. Through our Baptism and having celebrated our Confirmation, each of us is filled with the same life-giving and energetic Holy Spirit. Today & everyday each of us is called to be a “missionary” amongst our family & our friends. We are called to be missionaries in our neighborhoods and in our parish communities. This is why this Gospel is so challenging for us. Perhaps it’s easier and even more comfortable to believe that I am not called by my name personally and sent out by Jesus. Maybe it’s more convenient to leave it to others. The truth & reality is that Jesus continues to call and invite us to follow Him and to carry on His mission & ministry through the quality of our daily lives. We have been used to using the word “missionary” to describe those dedicated men & women who left their own country & families to go off to far distant places to live & share the gospel with others. But we are all called by name by God to be missionaries. We are asked to be missionary witnesses to the presence of Jesus in our world today – wherever we are. Not all of us are asked to leave our own country to travel across the world but we are called to bring the Good News of Christ wherever we find ourselves. The Gospel challenges us to ask ourselves - where will I be a missionary for Jesus today?

We are just about a month away from celebrating our Annual Italian Festival and are keeping a watchful eye on our Festival Thermometer with the hope that we can reach our goal of \$7,500. As of this writing, we have raised a total of \$1,390. As you know, this monetary goal each year helps to cover the many expenses associated with that day: namely, catering, the rental of tents, entertainment, etc. As is customary, any monies left over will be used to benefit the upkeep and ongoing operations of our parish. I thank all those who have donated thus far and for all those who have visited our website to sponsor the festival both monetarily and/or to volunteer. We are very excited to have our festival this year. Please mark your calendars for a great day and invite a friend!

**The deadline for the Annual Ad Book has been extended. All ads, patron club levels & memorials may be submitted by Friday, July 19<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!

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 at St. Laurence Parish in Upper Darby, will be our guest homilist each night. Afterwards, we will gather for food and entertainment. Please consider joining us for these special days of prayer.

Just as a reminder, the Festival Mass will take place on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Afterwards, the Festival will run from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM with food, live music, and fun & games.

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Fourth of July break. I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support for our parish. The many sacrifices that you make of your time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated and never go unnoticed. Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families and I hope that you are enjoying these days of summer.

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*