

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

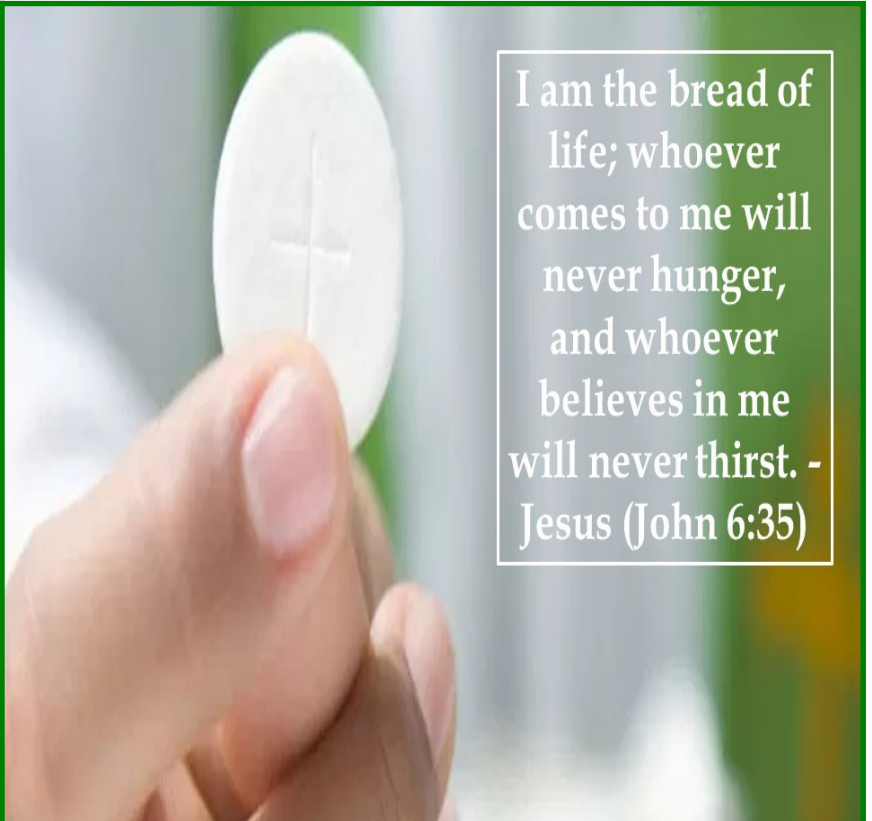
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. - Jesus (John 6:35)

Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

August 4, 2024
18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



The Lord gave them
Bread from Heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

First Saturday – August 3, 2024
 9 AM Special Birthday Intentions of Ed MacNew by The McCafferty Family
 5 PM Victor Cortese by Fran & Shirley Pietrini

Sunday, August 4, 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 Joseph Mariano, Sr. by Jeanne Marley
 8:30 David Paolantonio by Wife, Marguerite
 10 AM Darlene Daniels by Mark & Christine Gaeto

Monday - August 5, 2024
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday - August 6, 2024
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
 8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of Peggy Faha by The McCafferty Family

Wednesday - August 7, 2024
St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan, Priest
 8:00 Sr. Marie Rudegair, SSJ by John Rogers


Thursday - August 8, 2024
St. Dominic, Priest
 8:00 Louis Filipone by Son, Bob & Dena Filipone

Friday - August 9, 2024
 8:00 Special Intentions of John Catalanotto by Mary Ann Belmonte

Saturday – August 10, 2024
 9 AM Michael D. & Genevieve Grob by Jan Grob & Family
 5 PM Clare Reynolds by Mimi Mara & Friends

Sunday, August 11, 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 Sarah R. Salamone by The Salamone Family
 8:30 Joseph DiLucca, 7th Anniv. by His Children
 10 AM Sheila Brumbaugh by Niece, Christine He & Family
 1:30 PM FESTA MASS For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

 For: Joseph Mariano, Sr.
 Week of: August 4, 2024
 By: Jeanne Marley

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 & Baby Olivia Marjorie Boyer.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati, Joseph Walton 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 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:

What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life? How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship like that?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

 For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
 Week of: August 4, 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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOLY FAMILY HOME

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the elderly in Philadelphia for 150 years through faithfully observing their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality. The Sisters will be visiting OLA on the weekend of Aug. 24 & 25 appealing for financial assistance to support their work. Your prayerful and monetary support will be greatly appreciated!

MALVERN MEN'S RETREAT: SEPT. 6 - 8 NATIVITY BVM

The Retreat Director, Fr. Doug McKay, Rector of the Malvern Retreat House, will feature: conversations with Mary Bea Damico about the life & work of Blessed Carlo Acutis soon to be our first Millennial saint, Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A. about the Holy Spirit as taught by St. Augustine, & Grammy award nominee, Marty Rotella
Register: www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-2024 or call Jack Warnock at 610-564-8456 (leave VM please). For guys 22 or younger, we have a great rate of only \$100 and special program on Saturday for them.

OLA FESTIVAL THERMOMETER

Thank you to all those who have contributed to our Festival Thermometer. As of this writing, we have raised a total of \$9,155. I am so grateful for your generosity! Contributions will continue to be accepted through the day of the Festival as our expenses are more than originally estimated.

Fr. Carey

Italian Festival



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



***Celebrate our heritage and
our future!***

Volunteer today! Please visit:
www.olastrafford.org/festival

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. This year's liturgical cycle is rather unique in that now, after having listened to the gospel of Mark since Advent, we shift over these next few weeks to the gospel of John to contemplate what is referred to as the "Bread of Life" discourse. In light of this, the Church suggests that these coming weeks be dedicated to contemplating more deeply the mystery of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. As we take this mid-summer walk through the gospel of John in the coming weeks, I invite you to reflect more deeply upon our Lord as the "Bread of Life" and the gift and mystery of the Mass.

What Is the Mass?

When you go to Mass, you are not simply "going to church." You are about to encounter God in the most profound way possible here on earth. God is going to speak to you—really—through the inspired words of Sacred Scripture, which are proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word. Will you be prepared and have the ears to hear him?

But that's not all. His loving sacrifice on Calvary, offered two thousand years ago, is about to be made mystically present to you—really—so that you can enter into it, so that you can worship God in the most perfect way possible, so that your own heart can be changed by his love, and so that Christ can relive his total, perfect, self-giving love on the Cross more and more through you today. Are you ready for this profound encounter with Christ's supreme sacrifice for you? Will your heart be disposed to receive this most perfect love and be transformed by it?

There's still more. At Mass, almighty God himself comes upon the altar and becomes truly present to you in the most powerful way, as the bread and wine are changed into Christ's very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. And most of all, this Jesus present in the Eucharist wants to be one with you as you receive him in Holy Communion. Think about that: The Eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, dwells within your soul sacramentally in every communion you receive at Mass! In short, when you go to Mass, you are going to the most amazing event in the entire universe, which happens each day.

Admittedly, we don't always experience the Mass this way. We may find it boring and dry at times—it might seem like just a bunch of random, empty rituals. We may be disappointed by the priest's homily or the music or the architecture of the church. We may not experience a warm and welcoming community. Or maybe we are too distracted at Mass; our minds wander, and our hearts are not in it.

Nevertheless, God works through all these messy human realities and wants to encounter us at every Mass, no matter what the circumstances may be. For the Mass is the primary place Jesus wants to meet us, heal us, and transform us. And it is the primary place Jesus calls us to worship him and give our lives entirely to him. Indeed, the Mass is nothing less than the celebration of the Eucharist Jesus instituted at the Last Supper, when he commanded his apostles, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

All that happens in the Mass cannot easily be summarized in a brief sentence or two, for the entire mystery of our salvation is bound up with the Eucharistic Liturgy. But to help our minds begin to grasp the depths of the Mass, we will briefly consider over these next few weeks three key aspects of the Eucharist that every Catholic should know: (1) the Eucharist as the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, (2) the Eucharist as the real presence of Jesus, and (3) the Eucharist as Holy Communion with Our Lord.

Next week we will consider the Eucharist as the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

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Love & prayers, Fr. Carey