

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 living bread that came down from heaven:
whoever eats this bread will live forever:

John 6



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

August 11, 2024
19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

**Taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of MARY

Festa Mass today,
Sunday, 8/11 at 1:30 PM.
The Festival begins
immediately afterwards.

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION: (*Masses*)

Wednesday: 8/14 at 7 PM (Vigil)

Thursday: 8/15 at 8 AM & 12:05 PM

Parish Office is closed on 8/15/2024.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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
19th 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 For the People of the Parish

Monday - August 12, 2024

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

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

Tuesday - August 13, 2024

Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest

8:00 Anne & Lou Filipone
 by The Filipone Family

Wednesday - August 14, 2024

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:00 Michael & Thomas Marino
 by Jan Grob & Family

7 PM Mildred Shudy
 by Daughter, Millie, Robert & Millie Slifer

Thursday - August 15, 2024

**THE ASSUMPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 Special Birthday Intentnions of
 Maureen McCafferty
 by The McCafferty Family

12:05 PM Maria D’Agostino
 by Daughter, Yolanda & Dino Calvarese

Friday - August 16, 2024

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday – August 17, 2024

9 AM Catherina Dolly Martiniano
 by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

5 PM Henry “Hank” Jansen
 by Wife, Laura & Family

Sunday, August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Nick Recchi by Wife, Antoinette & Family

8:30 Donato “Danny” Bevilacqua
 by Mom & Fabio Bevilacqua

10 AM Deceased Members of the Ferrilli
 Family by Andy & Genell Ferrilli & Family

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, Joseph Carver, John H. Shelsy, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I identify times in which Jesus has sustained me in difficult situations? How can what I receive today sustain me throughout the week ahead?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Dante “Dan” Sciaratta
 Week of: **August 11, 2024**
 By: Vinnie, Pam & Sonny DiMartini

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: The Montella Family.
 Week of: **August 11, 2024**
 By: The Custer Family

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.

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 \$10,880. 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

Join us for our

115th

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!**

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate our Patronal Feast in Honor of Our Lady of the Assumption. We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's festivities beginning with a special Solemn Mass at 1:30 PM. This joy-filled celebration will then overflow outside with our planned festivities on our parish grounds. We look forward to seeing you and your families there and I wish all of you a very happy and blessed feast day!

On this weekend of the *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, we continue to hear from the Gospel of John and Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse. The Church suggests that these privileged weeks be dedicated to contemplating more deeply the mystery of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Last week, we gave an introduction to the Eucharistic celebration of Mass, this week we will consider the Mass again as the Memorial of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross.

The Mass as Sacrifice

Have you ever heard the celebration of the Eucharist called "the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"? One might wonder, in what sense is the Mass a sacrifice? This is, admittedly, not easy to see. After all, Catholics do not go to Mass as the ancient Jews went to the Temple, bringing animals to the sanctuary to be slain, cut up, burned, and offered to God by a priest. The sacrifice taking place in the Mass is clearly not one of cattle, sheep, or goats. It does, however, involve a real sacrifice—the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who in his death on the Cross offered his life as a total gift to the Father and redeemed the world.

This is crucial to understand—and absolutely amazing to realize! The Mass does not merely recall or symbolize Jesus' death on the Cross. It sacramentally makes present Christ's redeeming sacrifice, so that its saving power may be more fully applied to our lives. In other words, the Mass is not simply about reverently remembering Christ's death on Calvary. It actually makes that saving event present to us so that we can enter into it. When we go to Mass, we in a very real sense go to Calvary, for the mystery of Calvary is made present to us sacramentally.

How can this be? How can Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday be made present to us today? Let us now take a closer look at Jesus' words at the Last Supper and consider what he really meant when he offered his Body and Blood at that sacred meal.

On the night before he died, Jesus instituted the Eucharist. In the context of the Jewish Passover feast, he took bread and wine and spoke of them, respectively, as his Body being given up and his Blood being poured out for the forgiveness of sins. He concluded the Last Supper by telling the apostles to celebrate this meal as a liturgical memorial: "Do this in memory of me." But what does all this mean?

First, in the first-century Jewish world, the language Jesus used when speaking about his Body and Blood had strong sacrificial overtones. He said his Body would be offered up and his Blood poured out. As we will see later, this language recalled the Jewish sacrificial rites from the Temple, in which an animal's body was offered up and its blood poured out in sacrifice. By taking this sacrificial language and applying it to his own Body and Blood, Jesus at the Last Supper was already anticipating his sacrifice on the Cross. He was referring to his Body and Blood as being offered in sacrifice like that of a Passover lamb.

Second, we need to understand the Jewish notion of memorial. In Scripture, a memorial does not merely recall a past event. It makes that event present. Therefore, when Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me," he was commanding the apostles to make present as a biblical memorial the sacrificial offering of his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Indeed, the Body and Blood Jesus spoke of at the Last Supper is his Body and Blood that was sacrificed on Calvary, and this is what is made present to us in the Mass.

Through the Eucharist, therefore, the power of the Cross is unleashed in our lives in a unique way. As the sacrifice of Christ is made present ever anew at every Mass, Jesus is inviting us to be caught up into his perfect, self-giving love—his total gift of himself to the Father—his loving sacrifice. And he wants to live his sacrificial love ever more through us. He wants to transform us. He wants to heal our weak, selfish hearts and make our hearts more like his. And he does this in a most profound way through our participation in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Next week we will consider the Eucharist as the Real Presence of Jesus.

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Love & prayers, Fr. Carey