

## 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

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30AM - 4PM

### **Emergencies**

Call the Parish Office and press 1.

### **PREP OFFICE**

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

### **ASSUMPTION ACADEMY**

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT IS THIS:

# LOVE

## THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

AND THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT IS THIS:

# LOVE

## YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

THERE IS NO GREATER COMMANDMENT THAN THESE

## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

### *Roman Catholic Church*

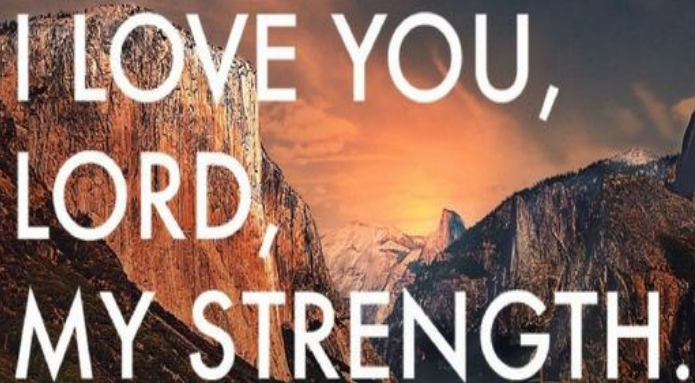
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

## November 3, 2024

## 31st Sunday

## in Ordinary Time

## MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



# I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

PSALM 18:1

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

First Saturday – November 2, 2024

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

- 9 AM Holy Souls In Purgatory
- 5 PM Willy, Jean, Bill, Donna & Janet DiDomenico & Jennifer Leber by The DiDomenico Family

Sunday, November 3, 2024

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Catherine “Dolly” Martiniano by Cousin, Yolanda Falcone
- 8:30 Special 50th Wedding Anniv. Intentions of Tom & Yvonne Gatto by Children, Rob & Natalie Seminole & Grandchildren
- 10 AM For the People of the Parish [Mass of Remembrance]

Monday - November 4, 2024

**St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

- 8:00 Dante “Dan” Sciarratta by Jack & Kathy Toukatly

Tuesday - November 5, 2024

- 8:00 Concetta Clayton by Bob & Dena Filipone

Wednesday - November 6, 2024

- 8:00 Rev. Gus Puleo by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

Thursday - November 7, 2024

- 8:00 Dante Sciarratta by The Gentile Family

Friday - November 8, 2024

- 8:00 Special Intentions of John Catalanotto by Maryann Belmonte

Saturday – November 9, 2024

- 9 AM Louis DeLuca, 3rd Anniv. by Wife, Donna & Family
- 5 PM Leighaway Vanhue by Adriana Cecco Custer & Family

Sunday, November 10, 2024

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Living & Deceased Members of The Yervelli Family by Gabe Yervelli
- 8:30 David Paolantonio by Wife, Marguerite
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels by Diane & Ed Robb

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Giacomo & Genoeffa Trosini  
 Week of: **November 3, 2024**  
 By: Daughter, Tina Lopez & 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 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, 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, Trish Lee, Freddie DeFlaviis & Mark Gregory.

**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

**FLORAL MEMORIAL**



In Loving Memory of Our Siblings,  
 Lisa Toscani & Dom Toscani, Jr.  
 Week of: **November 3, 2024**  
 By: Pat & Marybeth Walsh

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I show my love for God and my love for neighbor? When have I felt myself giving that love with all my being?

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**



For: Marie-Claude Vittoz  
 Week of: **November 3, 2024**  
 By: Dino & Yolanda Calvarese



**PREP**

Our PREP Outreach for November & December will be toiletry items to be given to Camilla Hall Infirmary at Christmas! Camilla Hall is the Retirement Home for the Sisters of IHM. Suggested items include:

1. Soap Bars (Dove – Dial – Olay – Aveeno)
2. Toothpaste
3. Shampoo
4. Unscented Body Lotion  
Pump Hand Soap

Items can be dropped off on Monday PREP classes or brought to the Parish Office! Thank you for your support!

The IHM Companions will meet on Nov. 5th at 10 AM in the Convent. For more info about this group, contact Sister Rita Marian in the Parish Office.

**JOIN THE OLA CHOIR FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!**

Unlock your hidden potential! There are many unforeseen benefits of joining our Church Choir! Singing in a choir is about a lot more than just making music; it's being part of a community. It's about coming together with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together. Moreover, being part of a choir provides an opportunity to serve our community and draw closer to God through worship. When you sing praises with others, you're participating in an act of communal worship that can deepen your faith. Don't let fear hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our OLA Adult Choir. **Contact Anne Sprissler at [asprissler@olastrafford.org](mailto:asprissler@olastrafford.org) or stop by the Choir Loft and speak to the organist.**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences is: Nov. 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more info, visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.



**ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News**



**Assumption Academy Celebrates the month of the Rosary!**

The students and teachers gathered by the statue of the Blessed Mother to pray a decade of the Rosary. They asked Mary to watch over Mommies, Grandmothers, and Aunts so that they will always be happy and healthy. With special prayers for the families of Erin and Jen.



Maggie

Becky and

Pearl



...will be moving into their new, bigger and better chicken coop and run very soon. If you take a walk around the block please stop by and see the improvements made to their accommodations. We could not be more grateful to Mr. Poppy, aka Steve M. for all of his hard work bringing this dream home to fruition. Thank you also to all of those who contributed to our annual fundraiser to make this and other playground improvements possible.

**STEWARDSHIP**

YTD Weekend of:	10/20/2024	10/22/2023
Collection:	\$ 87,646	\$ 76,061
Electronic Giving:	\$ 45,919	\$ 40,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 133,564</b>	<b>\$ 116,136</b>

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*. As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities. The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus connects the two commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

The month of November brings with it sentiments of remembering the souls of the faithful departed. This Sunday, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at the 10:00 AM Mass remembering all of our loved ones who have died within the past year. The names of those who have died will be named during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and personalized candles will burn at our Lady's altar which will in turn be given to our families to take home with them afterwards. This is a wonderful tradition here at OLA and one that always reminds us to never forget those who have died and those who mourn for them. Let us remember then, and pray for these souls and their families on this weekend, in particular, for hope, consolation and peace.

Once again, we have enshrined in the back of the church a *Book of Remembrance* to inscribe the names of the dead so that we might remember and pray for all of our beloved deceased. In addition, a votive candle, placed next to it, will burn continuously throughout the entire month of November as a beautiful reminder to us of their memory and the gift of faith and hope that we share in the resurrection of our Lord. Please take the time to inscribe the names of your loved ones in this book.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast after all the Masses on Sunday. Please take this opportunity to stop in to share good food & conversation. And once again a big "thank you" to the Knights for providing this opportunity for us to gather together as a family of faith.

By now many of you have received my pastoral letter regarding the Annual Parish Appeal. As you know, this year's Appeal is a continuation of last year's Appeal which did not raise enough to cover the cost of the necessary repairs to the church beams and the new roofs. This year we are striving to raise the additional money needed for this project. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions regarding the appeal, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*