

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 Widow's Heart

Mark 12:38-44

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



**Praise the Lord,
my soul!**

Psalms 146:7

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – November 9, 2024

- 9 AM Louis DeLuca, 3rd Anniv.
by Wife, Donna & Family
- 5 PM Leighaway Vanhuc
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

Monday - November 11, 2024

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

- 8:00 Brother George Ruhl, CSSR
by Nephew, George Lex

Tuesday - November 12, 2024

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 Michael J. Grob, 6th Anniv.
by Wife, Jan Grob & Family

Wednesday - November 13, 2024

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

- 8:00 Lisa Toscani by Brother, Matt Toscani

Thursday - November 14, 2024

- 8:00 Dante “Dan” Sciarratta by Gloria Toroni

Friday - November 15, 2024

St. Albert the Great,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday – November 16, 2024

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude, Virgin

- 9 AM Martin Kleiber by Susan Kincade
- 5 PM Antoinette & Louis C. Piombino, Sr.
by The Piombino Family

Sunday, November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Robert Vincent Greco
by Mark, Faith & Bob Greco
- 8:30 Nicholas Moscia
by The Giangiulio Family
- 10 AM Rita Lolli by Her Children

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Sonny DiMartini
Week of: **November 10, 2024**
By: The Slifer Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 - 8 PM Tuesday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: 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, Jim Batalise, Fr. Carbonaro, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Lynette Donnelly, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Bella Reid, John Catalanotto, Elizabeth Maratea, Mike Long, Kristen Boyer, Goldie Trowery, Mary Lewis, Jim Spang, Joe Ellis, Brian Hunsberger, Carla Santoleri, Helen Carver, Ronnie Kelly, Marian Quick, Ralph D’Ignazio, Martha Marcantonio, Mark Michaels, Dave Flinn, 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.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Vijay Khanna & Michael Verguldi. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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

OUTREACH HELP

Outreach helps those in need in our community. Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you find yourself in need, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or calling **Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482.**

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When am I like the widow, giving when it hurts?
When am I like the scribe, taking advantage of others’ generosity and rationalizing it? When do I fail to recognize the generosity of God in my life?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
Week of: **November 10, 2024**
By: Erma Giacche

PREP

Looking Ahead: Our next Family Catechesis Session will be on Nov. 17, 2024 in Assumption Hall. The topic will be “The Moral Life”. We begin at 9:45 AM and end at 10:45 AM. Please return any Interactive Review results either in hard copy or by email by our December session on Dec. 8, 2024. You will be given a letter outlining the Outreach which is part of our PREP Program for November & December in support of Camilla Hall, the retirement home for IHM Sisters. We encourage all families to participate if possible!

Thank you to the Confirmation candidates who were so helpful at the setup and breakdown of the LOLA Christmas Bazaar!

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 or stop by the Choir Loft and speak to the organist.**

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS CONCERT

On Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024
following the 10 AM Mass
In OLA Church

With Steve Giblin, Bass
Accompanied by
Maria Dell’Orefice on Piano



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



October sure ended with a bang!
Trunk or Treat and Halloween fun!



Maggie, Becky and Pearl are all moved into their new home! The chicken coop is equipped with a deck, railing & a nice safe run that is reinforced with layers of wire covered with sand. Both Mr. Steve and Vince Caprio’s crew deserve a big round of applause for making this a chicken’s dream come true!



STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	10/27/2024	10/29/2023
Collection:	\$ 92,531	\$ 82,186
Electronic Giving:	\$ 48,049	\$ 42,113
TOTAL	\$140,580	\$ 124,299

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 46,485

Meditation on the Gospel:

This weekend, we celebrate the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich, contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value.

Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, but is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Parish Announcements:

This weekend, OLA welcomes Mr. Sean Barker, a collegiate seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to speak at all of our Masses regarding the Annual Seminary Appeal. Sean's presence here will provide a more "personal touch" to this important appeal. Thank you in advance for welcoming him and for your ongoing support of our Seminary. Please pray for an increase in vocations and keep Sean & all of our seminarians in your prayers.

Our Annual Appeal began last month to all of our registered families. As of this date, we have raised a total of **\$ 46,485**. Thank you for all the generous responses received to-date. We are in need of additional funds to cover the full expense of the new roof on the church and rectory. If you have not returned your contribution as of yet, we invite you to please consider doing so. Each week, we will continue to keep the parish informed on this important appeal. Once again, we offer heartfelt thanks to all of you for doing whatever you can, within your means, to support OLA. Thank you!

This weekend we extend our sincerest thanks and gratitude to all of our Ladies of Our Lady of the Assumption (LOLA) for sponsoring our annual Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. Their hard work allowed us to gather together as a parish community, to share conversation and good food, and to simply be together as we prepare for the wonderful season of Christmas. So, our thanks and gratitude go out to LOLA for giving us such a great celebration.

We also take this opportunity to thank the members of the OLA Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. This was another occasion to gather together as a parish community and we extend our thanks and gratitude for the dedication and hard work of the OLA Knights of Columbus.

To continue the Feast Day Celebration of Christ the King on Sunday, November 24th, there will be a half-hour concert of African American Spirituals by Maria Dell'Orefice and Stephen Giblin following the 10 AM Mass. These well-composed and poignant solo pieces are guaranteed to edify mind and soul. We invite all to *"Come to the Waters of the Deep River" and Let Us Break Bread Together*.

