

## 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



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

**November 17, 2024**  
**33rd Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

Monday - November 18, 2024  
The Dedication of the Basilicas of  
Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles  
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

- 8:00 Leo Carlin by Rosemary & Jay Crawford

Tuesday - November 19, 2024

- 8:00 Paul Addis by Soreth Stancroff

Wednesday - November 20, 2024

- 8:00 Anthony Venturo by Jack & Anne Rogers

Thursday - November 21, 2024

THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:00 Dominic Toscani, Jr.  
by Brother, Matt Toscani

Friday - November 22, 2024  
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:00 Harry Gorman  
by Michael, Karen & Matthew Flynn

Saturday – November 23, 2024

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr  
St. Columban, Abbot

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

- 9 AM For the People of the Parish
- 5 PM Sandoro D'Ignazio, 64th Anniv.  
by Sons & Family

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 7:00 Alfred Altopiedi  
by Tom & Nancy McLaughlin
- 8:30 For the People of the Parish
- 10 AM Mary McNulty-Penkola  
by Daughter, Christine He & Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour from 7 - 8 PM Tuesday

**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, Trish Lee, Freddie DeFlaviis & Fr. Carey.

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

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I balance the vigilance I am called to exercise in anticipation of the end of the world with the comfort I take in God's merciful presence?

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**



For: Agnes Ludwikowski  
Week of: **November 17, 2024**  
By: Daughter, Cathy, Mike & Sophie Kunsch

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Rosemarie Mauriello  
Week of: **November 17, 2024**  
By: Dina Miller & Edward Szwarc



**PREP**

Our PREP students will be assisting with putting ornaments on the Parish Giving Trees during the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24. These ornaments suggest a gift which can be donated as Christmas presents for families in need. The gifts should be returned to the Parish (unwrapped) by Dec. 10 to be distributed by our Outreach Team.

Christmas is the time for both “sharing & caring”!

Our students continue to donate toiletry items for Camilla Hall Nursing Home. We are grateful to all who can participate in this Christmas effort!

Our Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be on Mon., Nov. 25 during class time. Parents who wish to join us are most welcome.

There will be no PREP classes on Sun., Dec. 1 or Mon., Dec. 2 due to the Thanksgiving holiday! We will resume classes on Sun., Dec. 8 & Mon., Dec. 9 as we prepare for the wonderful Feast of Christmas!

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

Unlock your hidden potential! Singing in a choir is about a lot more than just making music; it’s being part of a community with people who share your passion for music. 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.

**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**

**THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION**

On Thursday, 11/28/2024 at 9 AM to benefit the Outreach Team’s many efforts. Please bring a part of your meal to be blessed at Mass. Also, a free small loaf of bread will be handed out.



**ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News**



Thank you to all who were able to come to the Open House last week, or who shared information with friends. There was such a great turnout that most of the classes are already at capacity for next year. The teachers were able to show off the children’s great work and share how their students are preparing for the prayer service this month. Of course the chickens, fish and chinchilla were excellent hosts.

**Christmas Outreach At Assumption Academy!**

Once again this year we will be collecting new women’s pajamas in all sizes. The Wayne Food Pantry gives children of all ages the chance to pick out a brand new pair of pajamas for their mothers for Christmas. Just drop off new pajamas in any size at the School Office and we will take care of the wrapping.



**STEWARDSHIP**

YTD Weekend of:	11/03/2024	11/05/2023
Collection:	\$ 97,699	\$ 85,633
Electronic Giving:	\$ 50,235	\$ 45,390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 147,934</b>	<b>\$ 131,023</b>

**2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 51,385**

## Meditation on the Gospel:

This weekend, we celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions & teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury & the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation & hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

## Parish Announcements:

Our Annual Appeal began last month with a mailing to all of our registered families. As of this date, we have raised a total of **\$ 51,385**. 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!

To continue the Feast Day Celebration of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 30 minute concert of African American Spirituals by Maria Dell'Orefice and Stephen Giblin following the 10 AM Mass. These well-composed & poignant solo pieces are guaranteed to edify mind & soul. We invite all to *"Come to the Waters of the Deep River" and Let Us Break Bread Together*".

All are invited to attend our Walking with Purpose Advent Evening of Reflection *"Understanding the Unity of Opposites"* in Assumption Hall on Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Appetizers & Desserts will be served. This presentation will be led by our own Fr. Augustin Kassa. For more information & to register, please check the OLA website.