

## 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 24, 2024

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**



Our Thanksgiving Display has been generously donated anonymously. Thank you to Celia & Joe Paolantonio for their tireless work to create this beautiful display in praise of God's bounty and blessings!

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9 AM on 11/28/2024.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday - November 25, 2024**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 Agnes McCafferty  
 by The McCafferty Family  
**Tuesday - November 26, 2024**  
 8:00 Roy Stancroff, 10th Anniv.  
 by Daughter-in-law, Soreth Stancroff

**Wednesday - November 27, 2024**

8:00 Sante, Irene & Sr. Mary Irene Lolli  
 by The Dominican Sisters

**Thursday - November 28, 2024**  
*Thanksgiving Day*

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
**Friday - November 29, 2024**

8:00 Margaret Mary Cerrone  
 by Terry Berresford  
**Saturday – November 30, 2024**  
**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**

9 AM Americo & Erma Italiano  
 by Their Children & Grandchildren  
 5 PM Anthony Falcone  
 by Wife, Yolanda Falcone

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

7:00 Special Intentions of  
 Patrick & Marybeth Walsh  
 by Brother, Matt Toscani  
 8:30 Anthony Falcone  
 by Vera & John DiMaio  
 10 AM Nicole Giacche by OLA Choir

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Rose Toukatly  
 Week of: **November 24, 2024**  
 By: Greg & Anne Sprissler

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family:* 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, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Ed Rofi, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, 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, 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 & Fr. Carey.

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

**OLA GIVING TREE**

*The OLA Giving Trees are set up!* Once again, we are collecting for the families of St Patrick’s (in Norristown) CCD Program. Gift tags on the trees will include:

- Gift Cards to:  
 Giant, Aldi Grocery, Shop Rite, Target & CVS  
 & warm clothing for the cold weather like:  
 Sweats, coats, polar fleece, hoodies, hats/gloves/  
 scarves & work boots for kids thru adults,  
 all sizes welcome.

Please take a tag or two off the Giving Tree. **Gifts with the tags attached may be placed in bins in the Giving Room by Dec. 8th!**  
**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS!!!** The items are laid out for the families to Christmas Shop. You can donate wrapping materials separately. Gifts will be delivered to St. Patrick’s on Mon., Dec. 9th.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday**

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**



For: Edward Ludwikowski  
 Week of: **November 24, 2024**  
 By: Daughter, Cathy, Mike & Sophie Kunsch

**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. 8th 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.**

**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. There will be a table by the Baptismal Font

Also, a free small loaf of bread with a Thanksgiving Prayer will be handed out to every family present.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
 Have I felt the presence of the kingdom when I have been of service? How can I be of service this week to someone in need?



**ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News**



It is all about gratitude at Assumption Academy these days. We are thankful for friends, family, our school and our church.



Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**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:	11/10/2024	11/12/2023
Collection:	\$ 108,494	\$ 93,040
Electronic Giving:	\$ 54,005	\$ 47,238
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 162,499</b>	<b>\$ 140,278</b>

**2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 72,385**



## Meditation on the Gospel:

On this final Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and come to the close of another liturgical year as we celebrate the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*.

In today's gospel, we hear one of two conversations between Jesus and Pilate. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be. His kingship is one of being a servant and ultimately giving his life on the cross so that we might live and be saved. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

Regarding the meaning of this feast Pope Francis has reminded us that "Jesus is the center of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works." (Homily of Pope Francis, November 24, 2013).

With these simple words we are reminded that we must strive every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus and keep Him at the center of our hearts. We cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the "Kingship of Christ" means that we should daily dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bringing healing to a broken world.

## Parish Announcements:

This coming Thursday will be *Thanksgiving Day*. As is customary, we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 AM.. The collection at this 9 AM Mass will benefit our Outreach Team's many efforts to serve the needs of the poor in our community. You are most welcome to bring any food that will be used at your table at home to be blessed at this Mass. Likewise, we will be distributing blessed bread (with a prayer) so that you can take it home with you. In addition, a Cornucopia will be displayed in the church and following Mass, all will be invited to come forward and take something home to share with your family. In all of these gestures, we show an intimate connection between the "parish church" and your home, the "domestic church." We hope and pray that with whatever plans you have made for Thanksgiving this year, your day will be truly special and blessed!

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 **\$ 72,385**. 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.