

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:

Nicole Giacche

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

Anne Sprissler

PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 610-688-1178

WEBSITE: olastrafford.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 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

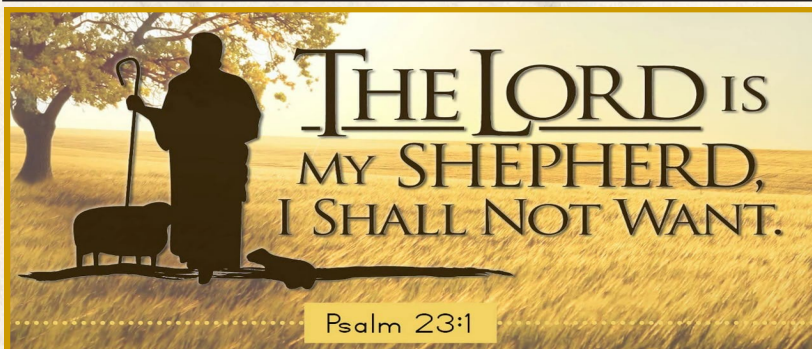
Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

November 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes
prior to all Masses next weekend.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday – November 25, 2023****St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

- 9:00 Agnes McCafferty, 8th Anniv.
by The McCafferty Family
- 5 PM Deceased Members of The Rodgers &
Montemurro Families
by Richard & Rosemary Ise

**Sunday, November 26, 2023****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

- 7:00 Peggy Barbera
by Peter & Maria Recchi & Family
- 8:30 For the People of the Parish
- 10 AM Albert R. DiDario by The OLA Choir
- Monday - November 27, 2023**
- 8:00 Chloe Randolph by Judy Tolan & Family
- Tuesday - November 28, 2023**
- 8:00 Mary & Frank Lutz by The Lutz Family
- Wednesday - November 29, 2023**
- 8:00 Maryann Piper
by Brother, Jack & Anne Rogers

Thursday - November 30, 2023**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**

- 8:00 Special Intentions of Eustace Wolfington
by Daughter, Mary & Zachary DeCarlo

Friday - December 1, 2023**First Friday**

- 8:00 Maryann Piper by Charlie & Mary Tornetta
- Saturday – December 2, 2023**

First Saturday

- 9:00 Deceased Members of The Tornetta Family
by Charlie & Mary Tornetta

- 5 PM Julia D'Antonio by Her Children

Sunday, December 3, 2023**1st Sunday of Advent**

- 7:00 Rev. Antonio Scialabba, Pastor
- 8:30 Gerard Custer by The Slifer Family
- 10 AM Jacques Gordon, Sr. by The OLA Choir

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Stephen Filippone, 10th Anniv.

Week of: **November 26, 2023**

By: His Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS**Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family:**

Nicole LaMonaca, Ed Drill, Anthony Ciarlone, Elsa Marsili, Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, 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, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Ed Rofi, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Ann Koltay, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Erin & Noah Vandiver, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, John Catalanotto, Nicole Giacche, Bella Reid, Elizabeth Maratea, Julia Whalon, Mike Long, Kristen Boyer, Goldie Trowery, Mary Lewis, Jim Spang, Brian Hunsberger, Carla Santoleri, Helen Carver, Ronnie Kelly, Jerry Rineer, Marian Quick, Ralph D'Ignazio, Martha Marcantonio, Mark Michaels, Dave Flinn, Joe Ellis, Jessica Recchi, Joyce Kleiber, John H. Shelsy, Joseph Carver, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt & Di McTiernan, Amie Hamel & Carol Barbera.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:

John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati,
Matthew Wilson & Bryan Dixon.

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. 10th!**

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. 11th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour & teaching series on the Holy Eucharist from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Whom do I overlook and in whom do I fail to see Christ? How can I force myself to look past surface impressions?

PREP

We encourage any PREP family who might be interested in reviewing or updating their knowledge of the Mass to attend the special "Dry Mass" presented by Father Carey in the Church on Dec. 2 and again on Dec. 9. This is a teaching session to clarify any questions about what actually happens during Mass and will be especially helpful in working with your children.

We encourage all families to remember that Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a holy day of obligation. Please check the Bulletin for Mass times on this day!

We continue to collect toiletries for our Outreach for Camilla Hall Infirmary!

OLA ADVENT CELEBRATION

We are having our all-parish, all ages celebration in Assumption Hall on **Sun., 12/17 from 11 AM - 1 PM** including music and a Christmas Carol sing-Along as well as crafts & fun activities, and refreshments. Free-will donations of baby formula & new born clothing welcome. Contact Marie Gordon 610-513-0039 or Patty Donato 610-585-9656 to volunteer to help!

REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF THE MASS

On Sat., Dec. 2nd and 9th - 11 AM to 12 Noon Fr. Carey will walk us through what is known as *missa sicca* – a "dry Mass" where he will explore what the Mass means, what we say, what we do, and why it matters. Part One (12/2): Liturgy of the Word. Part Two (12/9): Liturgy of the Eucharist.

AOP METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church, or are remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-03750 or go to:

www.archphila.org.

BE ENCOURAGED

Is a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers & ministries that can assist with recovery & healing. Information cards are available in the vestibules of the church or at: www.archphila.org/support.

Assumption Academy News!

We are Thankful!

We count our blessings every day, and you are always among them. Thank you to all of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish for supporting our school through prayer and gifts and talent.

Gobble Gobble God Bless You

Mommy and Me is so much fun! Come get out of the cold and join us Mondays at 9:30



Beginning again December 4th
<https://assumption.academy/>

**STEWARDSHIP**

| YTD Weekend of: | 11/18/2023 | 11/19/2022 |
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| Collection: | \$93,717 | \$92,204 |
| Electronic Giving: | \$45,615 | \$46,418 |
| TOTAL | \$139,332 | \$138,621 |

PASTOR'S CORNER



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Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. This last Sunday in Ordinary Time signals the end of the Church's liturgical year. The Solemnity of Christ the King brings to our attention the all-encompassing authority of Jesus Christ as King and Lord of all.

Jesus' claim to kingship, His claim to actually be God walking among His people, was very divisive during His life. Those who encountered Him either became His followers or else sought to crucify Him. The same remains true for us today. His claim to be a King requires us to make a choice; we either dismiss Him as irrelevant, or we have to follow Him with our whole heart. Today's Gospel makes that very clear. This Gospel is a "wake-up" call about what it means to claim Christ as our King. To choose Him, to be in His Kingdom, we have to follow His example of service; follow His example of giving of Himself for others. Four times in the Gospel, we hear the criteria to which we will be judged: Did we feed the hungry? Did we give drink to the thirsty? Did we welcome the stranger? Did we clothe the naked? Did we visit the sick? Did we go to those in prison? Jesus makes it crystal clear, when we serve the least of our brothers and sisters, we are serving Him. And it is by serving Him that we will find eternal life.

As was said before, this Solemnity signals the end of the Church's liturgical year. When we come to the end of a year, it is common to take some time and reflect back on the events of that year. It is appropriate then for us today to reflect back on how well we have lived up to Christ our King's expectations. How well have we served our King? How well have we cared for the least of our brothers and sisters?

As we approach the upcoming Advent Season, we should resolve to open our hearts to those who are the least among us, those with whom our King most closely identifies, those whom He calls us to serve. So that when our time comes to stand before Him, there won't be any surprises. We will know Him and He will know us. And the words we will hear will be those most welcome words: *"Come O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

This weekend we welcome our Scouts (Boy Scouts of America) who will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all of our Masses. Please take the time to thank and encourage them and let us pray that God will continue to bless their good works and that they will have great success in this annual fundraiser held this time of year.

This coming Saturday (12/2) and the following (12/9) you are invited to come and rediscover the beauty and richness of the Mass. A two-part series will be offered on the Mass as part of our Advent Faith Formation series. Part One on 12/2 will be on the Liturgy of the Word and Part Two on 12/9 will be the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will take a "walk through the Mass" and offer explanations as we go along in hopes of opening ourselves up to a better understanding of this great mystery of our faith. We will explore what the Mass means, what we say, what we do, and why it matters! The sessions will be held in the church from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon with time for questions and answers followed by light refreshments. Come and renew your devotion to the Holy Eucharist during the holy season of Advent.

Our Advent Giving Trees are up in the Church. We encourage you to take tags home with you to remember the poor and needy at this special time of year. Gifts tags on the trees include opportunities to donate gift cards as well as various types of warm clothing for winter, etc. You may return the gift (unwrapped and with the tag attached) to the church vestibule or in the Giving Room. Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 10th as they will be delivered to St. Patrick's in Norristown on Monday, December 11th. We thank you for your generosity to the poor and needy, especially at this time of year.

Finally, our parish Annual Appeal continues. This year's appeal is especially important as we need to repair four major support beams in our church roof that have separated and have now compromised the building. Because of its scope and urgency, this is our only designated project for this year. The total estimate of this project is \$185,000. As of this writing, we have received \$49,611 in donations. I sincerely thank all those who have already generously contributed, and I encourage those who have not done so yet, to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to help repair our beautiful church.

Once again, I am very grateful for all you do to care for and support our parish. I wish you and yours a blessed week ahead!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey