

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

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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

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 21:27-28

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



December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

To you,
O Lord,
I lift my soul.
Ps. 25:1



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - December 2, 2024

- 8:00 The People of The Parish

Tuesday - December 3, 2024

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

- 8:00 Rev. Antonio Scialabba, Pastor

Wednesday - December 4, 2024

St. John Damascene,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Dante “Dan” Sciaratta
by Richard & Rosemary Ise

Thursday - December 5, 2024

- 8:00 Antonitta Nelson by Gail & Steve Nelson

Friday - December 6, 2024

First Friday

St. Nicholas, Bishop

- 8:00 Robrt Engelhard by Maryann Lutz

Saturday – December 7, 2024

First Saturday

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 9 AM Helen C. Kincade by Joanne & Susan
- 5 PM Anthony Russo
by John & Anita Catalanotto

Sunday, December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 John S. Sabatino by Joseph M. Smith
- 8:30 Egidio “Jiggs” DiMarcantonio, Birthday
by Wife, Tina & Children
- 10 AM Jennifer Emmi Fiorini, 4th Anniv
by Mom & Dad

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Shelly Powell
Week of: **December 1, 2024**
By: Richard & Julie McCormick

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do to prioritize Christ’s coming over all the persistent anxieties of the season? Can I take ten minutes of each day this Advent to pray?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
Week of: **December 1, 2024**
By: Erma Giacche

PREP

Thanksgiving is a special time when we give thanks for all the good God has done for us! We hope all enjoyed this special day of celebration!

There will be no PREP class today, Sunday, Dec. 1st & tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 2nd.

We are grateful to all who support our PREP Outreach Projects. We are still collecting toiletries for Camilla Hall Infirmary. This effort will end on Dec. 16th and items will be brought to Camilla Hall before Christmas Day!


Our next Family Catechesis session will be on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 9:45 AM in Assumption Hall.

A special "Advent & Holiday Party" sponsored by the Worship & Fellowship Committee will be held on Sat., Dec. 14th in Assumption Hall. All families are invited to participate and enjoy the anticipation of the beautiful feast of Christmas! Bring Mary, our Mother, a present (for Baby's Breath), see Santa and enjoy activities & treats from 10 AM - 12 Noon.

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. 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.**

"WAITING FOR JESUS" OLA ADVENT SOCIAL

All families are invited to sign up and attend our annual Advent Social on Sat., Dec. 14th from 10 AM - 12 Noon in Assumption Hall. Bring a gift for a baby to Mary: diapers (newborn) or clothes for boys or girls (sizes: 0 - 6 months) or 18 months for boys. Scan the QR code  to let us know that you are coming!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & ADVENT CONFESSIONS
from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesdays



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Advent is a beautiful time of year at Assumption Academy. There is nothing quite like the innocence and anticipation we see here at school all Advent long. We help the children to focus on the coming of Jesus' birthday. They get so excited planning & preparing for this special day.



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:	11/17/2024	11/19/2023
Collection:	\$ 112,691	\$ 97,499
Electronic Giving:	\$ 55,851	\$ 49,910
TOTAL	\$ 168,542	\$ 147,409

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL to-date: \$ 93,735

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER



Greetings from your parish next door. Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers, the pastor of St. Katharine of Siena Parish. As you know, your beloved pastor, Fr. Carey, is currently taking a leave of absence as granted by Archbishop Perez. Msgr. Angelo Citino was appointed parochial administrator pro tem a few weeks ago to assist where needed. Unfortunately, Msgr. Citino recently learned that he has some cardiac issues that need attention so he has asked to be relieved of this appointment. Archbishop Pérez asked me to succeed him; after all, we're less than two miles apart! As parochial administrator pro tem, I provide temporary administrative assistance in the name of your pastor. I have met with several of your staff members as well as your resident priest, Fr. Agustin Kassa, and can see that everything is rather well in place. But, I will be available to assist at your parish whenever necessary. In the meantime, please continue to keep Fr. Carey in your prayers for a rapid recovery and quick return!

Meditation on the Gospel:

This weekend we celebrate the *First Sunday of Advent*. We begin another new liturgical year and, as the Church reminds us, another Year of Grace. Throughout this holy season we will reflect upon Our Lord's coming at the end of time, His coming at Christmas and hopefully, His coming truly into our hearts. To help you enter this season more fruitfully, we are once again providing our Advent meditation books at the doors of the church. We invite you to take one home so that you might reflect each day on the meaning of this season.

The timeless message of Advent is an invitation and is also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared "...there will be signs". Waiting is not something that we are usually good at in our modern times. The world tells us to move faster in so many ways. We have smart phones, emails and microwave ovens that all "help" us to get through our busy days. However Advent asks each of us to do the very opposite. During these sacred days of preparation, we are being asked to take some time to be still and silent as we prepare ourselves deeply for Christ's coming at Christmas. While we can't simply ignore the shops, the media and the advertisements over the next few weeks, neither can we ignore the words and message of Jesus in today's Gospel; *"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap...Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."*

If we get too caught up in the shopping and spending, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. This is what the call to "be vigilant" means. We are asked not to miss then these next four weeks of Advent. We are asked to prepare and get ready spiritually in our hearts as best we can as followers of Jesus. It would be so sad, that if after the shopping and all the other preparations, we missed out on the gift of the Advent season and its "joyful and hopeful" message. As the Church celebrates another "Year of Grace", may we enter into Advent (this new year of grace) wisely and thus be prepared for Christ at all times. May you and your families have a spiritually fruitful & blessed Advent.

Parish Announcements:

Once again, we have placed our OLA Giving Trees at both exits of the Church. We encourage you to take tags home with you to remember the poor & needy at this special time of year. We are collecting for the families at St. Patrick's Parish in Norristown, PA. Please consider taking a tag (or two) home with you. Return the gift (**unwrapped & with the tag attached**) to the church vestibule or in the Giving Room by Dec. 8th. We thank you for your generosity to the poor & needy especially at this time of year.

Our Annual Appeal began in October. As of this date, we have raised a total of **\$ 93,735**. Thank you for all the generous responses received to-date and to all for doing whatever you can, within your means, to support OLA.

Families are invited to attend our Annual OLA Advent Social for Children: **"Waiting for Jesus"** on Sat., Dec. 14th from 10 AM–12 NOON in Assumption Hall! We will welcome Mary as she gets ready for Jesus' birth, enjoy refreshments, make Advent-themed crafts and sing Advent songs. There will be a visit from Santa! A free-will donation of newborn & large diapers, clothing for newborn boys & girls (0 to 6 mo.) or boys clothes over 18 months are welcome. We will donate them to A Baby's Breath, A Crisis Pregnancy Center in Wayne. Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

