NEW 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:
Rev. Augustin Kassa, SMA

PERMANENT DEACON:
Deacon John Rose

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Rick West

OFFICE MANAGER/ PARISH SECRETARY:
RoseAnn Westerfer

BUSINESS MANAGER:
Nicole Giacche

OFFICE PHONE: 610-688-1178
WEBSITE: olastrafford.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 4 PM

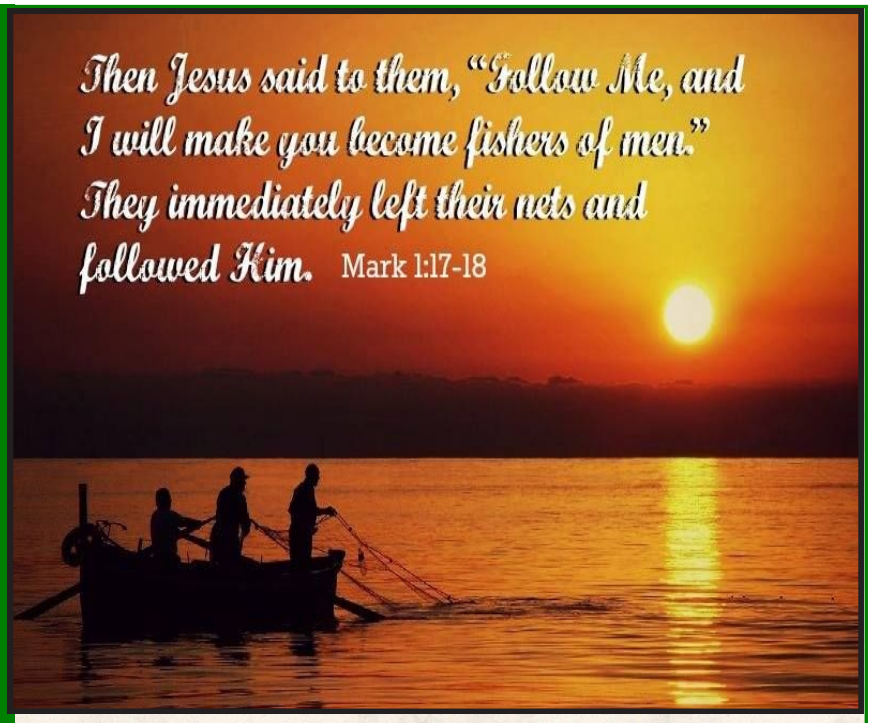
Emergencies
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

PREP OFFICE
Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM
610-688-6590

OLA CONVENT – IHM SISTERS
Phone: 610-688-7889

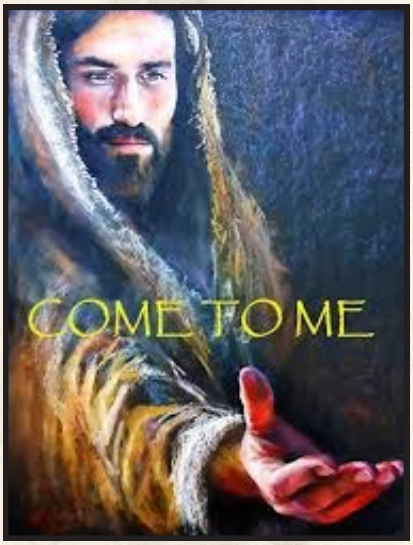


Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

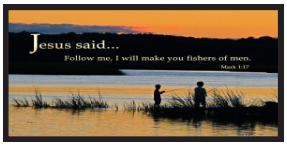
MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



LITURGY & WORSHIP

Masses for the Week

Saturday - January 23, 2021
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
9 AM Carolyn Giangiulio
by Tony & Yolanda Falcone
5 PM Concetta Martino by Maryann Lutz



Sunday, January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Catholic Schools Week
7 AM Lee Paolantonio by Her Family
8:30 Betty Kincade by The Slifer Family
10 AM Carolyn Giangiulio by Lisa & Larry Mari
Monday - January 25, 2021
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE
8:00 Carolyn Giangiulio by Filomena Piccirelli & For The People of the Parish
Tuesday - January 26, 2021
Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
8:00 Robert Fasy by Fran & Joe Schuda
Wednesday - January 27, 2021
St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
8:00 Julia Yanak
by Her Sister, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM
Thursday - January 28, 2021
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00 Joan Giovanni
Friday - January 29, 2021
8:00 Carolyn Giangiulio
by Tony & Chris Odorisio
Saturday - January 30, 2021
9 AM Increased Membership in Legion of Mary
by OLA Legion of Mary
5 PM Elizabeth Kincade by Jane Charpentier
Sunday, January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 AM Charles "Bud" Tolan, Birthday
by Son, Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan
8:30 Carolyn Giangiulio
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
10 AM Denise Marchandeau
by Tom & Anne Claire Dolley

Sanctuary Lamp is Burning

For: Joan Giovanni
From: ***Jan. 22, 2021 to Jan. 28, 2021***
By: Husband, John

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, Msgr. McDonough, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, Nick & Kelly Sciarratta, Barbara Pupek, Charlotte Krutsick, Catherine Harmer, Eileen Piombino, John Becker, Janet Fleming, Holly Weaver, Agatha & Carol Annino, Bob Iatesta, Louise Fehn, Gabe Yervelli, Msgr. Marino, Milena Trosini, Alison Colodonato, Sean Mahoney, Baby Flynn, Yolanda Price, Zaira Silveri, Dottie Cappelli, Russell Demanczyk, Dominic Toscani, Fran Neary, William Vare, Hugh Rineer, Veronica Kelly, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Nello DeFlaviis, Joseph Carver, Gina Pine, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Ed Rofi, Gina Falcone, Anita Moscia, Maria DiGiacomo, Rick West, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Anita Koltay, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Giulio Odorisio, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Erin & Noah Vandiver & Buddy Daniel.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: Lauren A. Seedor, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati & Matthew Wilson.

Please remember in your prayers Elizabeth Ann Neely, the deceased mother of parishioner, Bette Jo Rose. May her soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

OLA Outreach Open During Coronavirus Pandemic

Outreach is helping those in need in the OLA community during this pandemic. Donations can continue to be made to the Giving Room. **Diapers (Size 5 & 6 especially) & wipes are dearly in demand.** If you find yourself in need, or conversely, would like to offer assistance, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178, email parishoffice@olastrafford.org, or calling Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482. A member of the Outreach Team will contact you. God bless you!

Brother's House

Assisting homeless men in Norristown is in desperate need of **clean new socks & boxer shorts (XL & XXL & XXXL)**. Please drop off in the Giving Room.

Baby's Breath in Wayne

In need of formula, baby food, bottles, diapers & wipes. Please drop off in the Giving Room.

Question of the Week:

The kingdom of God is at hand, within reach. How can I answer God's call and commit myself to help realize the kingdom of God here and now?

FAITH FORMATION

PREP

We are preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance & First Holy Communion. Penance will be on March 17 & First Communion on April 24. More info will be sent to the parents of Level 3 students. If there are any students attending an Academy or another local Catholic School or PREP Program, they should contact Sr. Rita as soon as possible to be included in these ceremonies. The Sacraments are usually administered in the PARISH IN WHICH THE FAMILY IS REGISTERED. Please call with any questions.

We will be sending information to Parents of all Levels for the administration of the annual KidSafe Program lesson. There are some specific details regarding this and will be sent soon.

There will be no livestream Parent PROGRAM for February but a packet of activities for Lent & Easter will be sent soon. Thank you for all you, as parents, are doing to insure the success of our "virtual classes". We are grateful for the support!

Please contact Sr. Rita Marian with any questions/concerns at **610-688-6590** or rmangelilli@olastrafford.org.

STEWARDSHIP

CHRISTMAS 2020
including Electronic Parish Giving
YTD TOTALS AS OF
1/13/2021: $34,927 1/15/2020: $35,912
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are - 2.7 % less than 2019-2020.

SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS**
(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)
On 1/10/2021: $9,017 1/12/2020: $4,774
***** OTHER COLLECTIONS INCLUDE: HOLY DAYS, CHRISTMAS and EASTER FLOWERS***
Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on 1/13/2021: $2,497.50
CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving
1/13/2021: $226,136 1/15/2020: $240,242
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are - 5.9 % less than 2019-2020.

IMPROVEMENT FUND
including Electronic Parish Giving
YTD TOTALS AS OF
1/13/2021: $20,208 1/15/2020: $16,506
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are + 22.4 % more than 2019-2020.

We thank you for your generosity!

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2021 News

January 2021

Tours are available by appointment only! Email pwelsh@olastrafford.org to reserve a spot today!

You can learn more about the NEW programs available like: half & full day classes for 2 year olds, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Hear about our great CARES program. Get information on scholarships, meet all of our animal friends and visit the STREAM lab! Teachers will be on hand to answer questions and share with you the wonderful things that take place in their classrooms.

2021-2022 REGISTRATION begins 1/24
Call for more information: 610-688-5277.
ww.assumptionacademy.weebly.com

ST. BLAISE MEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Due to the overwhelming concerns associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's retreat will be offered as a 1 day retreat, Sat., Feb. 6 from 8 AM - 5PM. Safety protocols include the wearing of masks & wellness checks. The retreat theme is **"Deepening Your Faith in Jesus Christ."** If you would prefer to attend virtually, please do so, it is a great option. You can register on the MRH website: www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-curran-memorial-4/. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Anthony Gentile at 610-513-6834.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. With this Sunday we begin reading from the Gospel of Mark. John the Baptist has been arrested and Jesus now sets out to proclaim the Good News from God.

Jesus is beginning his public ministry and so he starts to call people to follow him. Did you ever notice that Jesus always made a point of meeting and calling people wherever he found them? He met and called Matthew (Levi) the tax collector when he was counting his money. He met and called the Samaritan woman when she came to the well for water.

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they are doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't necessarily on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, *I have called you by your name, you are mine* and that *I have written your name on the palms of my hands*. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us!

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who we are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, "*Come follow me.*" Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way. The important thing to remember and realize is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name. He is still inviting us to follow him with these words, *if you want to be my disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me.*

After Jesus called these men and women to follow he sent them out in his name to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in *his* name, not their own. Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what we do. This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, what is *your* response?

As you may have heard already, this current year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To commemorate this important anniversary, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named this year a holy year (December 8th, 2020-December 8th, 2021) dedicated to St. Joseph and has accompanied this commemoration with an Apostolic Letter addressed to the entire Universal Church. In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis highlights the unique role of Saint Joseph in the life of the Church. Outlined in it are three pillars, we might say, for the observance of this year dedicated to St. Joseph which are simply; to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

With that in mind, last Wednesday the Archdiocese of Philadelphia hosted a webinar for pastors and catechists which explored this letter and further explained the reason for our Holy Father's initiative to celebrate this year. In addition, we discussed the many ways we will celebrate it here in our Archdiocese and also ways that we might celebrate this year fruitfully in our local parishes. With this in mind, I look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks and months ahead the ways that we here at Our Lady of the Assumption will commemorate this anniversary and celebrate the life of this great saint. It is my hope to increase our prayers with reflections and various devotions to him, to look to his virtues to enrich and strengthen our own faith, and to celebrate the Eucharist in his honor with even greater frequency, joy and solemnity. We will keep you informed as this year unfolds as to the ways that we hope to honor St. Joseph on this important 150th anniversary.

Once again, I thank you all for your continued generosity and support for our parish. It means so much! Until next week, may God continue to bless you and your families.

Love and prayers, Fr. Carey

PASTOR'S CORNER