

Then... and Now

Our Lady of the Assumption



Photographer unknown, early 1922. Courtesy Our Lady of the Assumption Historical Committee.



Photographer: Mike Bertram, 2007.

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish was founded one hundred years ago in Strafford. Initially services were held in an old frame building that had been moved from nearby Strafford Ave. In 1921, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia acquired additional land on Old Eagle School Road, where local stonemasons and parishioners completed the construction of the church in 1922. Father Anthony Scialabba can be seen standing at the foot of the steps in the picture at left.

The church rectory, on the right side of the photo below, was completed later in 1922. Both church and rectory were constructed with limestone quarried in Howellville.

A newly-written history of the parish, celebrating its hundred-year history, may be ordered from the church's website, www.olastrafford.org.