

## 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

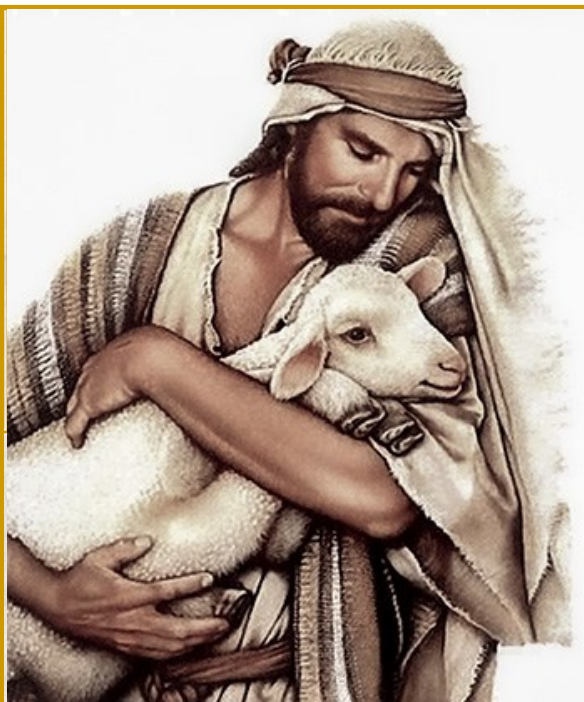
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### PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

### ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

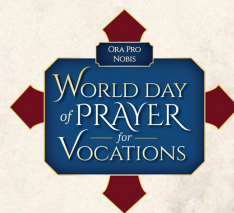
Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



“I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father... There will be one flock, one shepherd.”

~ John 10:11-18

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



April 21, 2024  
4th SUNDAY of  
EASTER

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



THE STONE THE  
BUILDERS  
REJECTED HAS  
BECOME THE

**CORNERSTONE.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

*Come spend an hour with Jesus!*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday – April 20, 2024**

- 9 AM Vivian Couchara by Jack & Anne Rogers
- 5 PM Henry “Hank” Ginnona  
by The Slifer Family



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**4th SUNDAY of EASTER**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

- 7:00 Hugh McCafferty  
by The McCafferty Family
- 8:30 Marie Audet  
by Daughter, Marguerite Paolantonio
- 10 AM Darlene Daniels  
by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

**Monday - April 22, 2024**

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday - April 23, 2024**

**St. George, Martyr**

**St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

- 8:00 Nicole Giacche by Jan Grob

**Wednesday - April 24, 2024**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

- 8:00 Rose Lemma & Janet Manion  
by Maria Lemma & Family

**Thursday - April 25, 2024**

**ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

- 8:00 Darlene Daniels by Paulette & Bob Ward

**Friday - April 26, 2024**

- 8:00 Nicole Caputo  
by Mark Phillips & Erin Farmer

**Saturday – April 27, 2024**

- 9 AM Mary Schaffer by Jeanne Marley
- 5 PM Sandoro D’Ignazio by His Sons & Family

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**5th SUNDAY of EASTER**

- 7:00 Thuong Nguyen  
by Daughters, Jenny, Mary & Tina
- 8:30 Anthony Pelusi  
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM Evelyn & Tony Morelli  
by The Piombino Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Elaine Thomas  
**Week of: April 21, 2024**  
 By: Mom, Tina DiMarcantonio

**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, 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, 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, Bella Reid, Elizabeth Maratea, 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, Carol Barbera, Mike Howley, Tammy Kohal, Theresa Flanagan & Allison Rogge.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:

John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati and Matthew Wilson.

**OUTREACH HELP**

Outreach helps those in need in our community. Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you find yourself in need, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or calling Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482.

**ITEMS COLLECTED BY OUTREACH:**

- ◇ ◇ **Dry & canned food/pantry items**  
*(OLA food pantry is extremely low)*
- ◇ ◇ Frozen casseroles  
*(pans & recipes in the Giving Room)*
- ◇ ◇ Gently used Men’s shirts, pants/jeans & sweat-shirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles  
Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ◇ ◇ Cleaning supplies

**OLA PLANNED GIVING**

All parishioners & friends of Our Lady of the Assumption Church are kindly asked to consider including OLA in their will & estate planning.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?

### PREP

The Parish First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM**. Please keep our students and their families in your prayer at this special time. No pictures can be taken during the Mass but a photographer will be present for a group photo and individual photos at the reception of the Sacrament. Copies of these photos will be available for pick-up in the Parish office as soon as they are completed! You will be notified of the date by email.

### AOP METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce & who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced & 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](http://www.archphila.org).

### BE ENCOURAGED

This website offers links to find Catholic doctors, local crisis response phone numbers & ministries that can assist with recovery & healing for those who are experiencing mental health struggles. Info is available at: [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support).

### APRIL IS ABORTION RECOVERY MONTH

Are you or someone you love hurting from an abortion? You're not alone. You can find the peace, healing and forgiveness you so deeply desire. Contact [Office@RachelsVineyard](mailto:Office@RachelsVineyard) or call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME.

### OMYA YOUNG ADULT RETREAT WITH FR. STEVE DELACY & FR. TIMOTHY TARNACKI, OSPPE

Beginning on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM until Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in St. Joseph's Hall at the Malvern Retreat House  
Cost: \$175 (includes meals & lodging)  
For more information, please contact [pland@malvernretreat.com](mailto:pland@malvernretreat.com) or 484-321-2538.



## ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



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Gold metals are nice but we would rather be winners after the Go For the Gold Raffle!

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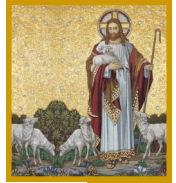
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## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Fourth Sunday of Easter* and because of the Gospel proclaimed to us each year, this Sunday is also commonly referred to as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. Now for many of us today who live in large cities and/or housing estates, we don’t often see many shepherds herding sheep. The language and images in the Gospel can seem a bit outdated and strange to us today and may even be outside many people’s experiences altogether.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe Himself and His relationship with us. At the time of Jesus, shepherds were very much a part of daily life for many people. When Jesus uses the image and symbol of the shepherd, the people to whom He was speaking would have understood what He was talking about immediately. But what does the image of Jesus the shepherd mean for us today? While sheep all look the same to us, a shepherd knows each of them individually. When a shepherd calls a sheep, the sheep recognizes the voice and with confidence and trust responds. Just as the shepherd knows the sheep, the sheep knows and trusts the shepherd. The shepherd guides and protects the sheep. The sheep go where the shepherd leads them.

While it is true that we are not sheep, it is also true that the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. We are not all the same to Jesus. He loves each of us personally and intimately. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this when he writes, *“I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.”* If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus love and care for each of us?

Jesus does not force us to listen to His voice when he calls us. He invites us to follow Him freely. The choice whether or not to respond is ours. We may take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us by our name; He will wait until we do respond.

Jesus does not call and ask us to follow Him just for the sake of it. He offers us not only the fullness of life; He offers us the fullness of His life. Jesus came so that each of us may have life and have it to the fullest. This fullness of life is offered to us here and now, not some time in the future.

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realize how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith and gratitude. May we follow where He leads us!

Last Sunday we had our retreat for our candidates for First Holy Communion at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, Pa. I want to thank Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM (our Director of Religious Education) as well as Mrs. Christine Gaeto for all their time and hard work in preparing our young children to receive our Lord in Holy Communion this coming April 27<sup>th</sup>. I would ask you to continue to pray for them, that their love and joy for the Lord will only increase day by day.

Last weekend we also welcomed Bishop Keith Chylinski to celebrate the 10:00 Mass with us. It was a beautiful day not only for the weather but also for the people who came and the beautiful Liturgy that was celebrated. As you know, Bishop Keith Chylinski was a former parishioner and so we might say a “son” of the parish. We were able to gift him with a complete set of Mass vestments thankfully to your kind donations over the past few weeks, and we had a wonderful social in our parish hall afterwards to allow many of you to greet and chat with him. I want to thank all of the liturgical ministers who served that day, especially our choir whose music always uplifts us. Under the direction of Anne Sprissler and accompanied by Maria Dell’Orefice they certainly made this historic occasion even more special. Again, I thank all of you, my dear parishioners who so kindly gave donations to Bishop Chylinski. No doubt he will remember us always when he wears his new vestments for his ministry in the Church. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not thank all who helped to coordinate the social after Mass, especially Millie Slifer. We had delicious refreshments and the hall was decorated beautifully. Thank you so much to all who made this historic occasion so special!

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter as we make our Easter journey towards Pentecost Sunday. And I thank you all for the prayerful and financial sacrifices you make for us here at Our Lady of the Assumption. All that you do is so greatly appreciated and know that you and your families are remembered in prayer.

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*

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