

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

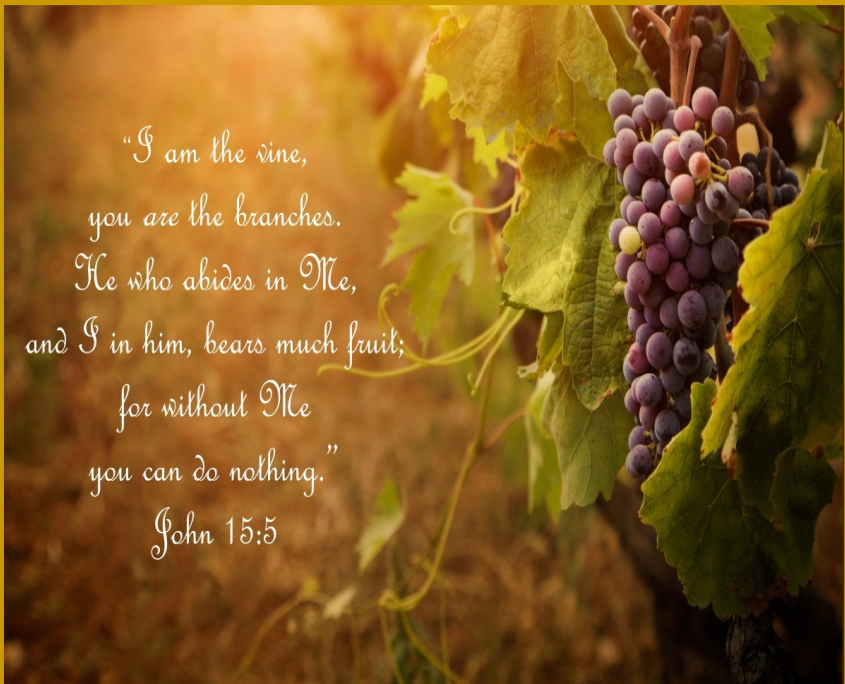
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



"I am the vine,
you are the branches.
He who abides in Me,
and I in him, bears much fruit;
for without Me
you can do nothing."

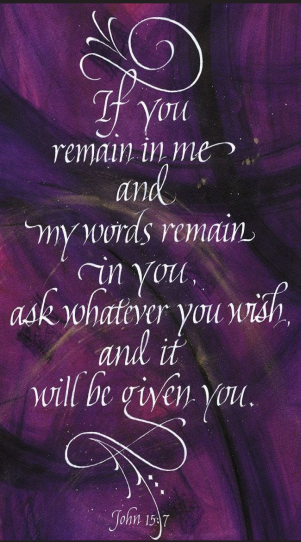
John 15:5

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

April 28, 2024

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



"I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your
people" Psalm 22:26

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - April 29, 2024

**St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 1st LT Travis Manion
by Maria Lemma & Family

Tuesday - April 30, 2024

St. Pius V, Pope

- 8:00 Frances Reilly by Christine He &
SKS Walking With Purpose Friends

Wednesday - May 1, 2024

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

- 8:00 Special Intentions of John Catalanotto
by Mary Ann Belmonte

Thursday - May 2, 2024

St. Athanasius,

**Bishop & Doctor of the Church
National Day of Prayer**

- 8:00 Nicole Giacche
by Emma Albanese & Erin Farmer

Friday - May 3, 2024

STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

First Friday

- 8:00 Joseph & Lydia Borzillo, Sr.
by Joseph & Karen Borzillo, Jr.

Saturday – May 4, 2024

First Saturday

- 9 AM Special Intentions of Heeja Cecilia Kim
by Leah Kim-Tomilson
- 5 PM Pierre Cordani, 2nd Anniv.
by The Dolley Family

Sunday, May 5, 2024

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

- 7:00 George Faha by The McCafferty Family
- 8:30 Sheila T. O’Connor by Maryanne Higbee
- 10 AM Peter Dell’Orefice, 37th Anniv.
by Son, James & Michelle Dell’Orefice

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 & Vince Buggy.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How will I bear fruit this week . . . at home, at work or school, and in my community?

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Michele Perkins
Week of: April 28, 2024
 By: Richard & Julie McCormick

PREP

Our Confirmation Class will have an extended Class period today, 4/28/2024 from 11:15 AM until 1 PM to allow for a practice session for the Confirmation Ceremony on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 AM. Robes will be distributed at this time also. Please pray for these students and their families at this special time in their lives.

Looking Ahead: Our Annual May Procession and Devotion will be on Monday, May 13th at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful tribute to Mary, the Mother of God!

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.

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.

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 or call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME.

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

Beginning on Friday, May 3rd at 6 PM until Sunday May 5th 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 or 484-321-2538.



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Would you like to help us Go For the Gold?

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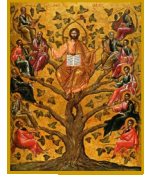
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FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Fifth Sunday of Easter*. Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' last words spoken at the Last Supper. It is interesting to note that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section of the Last Supper, Jesus' "farewell discourse". Jesus instructs His disciples about the importance of following His example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Him and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' intimate and heartfelt prayer for His disciples. Jesus speaks about His relationship to His disciples. He uses the metaphor of the "vine and the branches". In this passage, Jesus teaches them that His relationship with them will not end after His death; He will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and His disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that He began on earth. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love & reconciliation that He began.

Jesus also teaches His disciples about the importance of the words He has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will His words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in various ways today that show their commitment to love and serve their neighbor. Yes, Christians and even non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. However, these actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will always bear fruit if and when we carry them out in his name.

This weekend, we have inserted a flyer in the Parish Bulletin inviting all of our parishioners to join Our Lady of the Assumption's Flocknote page. Flocknote is a completely free mobile app that has been created for churches and ministries to disseminate communications and updates from and within the parish community. Communications such as funeral, wedding and sacrament announcements will be shared through Flocknote for those who wish to share updates. More information will be shared in the coming weeks but if you are interested in joining Flocknote now, you can either text MYOLA FAMILY to 84576 or simply scan the QR code that you find on the flyer this weekend. As I mentioned, we will be following up in the weeks ahead to provide more opportunities to take advantage of this initiative.

This weekend on Saturday, April 27th, we will have our parish celebration of First Holy Communion. I would ask you all to please pray for all of our young children who will celebrate this spiritual milestone in their lives, and that the love and joy for the Lord which they experience on this day will only grow stronger through the years. Congratulations!

Next weekend, on Saturday, May 4th, we will welcome Archbishop Edward Adams to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers as they prepare with great joy to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Also, on that same day we are looking forward to LOLA's annual Night at the Races to be held at the Italian American Club on Saturday, May 4th at 7 PM (doors open at 5:00). Reservations are still being taken for this event. You may RSVP by visiting olastrafford.org/races or you may call Marge DiGiacomo at (610) 909-5389. The cost is \$40.00 per person and all proceeds benefit Our Lady of the Assumption. I thank the Ladies of Our Lady of the Assumption for all of their hard work to make this a fun night for all.

Looking ahead, on Monday, May 13th we will celebrate our *Annual May Procession* and crown Mary, our Blessed Mother, as Queen of heaven and earth and our hearts. A simple devotional prayer service will be held in the church at 7:00 PM. A special ice cream social in Assumption Hall will continue the festivities of that night. We look forward to seeing you and your families there.

Thank you again for your generosity and all the sacrifices you make for our parish and to help others in need. We are blessed to have such a wonderful parish community and I appreciate all you do to keep our parish faith-filled, alive, and strong. May God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey