

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

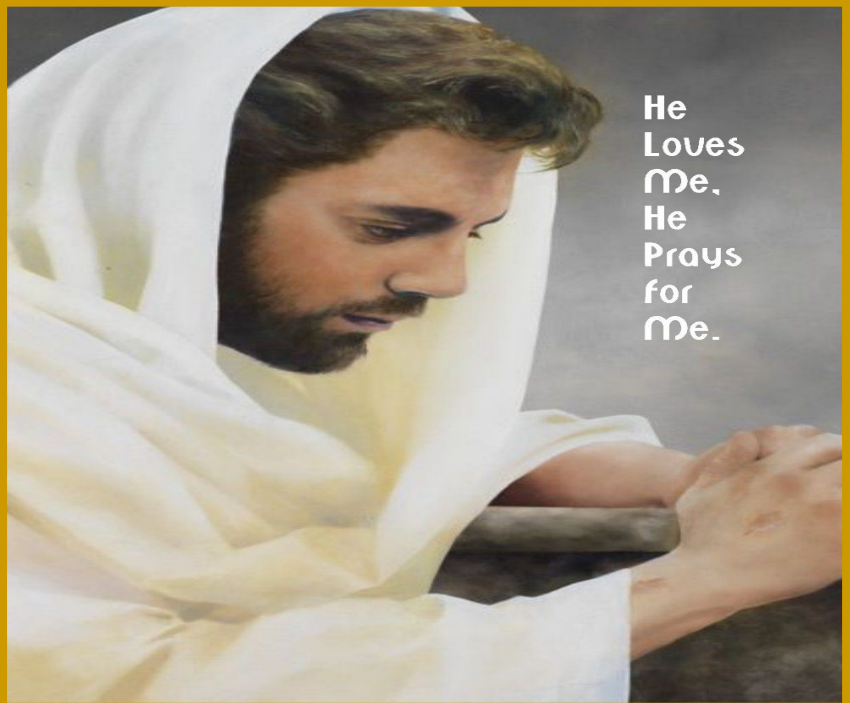
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



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

May 12, 2024

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

World Day for Social Communications

Happy Mother's Day

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR MOTHER'S HOME IN DARBY:

Please take a baby bottle to fill with a donation of change to help Mother's Home and return it on Father's Day, 6/16!

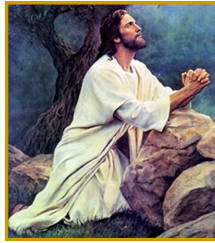
MAY PROCESSION tomorrow, Mon., 5/13 at 7 PM!

FLOWERS FOR SALE today to benefit Chester Co. Pro-Life Union.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – May 11, 2024

9 AM Msgr. James T. McDonough
 5 PM Carmela Calvarese
 by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese



Sunday, May 12, 2024
7th SUNDAY of EASTER

Mother's Day

World Day for Social Communications

7:00 All Mothers Living & Deceased
 8:30 All Mothers Living & Deceased
 10 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday - May 13, 2024

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8:00 Special Intentions of Weeja Cecilia Kim
 by Leah Kim-Tomilson

Tuesday - May 14, 2024

St. Mattias, Apostle

8:00 Clare Reynolds by Her Friends

Wednesday - May 15, 2024

St. Isidore

8:00 Frank Lutz by Jacinto & Beth Oliver

Thursday - May 16, 2024

8:00 Special Intentions of Stella Kim
 by Leah Kim-Tomilson

Friday - May 17, 2024

8:00 James Tomasso
 by Robert, Mildred & Millie Slifer

Saturday – May 18, 2024

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9 AM Roberta Brophy by Jeanne Marley
 5 PM Maria Norma Benigni. Birthday
 by Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

Sunday, May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:00 Nick Recchi
 by Wife, Antoinette Recchi & Family
 8:30 Special 25th Wedding Anniversary
 Intentions of Robert & Millie Slifer
 by Daughter, Millie
 10 AM Darlene Daniels
 by Mike, Cathy & Sophie Kunsch

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Elizabeth Marley & Roberta Brophy
 Week of: **May 12, 2024**
 By: Jeanne Marley

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our

parish family: Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, 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, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Ann Koltay, Ed Rofi, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, 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, 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 remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for John Hospodar, Jr., Dominic Toscani, Jr. & Marie-Claude Vittoz, mother of Anne-Claire Dolley. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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

FLORAL MEMORIAL



For: Special Intentions of the Ladies of OLA
 Week of: **May 12, 2024**
 By: Chris Renzi

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How have I experienced disunity with other Christians? How can I reconcile with those whom I disagree with?

PREP

Registrations for 2024-2025 PREP classes are due by May 31st!

We welcome and encourage all PREP families to attend our Annual May Procession and Crowning of our Blessed Mother on **Monday, May 13th at 7 PM—rain or shine!** Our end of PREP Year Ice Cream Social will be held immediately following the May Procession.



OLA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, the OLA Knights of Columbus are hosting their Pancake Breakfast in Assumption Hall from 7:30 AM - 12Noon. All are invited to come and enjoy eggs, sausage, pancakes, pastries, juice & coffee. There is no cost, A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the OLA Parish. What a beautiful way to celebrate the last Sunday of Easter!

IHM NUN RUN

Mark your calendars for Sat., 6/1/ 2024, for the 11th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 AM. Register by May 24. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home & health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: www.ihmnunrun.org.

JOIN OLA'S FLOCKNOTE PAGE!

Parishioners are encouraged to join Our Lady of the Assumption's Flocknote page which is a free mobile app created to assist parishes such as OLA to send communications & updates including funerals, weddings & sacrament announcements to the parish.

To join Flocknote now, either

1. text **MYOLAFAMILY** to **84576** or
2. scan the QR code below:



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ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Happy Mother's Day!

Would your mother like a chance to win \$10,000?

Go For the GOLD Raffle

The \$10,000 Raffle is back!

Each ticket is \$100.

The winning ticket will be drawn on May 18th.

Please contact the school office at pwelsh@assumption.academy if you would like to purchase a ticket.

Coming Soon!

Sts. Peter and Paul presents
The Music of Beverly McDevitt
 featuring "Angelorum"
 May 19th, 2024 4:00 PM

Renowned Composer and West Chester University graduate Beverly McDevitt presents her original works in concert. Please join us for an inspirational hour of music.

Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church
 1325 Boot Road, West Chester

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Seventh Sunday of Easter*. On this Sunday of Easter, we always read from the Seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus (oftentimes called His high Priestly Prayer), commending Himself to the Father and expressing His care and concern for His disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and His disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Himself and the Father. But now, we hear Jesus include all His disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. We also see in this prayer the distinction between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept His disciples with open arms. And so, we too, united with the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit, are sent into the world facing, at times, opposition ourselves. However, our Lord assures us that He is with us and prays that we will be protected until the end of time. So, like them, we now must proclaim His Light in a world often filled with darkness. We too are called to be "in the world" but not "of the world."

On this Mother's Day weekend, we remember in a special way our dear mothers both living and deceased. We will have a special blessing at all our Masses this weekend for them and we will also pray for them in the Prayers of the Faithful. Whether living or deceased, let us never forget our dear mothers and always seek to honor and remember them with profound love and respect. Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend, begins our Baby Bottle Drive for Mother's Home in Darby, PA. Baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses, and you are welcome to take them home and fill them with any spare change. The drive will conclude on the weekend of Father's Day, June 16th. Mother's Home does tremendous work for unwed mothers and their children. This is also a great opportunity to teach our young children about the value of helping others and making sacrifices for those in need in our world today. We thank you for considering participating in this drive and for helping mothers and children in need.

On Monday, May 13th we will celebrate our Annual May Procession and crown Mary, our Blessed Mother, as Queen of heaven and earth and within our hearts. We invite you and your families to join us in the church at 7 PM for this beautiful annual devotion. All are cordially invited to attend an ice cream social following devotions in Assumption Hall.

Last Friday, we had our annual May Procession with our kids at Assumption Academy. It was a wonderful event and it has become a tradition that afterwards we celebrate an event called "Muffins with Mom's". This is an opportunity to gather with mothers and/or any important women in the lives of our children to thank them and honor them and share food. I thank our principal Patty Welsh for her tireless dedication to our Academy and for making this event both spiritual and fun for all.

Everyone is invited to OLA's Book Club discussion of *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Father Jacque Philippe on Wednesday, May 22nd. Pizza and light refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM. I, Father Carey will lead our discussion starting at 7 PM. For more information and to RSVP to this event, please see the OLA website and vestibule bulletin boards.

Finally, next Sunday we will have our Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are invited to Assumption Hall after our morning Masses for a delicious breakfast prepared by our Knights. There is no charge for this breakfast, but as is customary a free-will offering will be kindly accepted and all proceeds will benefit our parish. A big thank you goes out to our Knights for providing this wonderful event that brings us together as a parish family.

This Thursday, May 16th I will celebrate 26 years as a priest. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to serve our parish. I am so blessed to be the pastor of such a wonderful parish family, and I appreciate all you do to help our parish remain faith-filled and strong.

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*