

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

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30AM - 4PM

Fri.: 8:30 AM - 12Noon

Emergencies

Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



"For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

~ Mark: 3:35

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Remember to return the
Baby Bottles for Mother's Home
by next Sunday, June 16, 2024
on Father's Day!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – June 8, 2024

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9 AM Msgr. Eugene Carbo, Pastor
- 5 PM Elizabeth “Betty” Tolan, 5th Anniv.
by Son, Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan

Sunday, June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Maria Tuyet Nguyen
by Her Sisters, Jenny, Mary & Tina
- 8:30 Special 50th Wedding Anniv.
Intentions for Robert & Louisa Seminole by Their Children, Rob & Natalie Seminole & Grandchildren
- 10 AM Joseph Bevilacqua
by Wife, Jovanna & Son, Fabio Bevilacqua

Monday - June 10, 2024

- 9:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday - June 11, 2024

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE

- 8:00 Monica Fair
by Son, John & Vickie Fair & Family

Wednesday - June 12, 2024

- 8:00 Rev. Joseph Vadino, Pastor

Thursday - June 13, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

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

Friday - June 14, 2024

- 8:00 Anthony & Ida Gambetta
by Daughter, Antoinette Recchi & Family

Saturday – June 15, 2024

- 9 AM Nicholas Moscia by Antoinette Recchi
- 5 PM Sebastiano Calvarese
by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

Sunday, June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Father’s Day!

- 7:00 All Fathers Living & Deceased
- 8:30 All Fathers Living & Deceased
- 10 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What kind of spiritual workout can I plan for myself? What will I do daily to renew my spiritual self?

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, 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 & Michael Kerns.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati and Matthew Wilson.

OUTREACH HELP

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 & sweatshirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles
Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ◇ Cleaning supplies

FLORAL MEMORIAL

For: In Honor of the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Week of: **June 7, 2024**

By: The McCafferty Family



ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: Giacomo & Genoeffa Trosini

Week of: **June 9, 2024**

By: Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family



SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Special Intentions of Bishop Daniel Thomas

Week of: **June 9, 2024**

By: Richard & Barbara Merman



PREP

Any late registrations can be sent or dropped off in the Parish Business Office during regular business hours. Classroom sizes will be limited so please register sooner rather than later!

2024 - 2025 OLA PREP Sacrament dates are:

Confirmation: Sun. 3/2/2025 at 10 AM
with Archbishop Nelson Perez presiding

First Penance: Thurs. 3/27/2025 at 7 PM

First Eucharist: Sat., 5/3/2025 at 10:30 AM

Students should complete 2 years of instruction prior to receiving the Sacrament mentioned above! May the summer afford you a time of rest & relaxation! PREP classes start in early Sept.!

JOIN OLA'S LECTOR MINISTRY!

We are looking for some additional lectors to read at the weekend Masses, especially at the 5 PM Sat. Vigil Mass & the 7 AM Sunday Mass. Anyone who would like to become a lector, can

- 1.) email Marguerite Paolantonio at mrsmpal1@gmail.com or
- 2.) leave a message on her cell phone at 484-919-5126 or
- 3.) contact the OLA Parish Office at 610-688-1178 to leave your name, email & phone number or
- 4.) on Flocknote, you may click on Lectors to leave a message there.

We thank all of our dedicated OLA Lectors. We look forward to introducing this rewarding ministry to more parishioners.

JOIN OLA'S CHOIR Singing in the choir is more than just making music. You are part of a community with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together! A choir provides an opportunity to serve your parish & draw closer to God through this communal act of worship. Don't let fear or uncertainty hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our OLA adult choir. Consider joining us to sing for the Feast of the Assumption Mass on Sun., Aug. 11th at 1:30 PM. Contact Anne Sprissler at asprissler@olastrafford.com or stop up in the Choir Loft to leave your contact information!

JOIN OLA'S FLOCKNOTE PAGE!

To join Flocknote now, either

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



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ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



The Go for the Gold Raffle \$15,000 raised!

All of us at Assumption Academy would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. Your support of our school means the WORLD!

Family Sponsors include ...

\$2,000

Jeff and Jamie Coron

\$500

Allyson and Todd Evans

\$250

The Lynn Family, The Parisi Family
The Gilbert Family,
The Mayhew Family,
The Purvis Family,
The Calvarese & Tolan Families
In honor and in loving memory of
Nicole Mary Giacche
- forever in our hearts.

\$50

The Li Family, The Heck Family,
The Sim Family, The Psitos Family,
The Feick Family,
The Carden Family,
The Baldry Family,
The Hetrick Family, The Fay Family,
The Santoleri Family,
The Gorman Family,
The Ford Family, The Burns Family,
The Beans Family.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

After having recently celebrated 3 special Sundays of feast days — Pentecost, The Most Holy Trinity, and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ — the Church now returns to the ordinary Sundays throughout the year. This weekend, we celebrate the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, we hear these words spoken by Jesus and the reason behind them, “Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness but is guilty of an everlasting sin.” For they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, “He is out of his mind.” And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul.” Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences.

We may ask ourselves, what exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinacy, or the refusal to repent, is a sin that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin. One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God’s mercy!

This past week was a day of milestones for our little children at Assumption Academy. On Wednesday morning, our Junior Kindergarten gathered for a graduation ceremony with songs and treats. We are very proud & happy for them as they completed this school year. Likewise, on Thursday morning, we celebrated Kindergarten Graduation in the church and had an opportunity to gather afterwards for fellowship and refreshments. Our parents & faculty were very proud that day as our little ones now move on to another year with their education & studies. These milestones are very meaningful in the lives of our little children & their families because we know there will be many more exciting & challenging ones to follow in the years ahead of them. I want to take the opportunity to thank our principal, Patty Welsh, our faculty & volunteers for another wonderful year here at our Academy. May God continue to watch over them and all of our children in the days and months ahead.

If you recall, this past Lent, we began our annual Lenten campaign called “Change for Christ”. This year’s outreach cause was for Mother of Mercy House in Kensington, Philadelphia. It was founded by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia several years ago to be a “presence” on the streets there. Our priests & religious are very active there in serving the needs of the poor & needy. I am happy to report that we raised \$2,100 for their charitable works there. Certainly, they will be grateful for your generosity. I thank you for your willingness to support the tireless efforts they & their volunteers do in the name of Christ.

Many of you have asked about Fr. Kassa as he has not been around lately. Fr. Kassa has taken some time off to return to Illinois (where he was stationed prior to residing here) to offer spiritual retreats there at the invitation of two Catholic societies as well as to simply take the time to relax & visit some old friends. I spoke to him this past week. He is doing well and asked me to send his regards to all of you. Fr. Kassa will return later in the evening on Father’s Day (June 16th). Please keep him in your prayers. We look forward to a safe return and welcoming him back here to OLA.

As a reminder, we are still accepting donations towards our annual Baby Bottle Drive for Mother’s Home in Darby, PA. We will collect all donations through (Father’s Day) June 16th weekend. We thank you for considering participating in this drive and for helping mothers and children who are in need.

I thank you again for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish. I hope you are enjoying these beautiful summer days. May God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey