

## 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

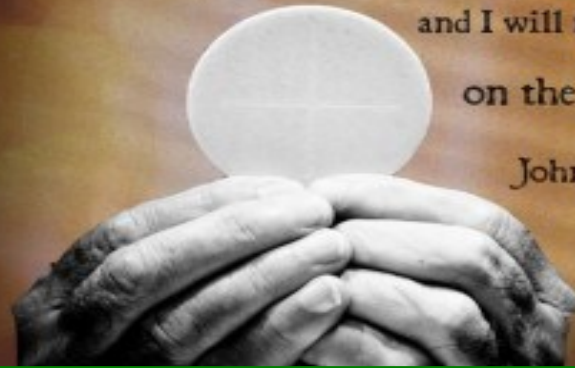
### **ASSUMPTION ACADEMY**

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

whoever eats my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
has eternal life

and I will raise him  
on the last day

John 6:54



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

*Roman Catholic Church*

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

**August 18, 2024**  
**20th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**

## **The Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from Christ's side, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within Thy wounds hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee

From the malicious enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

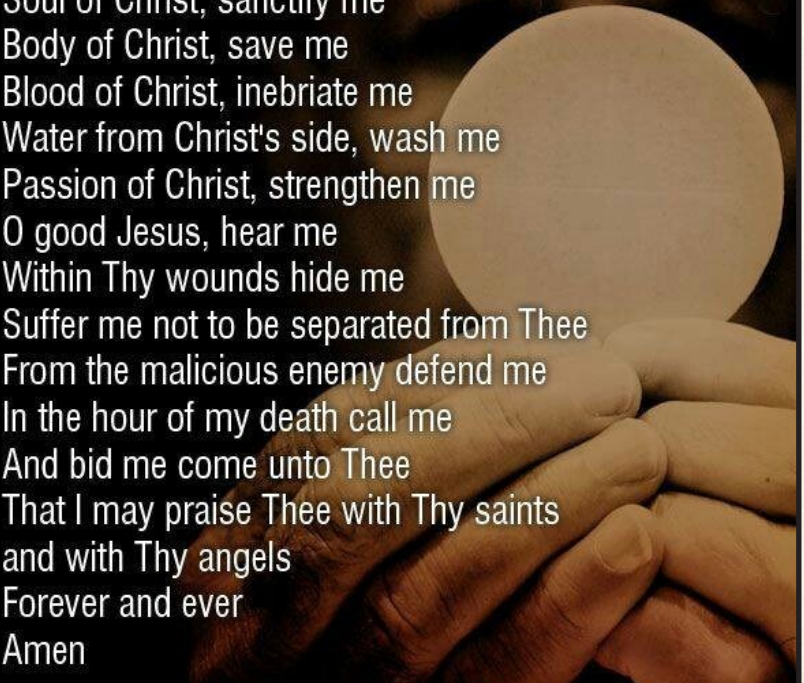
And bid me come unto Thee

That I may praise Thee with Thy saints

and with Thy angels

Forever and ever

Amen



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday – August 17, 2024**  
 9 AM Catherina Dolly Martiniano  
 by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese  
 5 PM Henry “Hank” Jansen  
 by Wife, Laura & Family

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 Nick Recchi by Wife, Antoinette & Family  
 8:30 Donato “Danny” Bevilacqua  
 by Mom & Fabio Bevilacqua  
 10 AM Deceased Members of the Ferrilli  
 Family by Andy & Genell Ferrilli & Family

**Monday - August 19, 2024**  
**St. John Eudes, Priest**  
 8:00 For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday - August 20, 2024**  
**St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**  
 8:00 Special Anniv. Intentions for Jan Grob  
 & Michael J. Grob by The Grob Family

**Wednesday - August 21, 2024**  
**St. Pius X, Pope**  
 8:00 Robert C. Dolley, 6th Anniv.  
 by The Dolley Family

**Thursday - August 22, 2024**  
**THE QUEENSHIP OF  
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of  
 Maureen Rebstock  
 by The McCafferty Family

**Friday - August 23, 2024**  
**St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**  
 8:00 Nicholas Moscia  
 by Gina & Tony DePiano

**Saturday – August 24, 2024**  
**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**  
 9 AM Deceased Members of the Merman  
 Family by Richard & Barbara Merman  
 5 PM Ralph J. Salamone by Salamone Family

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 For the People of the Parish  
 8:30 DiPrinzio & D’Ignazio Grandparents  
 by Their Grandchildren  
 10 AM Julia Norton  
 by Daughter, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family:* 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, 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, Joseph Carver, John H. Shelsy, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt, Di McTiernan, Carol Barbera, Mike Howley, Tammy Kohal, Theresa Flanagan, Allison Rogge, Michael Kerns & Baby Olivia Marjorie Boyer.

*Please pray for the deceased members of our parish family,* especially Joyce Kleiber & Linda Trosko. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

**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

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Who can I reach out to in a spirit of generosity and service? Can I see the work of Christ in their reaction to my outreach? Can I see the work of Christ in those who reach out to me?

**FLORAL MEMORIAL**



In Loving Memory of  
 Fr. Joseph Toscani, OSA &  
 Fr. Peter Toscani, OSA  
 Week of: **August 18, 2024**  
 By: Pat & Marybeth Walsh

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**



For: Frank Lemma  
 Week of: **August 18, 2024**  
 By: Wife, Maria & Family

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**



For: Dante Sciaratta  
 Week of: **August 18, 2024**  
 By: The Aspinall Family

## PREP

PREP 2024-2025 starting dates to mark on your calendar now:

- **Family Catechisis Parent Meeting:**  
Thurs., 8/22 at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
- **Family Catechisis Session #1:** Sun., 9/8 at 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM in Assumption Hall.
- **Confirmation Class (Level 7):**  
Sun., 9/8 at 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the OLA Upper Room.
- **PREP Levels 1-6:**  
Mon., 9/9 at 4:45 PM - 6 PM.  
Dismissal from Assumption Hall

Late registrations must be sent or dropped off in the Parish Business Office.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOLY FAMILY HOME

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the elderly in Philadelphia for 150 years through faithfully observing their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality. The Sisters will be visiting OLA on the weekend of Aug. 24 & 25 appealing for financial assistance to support their work. Your prayerful and monetary support will be greatly appreciated!

## MALVERN MEN'S RETREAT: SEPT. 6 - 8 NATIVITY BVM

The Retreat Director, Fr. Doug McKay, Rector of the Malvern Retreat House, will feature:

- ◇ conversations with Mary Bea Damico about the life & work of Blessed Carlo Acutis soon to be our first Millennial saint,
- ◇ Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A. about the Holy Spirit as taught by St. Augustine, &
- ◇ Grammy award nominee, Marty Rotella

Register: [www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-2024](http://www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-2024) or call Jack Warnock at 610-564-8456 (leave VM please). For guys 22 or younger, we have a great rate of only \$100 and special program on Saturday for them.

## 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).



## ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



We may be in the dog days of summer but it is busy, busy, busy here at Assumption Academy.



Assumption Academy has reached a record number of enrollments.

To prepare we are streamlining, cleaning, organizing and polishing. We want every child who comes through the doors to feel safe, happy and loved!



Only 19 more sleeps until the first day of school. New shoes, new backpacks and fresh crisp uniforms, brand new crayons and watercolor paints.

Can there be anything better?

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, we celebrated our *Annual Italian Festival* beginning with a Solemn Mass at 1:30PM. The Mass was beautiful, and I take this opportunity to thank all of our liturgical ministers for their presence and dedication, especially our choir whose singing truly lifted up all of our hearts to the Lord. The Mass was followed by our usual festivities of food, fun and entertainment. We had a great crowd, and the weather was perfect! I will be following up in the coming weeks as to how we did regarding our proceeds, etc... I sincerely thank everyone involved (our dedicated festival committee members headed by Pierre Rebello along with our tireless volunteers) for all of their hard work not just in the festival preparations, but on the day of it, as well as the setting up and cleaning up of everything. There are so many who work very hard “behind the scenes” to make this day so beautiful & special. I sincerely want to thank everyone for their untiring commitment to this annual parish feast.

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Jesus again reaffirms that He is truly the living bread that came down from heaven and whoever eats this bread will live forever; for the bread that He will give is His flesh for the life of the world. His powerful words remind us once more of the gift of His Presence in the Eucharist at every Mass and the need for us to receive Him worthily and with great faith and belief in these words. When we do so, our participation at Mass is not just an empty ritual that we join in but an encounter of love with Jesus Himself who desires to transform us more into His own likeness.

We now then continue our discussion on the Mass. Last week we spoke of the Mass as Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. This week we consider His Real Presence.

### The Real Presence

The Catholic Church teaches that although Christ is present to His people in many ways—in the poor, in His Word, in the Sacraments, and in the prayer of two or more gathered in His name— He is uniquely present in the Eucharist. For the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol of Jesus. Nor is Christ only spiritually present in some vague way in the bread and wine. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine and said, “This is my body ... This is my blood.” Unlike other Christian communities that view the Eucharist merely as a sacred symbol or “reminder” of Jesus, the Catholic Church affirms that when the priest at Mass recites these words of Jesus’ at the moment of consecration, the bread and wine on the altar are changed into Christ’s Body and Blood. They are no longer bread and wine. The theological term used to describe this change is *transubstantiation*, which expresses how, by the consecration of the bread and wine, “there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood” (CCC 1376).

This change, however, is not a chemical one. All the outward, sensible appearances of bread and wine remain. The Host still looks like bread, tastes like bread, and feels like bread. And the Chalice contains what to all the senses appears to be ordinary wine. The chemical structures of bread and wine remain the same. But underneath these appearances, Jesus’ Body and Blood is really present in the Eucharist.

One of the biblical titles for Jesus is Emmanuel, which means “God with us.” Jesus is the divine Son of God who became flesh and dwelt among us. And He so desired to remain close to us that He gave us the gift of His sacramental presence in the Eucharist. He thus continues to be Emmanuel—God with us—in each and every Mass celebrated throughout the world. We should never take this gift for granted. The most amazing event in the universe takes place at every Mass: the Son of God Himself comes upon our altars and dwells in our midst.

At every Mass then, Jesus continues to be Emmanuel, God with us. In the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter the same Jesus who walked the streets of Palestine, healed the sick, called people to conversion, and offered them forgiveness of sins. And this Jesus continues his work of healing, forgiving, and redeeming in the world, only now he comes to meet us sacramentally in the Eucharist. Jesus longs for us to draw near Him, and He wants to do great works in our lives, just as He did for God’s people two thousand years ago. But we must lovingly come to Him. And, we must believe! *Next week we will reflect upon our reception of Jesus in Holy Communion.* Excerpts are taken from *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* (Ascension Press) © 2011, 2017, 2021 Edward Sri.

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*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*