

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

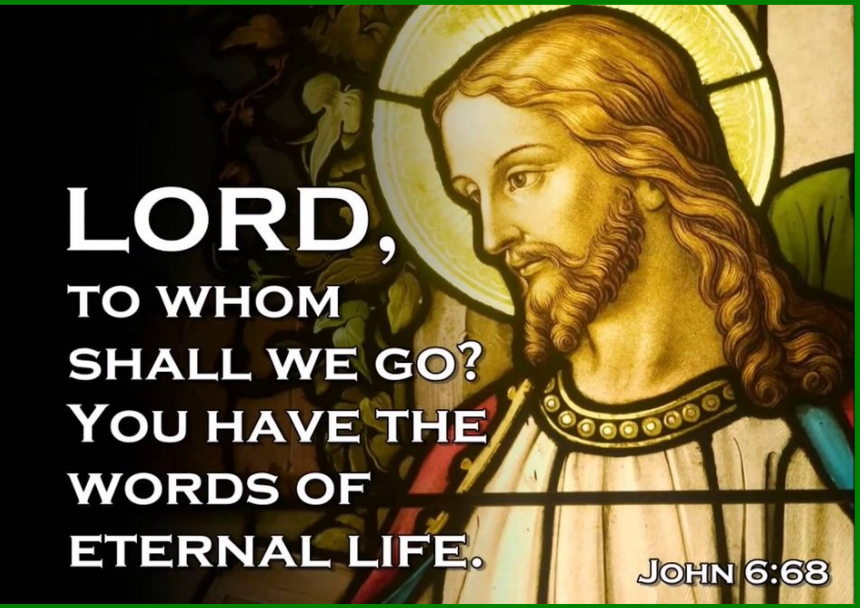
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



**LORD,
TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE
WORDS OF
ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 6:68

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

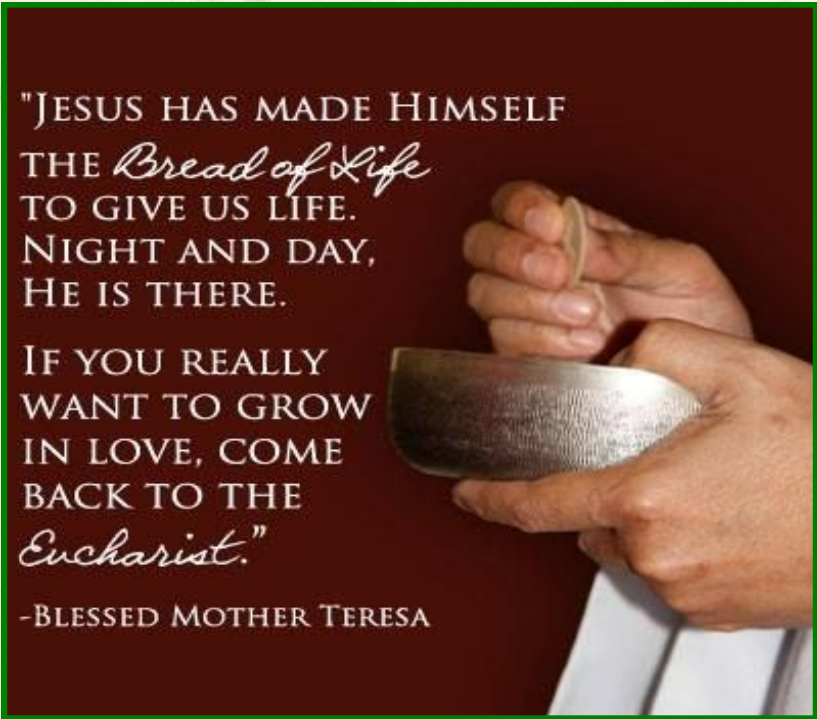
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



"JESUS HAS MADE HIMSELF
THE *Bread of Life*
TO GIVE US LIFE.
NIGHT AND DAY,
HE IS THERE.

IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO GROW
IN LOVE, COME
BACK TO THE
Eucharist."

-BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - August 26, 2024

- 8:00 Alice Gloria Fisher. 11th Anniv. by Grandson, Deacon Paul & Maria Fisher

Tuesday - August 27, 2024

St. Monica

- 8:00 Bernard Rogers, 51st Anniv. by Jack & Anne Rogers

Wednesday - August 28, 2024

St. Augustin, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Frank Saidis by Sharon & Mike Saidis

Thursday - August 29, 2024

THE PASSION OF

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- 8:00 Special 60th Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Joan & Mike Emmi

Friday - August 30, 2024

- 8:00 Elvira Antrilli by Maria Lemma & Family

Saturday – August 31, 2024

- 9 AM Margaret & George Daltwas by Daughter, Sr. Marlene Daltwas, IHM
- 5 PM Nicole Giacche by Chris & Joanne Bouvier

Sunday, September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

- 7:00 Nicholas Moscia by Buzzy & Bobby Parella
- 8:30 Nicholas Moscia by Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer
- 10 AM Joanne Calvarese, Birthday by Husband, Vince & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Thomas Desiderio
 Week of: August 25, 2024
 By: Diane & Paul Norcini

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, Trish Lee & Freddie DeFlaviis.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Earl Rineer, father of Rose Ann Westerfer. May his soul & 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

**Taste and see
 the goodness of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Dante Sciaratta
 Week of: August 25, 2024
 By: Walking With Purpose Bible Study

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 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 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 this weekend, 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 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

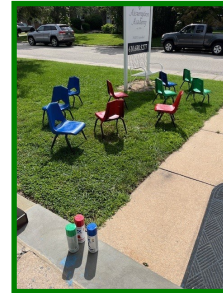
The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce & who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced & want to marry in the Church, or are remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-03750 or go to: www.archphila.org.



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 9 more sleeps until the first day of school. New shoes, new backpacks, 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,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*. This Sunday's gospel of John concludes Jesus' "Bread of Life" Discourse. We have heard our Lord saying, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." This saying was so hard for many to accept but Jesus insisted upon it and in today's gospel many decide to leave Him and sadly return to their former way of life. When Jesus asks His disciples if they will leave Him too, Peter responds for them saying, "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of everlasting life." May we echo these words always in our hearts at every Mass as we make our pilgrim way to our heavenly home.

This week we conclude our discussion series on the Eucharist and the Mass considering our reception of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Holy Communion

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that, "The celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us" (CCC 1382). Holy Communion, therefore, is the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity. God comes to us sacramentally on our altars at every Mass and remains present to us outside of Mass in the Tabernacle. This is absolutely awe-inspiring! But God's desire to unite himself to us goes even further. In Holy Communion, Our Lord enters our bodies, joining himself to our souls in this most intimate union. This is the time to give our fullest attention to the Lord, as he dwells within us after Holy Communion. When we come back to our pew at church, we should pour our heart out to the Lord—to love him, to thank him, to share our deepest needs and petitions with him.

In these moments after Communion, we become like Mary, who carried the God-man in her womb for nine months. What a mystery! Mary had her Creator and Savior in her womb! And yet what happened in Mary also happens to some degree "sacramentally" within us when we receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord. We become living tabernacles, housing the presence of the God-man himself. We must always be careful of distractions at Mass. This is not the time to be looking around to see what people are wearing. This is not the time to be thinking about the football game later in the afternoon or to be developing our parking lot exit strategy. This is the time to rest with Our Lord, who has so lovingly come to dwell within us.

Receiving Holy Communion regularly can have a tremendous effect on our lives. It can help us overcome weakness and sin, guide us in our decisions, support us in our trials and sufferings, and enable us to grow in holiness. By nourishing ourselves with the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Christ, we are gradually transformed by his very life dwelling within us. In a sense, to use a modern expression, we become what we eat! That is a point St. Leo the Great made: "Nothing else is aimed at in our partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, than that we change into what we consume, and ever bear in spirit and flesh him in whom we have died, been buried, and have risen."

This concludes our reflection series on the Mass.

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Looking ahead, on Sat., Sept. 7th students from Villanova University will be at Our Lady of the Assumption, along with OLA volunteers, to participate in our *Annual Villanova Day of Service*. Every year around this time, these dedicated volunteers come to offer their services to clean and "spruce up" our parish church, buildings & grounds. All parishioners are invited to participate from 9 AM to 12 Noon. We thank all involved for giving of their time & dedication at this busy time of year. I hope that you will all notice a difference on our property & grounds because of their generous hard work.

And so, very quickly the summer months are now winding down and many are getting ready to return to school, especially here at our own Assumption Academy. Let us keep all of our returning teachers and students in our prayers as they look forward to beginning another academic year. Finally, I pray that these remaining days of summer will provide an opportunity for you and your families to simply relax and enjoy. Thanks again for all you do for OLA and until next week, be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey