

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

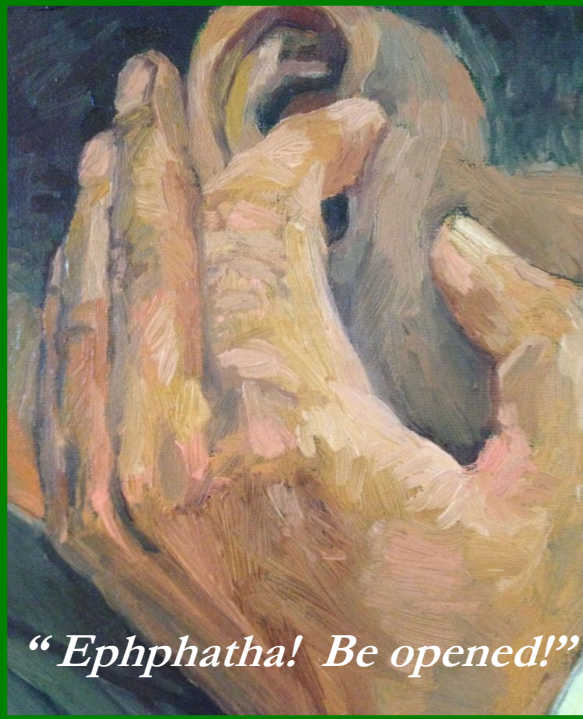
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



“He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

~Mark 7:31-37

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

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Praise the Lord, my soul!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – September 7, 2024

First Saturday

- 9 AM Antonio Falcone
by Vince Calvarese & Family
- 5 PM Special Intentions of
Ralph & Virginia DiFronzo

Sunday, September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Angie Sciaratta by Denise Antonini
- 8:30 Anthony Falcone
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
- 10 AM Winthrop Wood

by Sister, Jan Grob & Family

Monday - September 9, 2024

St. Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:00 Marian & Erv Fisher
by Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM

Tuesday - September 10, 2024

- 8:00 Nicholas Moscía
by Cousins, Larry & Marion

Wednesday - September 11, 2024

- 8:00 John Sammartino
by Deacon Paul & Maria Fisher

Thursday - September 12, 2024

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

- 8:00 Anna D'Ambrosio
by Daughter, Dina & Anthony Gentile & Family

Friday - September 13, 2024

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Deacon Steve Santoleri
by The Gentile Family

Saturday – September 14, 2024

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

- 9 AM For the People of the Parish
- 5 PM Rose Toukatly
by Chris & Joanne Bouvier

Sunday, September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Pia Patchen Norcini
by Mom Mom & Pop Pop
- 8:30 For the People of the Parish
- 10 AM Elizabeth “Betty” Tolan, Birthday
by Son, Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Henry “Hank” Jansen
Week of: September 8, 2024
By: Wife, Laura & Family

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 Roy Straigis, father of Teri Geckle & Anna Antrilli, sister of Maria Lemma. 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, please call the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or 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 & 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:

When have I failed to be open to Jesus’ message? Opening myself to his challenging message, how will I proclaim it by my words and action?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Frank Lemma
Week of: September 8, 2024
By: Wife, Maria & Family

PREP

Opening day for 2024-2025 PREP begins on Monday, Sept. 9. All students should report to Church by 4:45 PM. Students will be dismissed from Assumption Hall at 6 PM. Parents must come into the Hall to meet their children & escort them to their cars at dismissal time. Parents are also welcome to attend the opening Prayer Service.

The yearly Blessing of the PREP classrooms will take place on Monday, Sept.16. Father Carey will visit each classroom and bless the students.

Looking Ahead: The Mass of Initiation for the Confirmation Class will take place on Sun., Sept. 29 at the 10 AM Mass. Confirmation class will follow immediately after Mass that day.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Starting this Sunday, 9/08/2024, Children’s Liturgy of the Word for kids ages 2 - 9 will be offered during the 10 AM Mass. An adult catechist & a youth aide will provide kid-friendly sessions that reflect the same message of the gospel at Mass. All children are welcome to participate! Parents are also invited to attend with their children to help them adjust for a while. We welcome adults to help with the program, contact Marge Seedor, 610-688-1178.

CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST AND CRAFT FAIR

The annual Camilla Hall Oktoberfest and Craft Fair will be held on Sat., Oct 5, 2024, from 10 AM - 3 PM on the grounds of Camilla Hall located near the campus of Immaculata University: 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Join us for a fun-filled day including: craft vendors, merchandise tables, food concessions, children’s games, basket raffle, money chances, white elephant flea market, and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent and healthcare center for the IHM Sisters. For info, visit: camillaoktoberfest.org.

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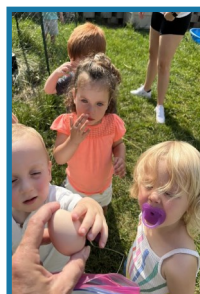
ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



It is time to get back in the swing of things. It has been far too quiet in the halls of the school!



Get Ready for School Camp is a wrap! The new students joined some of our more experienced friends for a week of getting to know the school, the routines and the animal friends before school officially begins on the 5th.

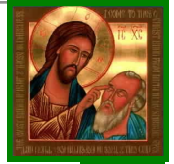


We are all ready to begin a fun new year!

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In the gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power. In it, we find clues about our understanding of "sacrament". As the story unfolds, we are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle & touch. The Church continues to celebrate the Sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water & oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead & hands. In the Eucharist, bread & wine become the Body & Blood of Christ. We are a "sacramental" people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

A rather interesting feature of today's gospel is the use of the word – *Ephphatha*. It is one of the few places in the gospels that preserve the very Aramaic words that our Lord would have spoken. It translates, "Be opened!" These are powerful words. Why are they powerful? They are powerful because they are more than just words. They are words that actually accomplish what they say. These words are spoken by Jesus after the deaf man is brought to Him with the request for healing. By saying the command "Be opened!" the deaf man's ears are opened and his speech impediment is removed. When Jesus speaks, His word has the power to change things. This is not only true in this particular story but it is also true in our lives. We might say that we are all deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, we are reminded today that these words of Jesus must be spoken to us in order to heal us & transform us – "Ephphatha!–Be opened!" What is it that you are not hearing properly? What is it God has been saying to you for a long time that you refuse to hear? What is it that you have allowed yourself to become deaf to? Perhaps this is a reminder to all of us that we need to set time aside from the business of our lives to quietly pray and allow our Lord to open the "ears" of our hearts so that we can hear all that He wishes to say to us. Once that happens, Jesus will also help us to speak and proclaim, like the man in the gospel, His words of truth and love. We are called to reflect upon just how "open" we are to hearing the voice of God and likewise, our own personal confidence and joy in proclaiming it to all we meet in our world today.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Labor Day Weekend. The weather last Monday was beautiful and the perfect way to bring to a close the traditional summer months as we now prepare for another academic year. This past Thursday, we welcomed back our faculty and students to Assumption Academy with an opening Prayer Service. I take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Principal, Patty Welsh, the entire faculty & staff for all of their hard work & dedication for our children. We all look forward to another great year of fun and learning with our young students.

This weekend, we resume our celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10 AM Mass each Sunday. Children between the ages of 2 - 8 are welcome to participate in these celebrations throughout the Fall & Spring. Likewise, parents are also welcome to attend. I thank Marge Seedor who coordinates this program as well as all our dedicated volunteers who joyfully bring the Word of God to life in the hearts of our young children.

Just as a reminder, every Tuesday evening from 7 PM – 8 PM, we continue to have our weekly Holy Hour led by our Deacon Paul Fisher. Hopefully, many of you will take the opportunity to pray with us on Tuesday nights and spend some time in adoration with our Lord. Even if you cannot commit to a full hour, you can always simply stop in and attend for a period of time that is most convenient for you.

The results of the festival are now in! As is customary, I would like to share them with all of you. As you can see, we did very well this year. Compared to last year's total profit of \$24,072, this year, we did even better!

THERMOMETER (Goal: \$7,500): \$12,030

TOTAL NET PROFIT: \$25,786.67

Once again, I am grateful for the Festival Committee under the direction of Pierre Rebello, as well as all of the many other volunteers who really "pulled together" to make this year's festival run so smoothly and successfully. Thank you all!

I wish continued blessings upon all of you and your families, and I take the opportunity once more to thank you wholeheartedly for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey