

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

“

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it.

Mark 8:34-35

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Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

I will walk before The LORD
in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:9

Dear Lord, I know You are
always with me, watching
over my every step. Thank
You for Your guidance.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Catechetical Sunday

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

Monday - September 16, 2024

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs

8:00 Robert Bebie, 3rd Anniv.

by The Dolley Family

Tuesday - September 17, 2024

St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor

St. Hildegard of Bigen, Virgin & Doctor

8:00 William Lex by Son, George Lex

Wednesday - September 18, 2024

8:00 Genoeffa Trosini

by Daughter, Tina & Family

Thursday - September 19, 2024

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Lois Campbell, 26th Anniv.

by Daughter, Nancy

Friday - September 20, 2024

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &

Paul Chong Ha-sang, Martyrs

8:00 Natale “Pat” & Jean Piombino

by The Piombino Family

Saturday – September 21, 2024

ST. MATTHEW,

APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9 AM Darlene Rubbo Richter, 10th Anniv.

by Francis & Shirley Piettrini

5 PM Armond Novelli by Denise Antonini

Sunday - September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 For the People of the Parish

8:30 Deceased Members of OLA Choir

by Susan Kincade

10 AM Anthony DiFronzo

by Wife, Lucille & Children

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Pia Patchen Norcini

Week of: September 15, 2024

By: Mom Mom & Pop Pop

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 pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:

John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati,
Joseph Walton 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday



FLORAL MEMORIAL

Special Wedding Intentions of

Kate Larkin & Connor Bruso

Week of: September 15, 2024

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without
complaining? Will I accept help when necessary?

Whom can I assist in carrying their own cross?



ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: Delores DiSando

Week of: September 15, 2024

By: Anthony & Silvana Sposato

PREP

A huge thank-you to all the PREP parents! We are thrilled that some were able to be with us for the Prayer Service. All the children were safely picked-up at dismissal time. Going forward, the students will be dropped off at the front doors of school. We will continue to pick-up from the gym! Our complete PREP Program consists of about 135 children this year! Thanks are due to all parents who take religious education seriously and to our wonderful volunteer teachers and aides who are assisting them!

The yearly Blessing of the PREP classrooms will take place this 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

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 Sedor, 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



Up and Running!

The school year has begun! I have to say, this has been our smoothest start yet! Of course, it helps that we started with Pretzel day AND an Eagles spirit day!



We are so happy to be back! The classrooms are filled with laughter & learning! Nothing but smiling faces & friendships are being made!



Mommy & Me 2024

Mommy & Me is a teacher-directed program for children ages 18 months to 3 years.

Beginning on 9/30, Mommy & Me will take place from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Sessions are \$15 or you can purchase a punch card for \$130 good for 10 sessions.

No need to register. Just stop in Assumption Hall at 9:30 AM, beginning 9/30/24. Hope to see you there!

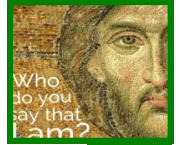


MOTHER TERESA (1910-1997)

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.



PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Jesus asks His friends in the Gospel today, “Who do people say I am?” They offer Him a list of famous names from their own history and tradition; “John the Baptist,” they said, “others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.” Jesus doesn’t seem to be too convinced by their answer. He is not interested in rumors or hearsay. He doesn’t want to hear what others say about Him or what they have heard at the street corners or in the marketplace. Jesus wants to know what they believe about Him. Peter speaks up on behalf of the group and boldly proclaims, “You are the Christ.” Once Peter makes this declaration of faith, Jesus tells His followers the ramifications of His identity. He teaches them that the Son of Man will suffer greatly, will be rejected by the elders, be put to death, and after three days will rise again; and He said this all quite openly. Jesus does not hide or make any secret of what is going to happen to Him. Peter is not able to accept this, and Jesus quickly turns and rebukes Peter. To know Jesus personally is also to follow “the Christ” who suffers and rises from the dead. He makes this clear when He says to His disciples and to us, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them take up their cross and follow.”

Jesus puts before us the same reality that He offered His disciples; He is The Christ, The Holy One of God who will suffer, and that after three days, He will be raised from the dead. When Peter struggles to accept this, Jesus challenged Him. It’s as if Jesus is saying to Him and to us today that we simply can’t follow Jesus on our terms and just accept the parts of His teaching that suits us. We can’t pick and choose the parts we like and ignore the rest. While Jesus is loving, forgiving and compassionate, He is at the same time demanding and challenging. When Jesus said to us, “come, follow me”, He never said that it was going to be easy! Again, He makes this clear when He says to His disciples and to us, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them take up their cross and follow.” All of us must sincerely respond to this challenging invitation if we say we know Him. Today, Jesus looks at us and asks the same question, “who do you say that I am”? – what is our response?

This weekend at all of our Masses we will welcome a guest speaker from the Fr. Bill Atkinson Service Corps regarding their annual Pilgrimage in his honor which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 26th. All are invited to participate in this walk from Villanova to OLA or you may simply gather with them for fellowship and refreshments in our piazza when they arrive around 5:30 PM. For more information on this special event, you may visit their webpage at: www.friendsoffatherbill.org.

Last Saturday, 24 students from Villanova University came to Our Lady of the Assumption to participate in their *Annual Villanova Day of Service*. Every Fall, these dedicated volunteers come to OLA to offer their services to clean and “spruce up” our parish church, buildings and grounds. We were also grateful to have several of our parishioners join them that day. I thank Richard McCormick and his wife, Julie for both organizing and providing lunch for the volunteers that day.

Last Monday, we held our Opening Prayer Service for our PREP students. We contemplated the life of the young saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis and his devotion to Christ and the Eucharist. A holy card and image of him were blessed and presented to all the children. I thank Sr. Rita Marian and all of our catechists and volunteers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year to bring the love of Christ and the beauty of our faith into the hearts of our children.

Looking ahead, Our Annual LOLA Designer Handbag Bingo will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th at 7 PM at the Italian American Club. Please visit the parish website for more information on this event and how to register. I take this opportunity then to thank all of our devoted members of LOLA under the leadership of Marge DiGiacomo for all of their hard work and all they do to provide these opportunities for us to gather together as a community for fellowship and fun, keeping our parish vibrant and strong.

Many of you have noticed that repairs are finally being done to our church and rectory roofs. As you recall, this major project was the focus of last year’s Annual Parish Appeal. Six beams in the church are now repaired. Some surprises were uncovered insofar as slight structural damages, and are being addressed. I thank you for your patience as we complete this important project that will strengthen and preserve our beautiful church for future generations.

I wish continued blessings upon all of you and your families and thank you wholeheartedly for your continued prayerful and financial support of our parish.

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey