

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

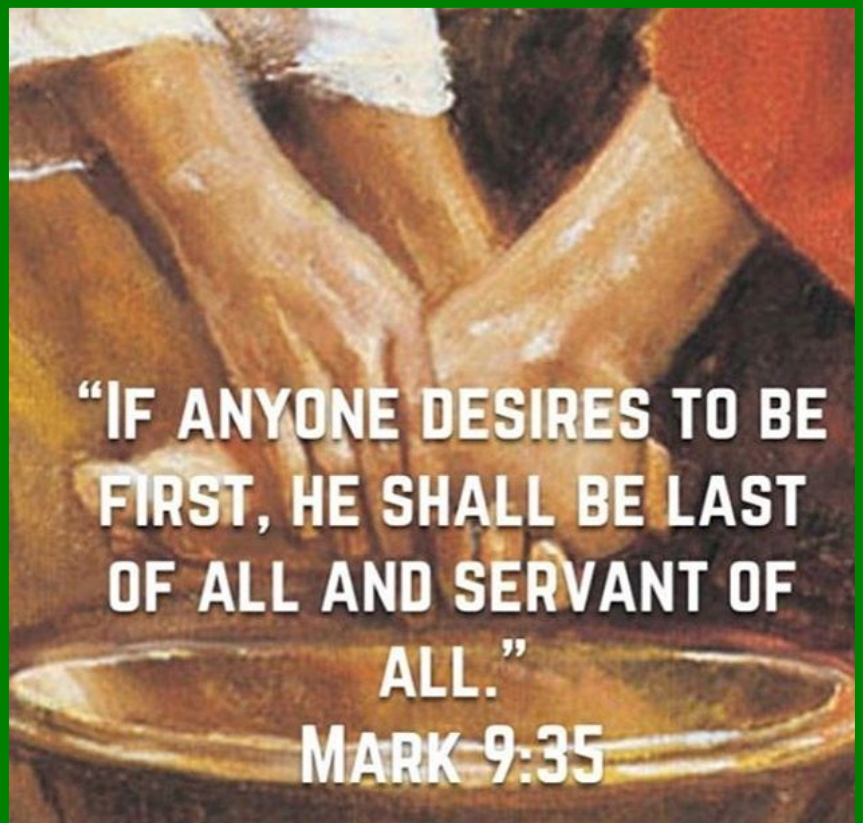
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PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

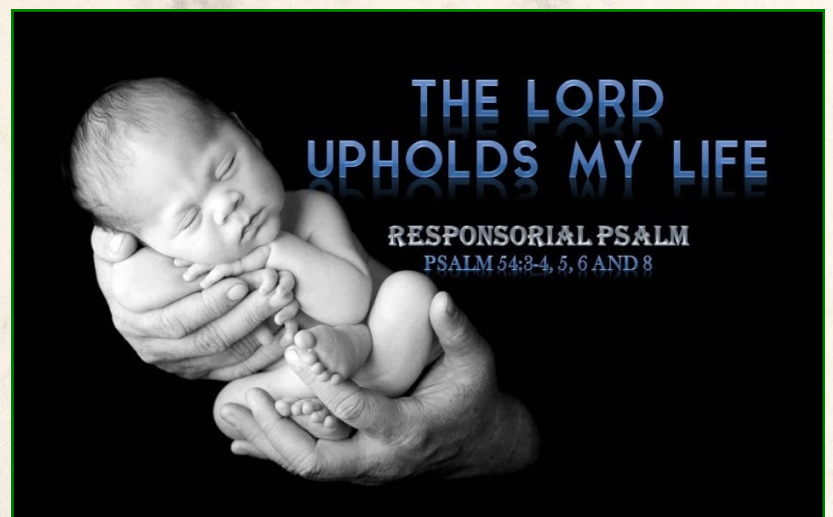
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Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church
35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

September 22, 2024
25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – September 21, 2024

ST. MATTHEW,

APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9 AM Darlene Rubbo Richter, 10th Anniv.
by Francis & Shirley Pietrini

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

Monday - September 23, 2024

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 George W. Daltwas, 38th Anniv.
by Daughter, Sr. Marlene Daltwas, IHM

Tuesday - September 24, 2024

8:00 Joyce Tomasso
by Daughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

Wednesday - September 25, 2024

8:00 Carolyn Graczyk by The Corrigan Family

Thursday - September 26, 2024

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:00 Catherine “Dolly” Martiniano
by Goddaughter, Lisa & Dean Gentner

Friday - September 27, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 Armond “Mondie” Novelli
by Joseph Norcini, Sr.

Saturday – September 28, 2024

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

9 AM Rosa Odorisio
by Daughter, Lisa Mari & Family

5 PM Armond “Mondie” Novelli
by The Slifer Family

Sunday, September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Armond Novelli by Rosanne Mincarelli

8:30 John Garzarella by His Family

10 AM Anthony Masciulli, Sr.
by Wife, Rosemarie & Children

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Vincenza “Mamie” Norcini
Week of: September 22, 2024
By: Daughter, Laura Jansen & 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 Richard Ise and Dolores Del Raso, mother of Joseph Del Raso & Bernadette Dougherty. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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 (running 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



In Loving Memory of Joyce Tomasso
Week of: September 22, 2024
By: Daughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: When have I asked wrongly, whether for material things or status? Where has that left me?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Special Intentions of Richard & Rosemary Ise
Week of: September 22, 2024
By: Erma Giacche

PREP

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.

A reminder that the student outreach for September & October is a Peanut Butter & Jelly collection drive for our Parish Giving Room. We ask that during these two months each student contribute one jar of either item. Social needs and awareness on the part of our students is an important goal of our PREP Program. Perhaps the students can “earn the item” by doing something around the house to be helpful in some way! Parents, this is an example of a “teachable moment” in the life of each child!

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. If you are a parent with a baby or toddler, you are most welcome to come and join us as well. 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



Up and Running!

We have completed our first full week of school!

There are smiles and giggles and a lot of learning taking place. This first week the children spent time learning about their new friends and their teachers. The children are learning our daily prayers and routines so they all feel comfortable and safe. Everyone at Assumption Academy is also cheering on the Phillies as we get closer to the playoffs!



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!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict His passion, death, & Resurrection to His disciples. The setting in the Gospel is important. Jesus & his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. This could be perhaps why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting His passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare His disciples for it. Yet, Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such a hesitation on the part of the disciples is not a characteristic behavior for them. After all, Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were more aware that a new and more difficult situation was now in the near future.

Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and His disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks His disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out! Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

In a very moving and touching gesture, Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching His disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus Himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

Last weekend, we welcomed Mr. David Malloy along with the Fr. Bill Atkinson Service Corps to speak to us regarding their annual Pilgrimage in his honor which will take place this coming 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.

Looking ahead, Our Annual Designer Bag Bingo will be held on Saturday, September, 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 continuing to be 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 some structural damages, and they are being addressed. As you can imagine, these surprises have added to the total cost of the project. Soon, I will be sending my Annual Appeal letter to serve as a follow up to last year. In this letter I hope to explain how much was raised last year, how much we fell short and what these additional costs may entail. All in all, we did very well last year, and I hope and pray that this year's Appeal can be even better. Therefore, it is my intention to use this coming year's Appeal as a continuation of lasts to help defray all of these remaining costs. I thank you for your patience as we complete this important project that will strengthen and preserve our beautiful church and rectory 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