

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



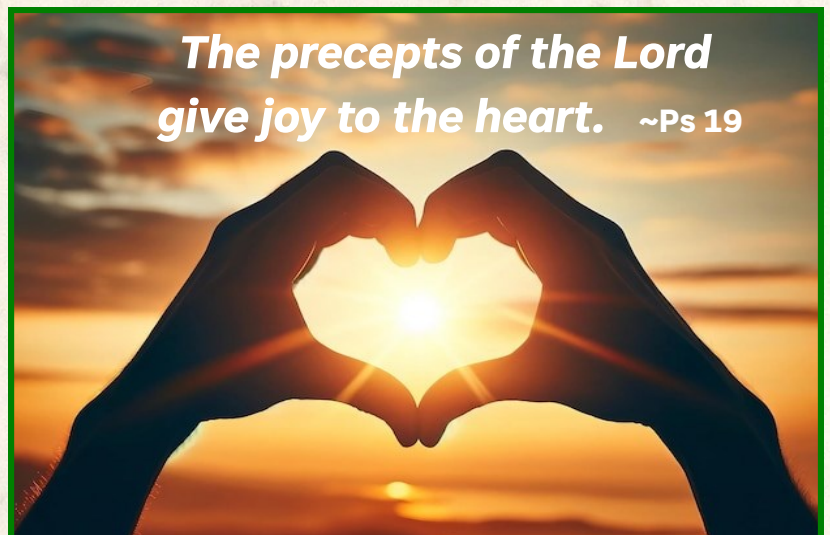
Mark 9:40

Whoever is not
against us is for us

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

September 29, 2024
26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



*The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart. ~Ps 19*

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior
to all Masses next weekend.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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, Rose Marie & Children

Monday - September 30, 2024

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 John Novelli, 37th Anniv.
by Sister, Rosanne Mincarelli

Tuesday - October 1, 2024

St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Bell Mulkerrins by The Corrigan Family

Wednesday - October 2, 2024

The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:00 Armond Novelli by Ann Novelli

Thursday - October 3, 2024

- 8:00 William Lex by George Lex

Friday - October 4, 2024

First Friday

St. Francis of Assisi

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday – October 5, 2024

First Saturday

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

- 9 AM Judith E. Black by The Walsberg Family
- 5 PM Anthony Ercole
by Wife, Filomena & Family

Sunday, October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Jack MacCormack
by Zachary & Mary DeCarlo
- 8:30 Jean & Joe Nudy by Antoinette Recchi
- 10 AM Elizabeth & Giovanni Procacci
by Yolanda & Tony Falcone

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Anthony Mascuilli, Sr.
Week of: September 29, 2024
By: Wife, Rose Marie & Children

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

Outreach helps those in need in our community. Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you find yourself in need, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or calling 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 & sweat-shirts for the homeless men in Norristown, PA!
- ♦ ♦ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles
Formula & Depends (Adult - Medium)
- ♦ ♦ Cleaning supplies

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In what way am I like the one who stores up treasure?
In what way am I like the one whose wages are withheld? What can I do from my position to properly reflect the lessons Jesus taught?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
Week of: September 29, 2024
By: Erma Giacche

PREP

We are happy to report that our Parish Religion Program is very vibrant! We now have 144 students involved in various forms of religious instruction. We are especially grateful to our volunteer teachers and aides who help make this possible. We also commend our parents who make great sacrifices of time and effort to help pass on the Catholic Faith through these programs. This number does not include the many children who join in the weekly Liturgy of the Word for Children which takes place during the 10 AM Mass. Again, countless volunteers help make this such a great success for our youngest members! We continue to ask God's blessing on all our Parish families and are grateful for all the support!

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!

Things got very sensory this week at Assumption Academy. The children put their hands to work to experience many kinds of textures.

Overcoming sensory sensitivity is an important step for young children. So much learning takes place when we get our hands involved.



The first Assumption Academy Prayer Service will be held on Oct. 3rd at 9:30 AM.

We will begin with a blessing of the animals, and then celebrate the beginning of the school year.

All are welcome to join us!

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!



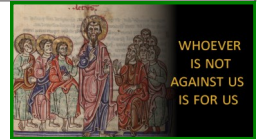
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. We continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. You may recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise His disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones.

In today's Gospel, the disciple, John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today, the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to His disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith when we see them in another person. It would be wrong, even sinful, to put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith in Jesus.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with our Level 7 PREP students at the 10 AM Mass. These young parishioners are candidates who are preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation next year. They will be recognized at this Mass and given a special blessing. I would ask you to please keep them and their parents in your prayers at this time in their journey of faith as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Last Thursday we welcomed the pilgrims of the Fr. Bill Atkinson Service Corps who walked in his honor from Villanova to our church. Upon their arrival, they were grateful to have our doors open to offer prayers in thanksgiving as well as a place to have a little food and conversation before returning home. Let us continue to pray for the cause of canonization of this wonderful Augustinian priest.

The beginning of the month of October brings to mind the feast of St. Francis of Assisi which falls on Friday, Oct. 4th. As is customary at this time of year, on Sat., Oct. 5th, we will celebrate our annual parish Blessing of Animals at 10 AM outside in the church Piazza. We welcome all of God's creatures to be blessed that day as we ask that through the intercession of St. Francis they will be protected from all harm and that we will always see them as truly a blessing from God and a source of great comfort. Likewise, we will bless animals in conjunction with an Opening Prayer Service for our little ones at Assumption Academy on Thursday, Oct. 3rd. This is always a fun tradition to formally celebrate the opening of school along with God's creatures. May we always see in animals a reflection of the unconditional love of God.

The month of October is traditionally known as Respect Life Month. We will celebrate our Annual celebration of our Anointing of the Sick Mass. A clipboard has been placed in the vestibule of the church for those who would like to sign up to come to this Mass and be strengthened by this Sacrament of Healing. As a reminder, the Mass will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 11 AM. A light Luncheon in Assumption Hall will immediately follow the Mass. For any further questions or details, you are welcome to call the Parish Office.

Lastly, the Annual Appeal letter will be arriving soon to your homes. I have included a Financial and Spiritual report as well as a report on our Outreach Ministry. I will keep you updated on our progress in the weeks and months ahead. 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