

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



Let the little children
come to Me;
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

MARK 10:14

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



**May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - October 7, 2024

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday - October 8, 2024

8:00 Linda Sposito, Birthday
by Richard & Julie McCormick

Wednesday - October 9, 2024

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs

St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 George Sohn by The Corrigan Family

Thursday - October 10, 2024

8:00 Darlene Daniels, 1st Anniv.
by Ann Giacomucci

Friday - October 11, 2024

St. John XXIII, Pope

8:00 Armond "Mondie" Novelli
by Fran & Shirley Pietrini

Saturday – October 12, 2024

9 AM Gerri & Louis Piombino
by Their Children & Grandchildren

5 PM Salvatore Dell'Orefice, 25th Anniv.
by Brother, James & Michelle Del'Orefice

Sunday, October 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Jeffrey Lloyd
by Zachary & Mary DeCarlo & Family

8:30 David Paolantonio, 3rd Anniv.
by Wife, Marguerite

10 AM Marie Kraft by Son, Karl Kraft & 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 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 & 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
Domenic & Nancy Toscani's
68th Wedding Anniv.

Week of: **October 6, 2024**

By: Pat & Marybeth Walsh

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Robert C. Dolley

Week of: **October 6, 2024**

By: The Dolley Family

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Special Wedding Intentions of
David Gentile & Lauren Lamoureaux

Week of: **October 6, 2024**

By: Mom & Dad Gentile

PREP

Our 2nd session for the Family Catechesis Program will meet today, 10/6 at 9:45 AM! The topic will be "Sacraments".

We look forward to meeting the parents of our Confirmation Class this Thursday, Oct. 10th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Important information will be discussed and materials will be distributed at this time. Every Confirmation student should be represented at this meeting—actually, the students need not attend—only parents!

I am grateful to the Confirmation students who assisted with the Mass of Healing on Sat., Oct. 5th. Our parishioners are always glad to be able to interact with the Sacrament Class!

○ COME LET US ADORE HIM!

Sat., Oct. 12th at 10 AM
in Sacred Heart Chapel

This presentation by Fr. Carey will discuss the history of Eucharistic Adoration in the life of the Catholic Church with a special focus on the origin and development of the 40 Hours Devotion as well as the practice of making annual Eucharistic Processions. We invite you to come and contemplate the great gift and mystery of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist.

OCTOBER—RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month every October. As Catholics we are called to embrace, proclaim, and defend life. Every life is precious and must be loved and protected from conception until natural death. As children of God made in His image, every person has a sanctity and dignity that cannot be diminished by illness or disability, and cannot be limited by race, age, sex, or social condition. *USCCB*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are: Oct. 11-13 & Nov. 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more info, visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org>.



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



SAVE THE DATE
November 10, 2024

Open House for
the 2025-2026 school year

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about the 2025-2026 school year but registration begins for families and friends on November 10th.

Don't miss out! If you have any interest in enrolling your child in our amazing little school – now is the time to start thinking about the process.

In order to get an invitation to the Friends & Families Open House, just send an email to Patty Welsh at pwelsh@assumption.academy.

It's that simple!



We will be looking for you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do during Respect Life Month to defend those who are vulnerable, or care for those who are unable to care for themselves?

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's accounts of conversations between Jesus & His disciples. Jesus used these private intimate moments with them to teach His disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Now, beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes His public ministry. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test Him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in the Book of Deuteronomy. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. Jesus then quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past 2 Sundays, Jesus has taught His disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands His disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all of us as believers.

Next Sunday, Oct. 13th at the 10 AM Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with our Level 3 PREP children. These young parishioners are preparing to receive their Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion. They will be formally recognized at that Mass and given a special blessing and small gift as they prepare for these important sacramental celebrations in the Spring. Please keep them in your prayers at this time in their journey of faith.

In just a few weeks, we will have our annual celebration of Forty Hours Devotion. Forty Hours will begin at the conclusion of the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, Oct. 20th and conclude on Tuesday evening, Oct. 22nd. Each evening (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) we will have Evening Prayer & Benediction at 7 PM. We are blessed this year to have with us Fr. Andrew Auletta, a recently ordained priest, as our guest homilist for these 3 solemn days in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Auletta is currently stationed at St. Joseph's Parish in Downingtown, PA. I invite you and your families to come each evening to hear Fr. Auletta's inspiring words as we gather to adore Jesus in this wondrous Sacrament.

As customary, sign-up sheets will be de available at the back of church for those who would like to be "adorers" throughout these 3 days of solemn adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. May this year's Forty Hours be a blessing to all of us as we draw closer to the Lord and His love for us while praying for the many special intentions we hold in our hearts at this time of year.

In preparation for our annual celebration of Forty Hours Devotion, I will be offering a simple reflection the weekend prior on the origin and development of Eucharistic Adoration in the life of the Church, focusing on the more recent practice of Forty Hours Devotion as well as the theology & meaning of Eucharistic Processions. You are invited to the Sacred Heart Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 10 AM for this presentation. The talk will be for one hour with an opportunity for questions and answers.

As we enter into this month of October, I kindly ask you to keep a look out in the mail for a letter that will be coming from me regarding our *Parish Annual Appeal*. As you know, this Annual Appeal which normally takes place every Fall, is very important as it is a great help in sustaining our parish operations, especially in the area of important capital projects. Also, in this mailing you will find both a Financial Report as well as a Spiritual Report of our parish. This year's Appeal will be a follow up to last year's regarding the repair and replacement of our church and rectory roofs. As you may recall, last year I alerted you to the need to repair 6 beams in our church roof that were compromised. Along with these structural repairs was the need to also replace our aging roofs. As of this writing these repairs have been made and it is my hope that with this year's appeal, we can finance this major project without having to draw from our principal savings. I thank you in advance for your participation in this years' Annual Appeal and for your continued generosity to our parish.

Thank you again, and may God continue to bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey