

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:

Nicole Giacche

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

Anne Sprissler

PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 610-688-1178

WEBSITE: olastrafford.org

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30AM - 4PM & Fri. 8:30 AM - 12Noon

Emergencies

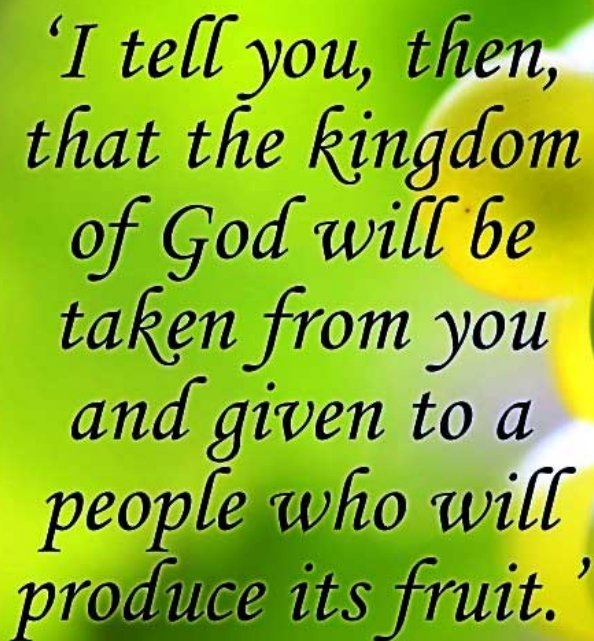
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277



*'I tell you, then,
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken from you
and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.'*

~ Matthew 21:43

Our Lady of the Assumption


Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



*The vineyard of the Lord
is the house of Israel.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – October 7, 2023

First Saturday

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

- 9:00 Special Intentions of
Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose
by Richard & Rosemary Ise
- 5 PM Special Intentions of John Catalanotto
by Maryann Belmonte

Sunday, October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:30 Bob & Bette Neely
by Daughter, Bette Jo &
Deacon John Rose
- 10 AM Nancy Marie Kraft
by Son, Karl Kraft & Family

Monday - October 9, 2023

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs**St. John Leonardi, Priest**

- 8:00 Deceased Members of DiPrinzio &
D'Ignazio Families
by Your D'Ignazio Grandchildren

Tuesday - October 10, 2023

- 8:00 Robert Ryan by John & Patty McCartney &
Joseph & Donna Dwyer

Wednesday - October 11, 2023

St. John XXIII, Pope

- 8:00 Deceased Members of the Ryan Family
by The Ryan Family

Thursday - October 12, 2023

- 8:00 Salvatore Dell'Orefice, 24th Anniv.
by Brother, James & Michelle Dell'Orefice

Friday - October 13, 2023

- 8:00 Special Intentions of Carmelle Liburd
by Sister-in-law, Marie Liburd

Saturday – October 14, 2023

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyrs

- 9:00 Cecelia Coyer, Birthday
by Son, Tony & Julie Coyer
- 5 PM Deceased Members of the Menige &
Mastoianni Families by Joan Menige Mastroianni

Sunday, October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Lois Campbell by Daughter, Nancy Campbell
- 8:30 David Paolantonio, 2nd Anniv.
by Wife, Marguerite
- 10 AM Anthony D'Innocenzo
by Son, Peter & Donna D'Innocenzo & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Nick Recchi

Week of: **October 8, 2023**

By: Wife, Antoinette & Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family:

Nicole LaMonaca, Ed Drill, Anthony Carlone, Elsa Marsili, Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, Nick & Kelly Sciarratta, Barbara Pupek, Catherine Harmer, John Becker, Janet Fleming, Holly Weaver, Louise Fehn, Milena Trosini, Yolanda Price, Russell Demanczyk, Fran Neary, Gabe Yervelli, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Ed Rofi, Msgr. Marino, Fr. Woodeshick, Msgr. Malone, Fr. Carbonaro, Ann Koltay, Maria DiGiacomo, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Meghan Pitts, Rose Rogers, Philomena Mozanni, Erin & Noah Vandiver, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, John Catalanotto, Nicole Giacche, Bella Reid, Elizabeth Maratea, Julia Whalon, Mike Long, Kristen Boyer, Goldie Trowery, Mary Lewis, Jim Spang, Brian Hunsberger, Carla Santoleri, Helen Carver, Ronnie Kelly, Jerry Rineer, Marian Quick, Ralph D'Ignazio, Martha Marcantonio, Mark Michaels, Dave Flinn, Joe Ellis, Jessica Recchi, Joyce Kleiber, Joseph Carver, John H. Shelsy, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt & Di McTiernan.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Martin O'Donnell, John Brignola & Baby Winona Ruth Gerolamo. 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, Matthew Wilson & Bryan Dixon.

FORTY HOURS

Sun., 10/15 from 11 AM - 8 PM

Mon., 10/16 from 9 AM - 8 PM

Tues., 10/17 from 9 AM - 8 PM

Every night, Evening Prayer will start at 7 PM with Fr. Joseph J. Nicolo, Pastor Emeritus of St. Helena in Blue Bell, PA as our guest homilist. Please sign up for a time to come and sit for an hour with Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is here to listen to our gratitude for blessings, our troubles and our needs for His assistance. There are sign-up lists posted on the bulletin board in the main vestibule by the elevator. Bring a friend!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: Vincenza "Mamie" Norcini

Week of: **October 8, 2023**

By: Daughter, Laura Jansen & Family



PREP

Today, we welcome our PREP Level 3 First Holy Communion Class and their families to the 10 AM Mass on Oct. 8th for the Initiation Ceremony marking the beginning of their preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Penance & Eucharist.

Also on Oct. 8, our Confirmation Class will view a video of the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He has been declared Blessed and is on the road for canonization as a Saint. He is recognized for his true devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and his relentless determination to spread the truth of Eucharistic miracles. He died at the age of 15 from a form of blood cancer. His spiritual wisdom far surpassed his age and his beautiful spirit serves as an inspiration to all.

Next Sunday, Oct. 15, we welcome our PREP Level 7 Confirmation Class and their families to the 10 AM Mass to take part in the Initiation Ceremony for these students as they prepare for the beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation.

We continue to collect jars of peanut butter and jelly for our Giving Room.

IHM COMPANIONS

IHM Companions meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Convent from 10 AM - 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Rita Marian in the Parish Office at 610-688-1178.. The next meeting is on 11/07/2023.

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS**

(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)

On 9/17/2023: \$ 3,069 9/18/2022 \$ 4,427

** OTHER COLLECTIONS INCLUDE: HOLY DAYS, CHRISTMAS and EASTER FLOWERS

Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on
9/20/2023: \$ 2,087.50

CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving
9/20/2023: \$ 88,627 9/21/2022: \$ 84,444

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 5.0 % more than 2022-2023.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

including Electronic Parish Giving
YTD TOTALS AS OF

9/20/2023: \$ 7,861 9/21/2022: \$ 6,214

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 27.0 % more than 2022-2023.

We thank you for your generosity!

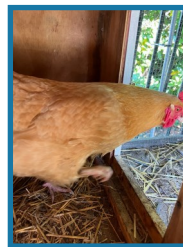


ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2023 News

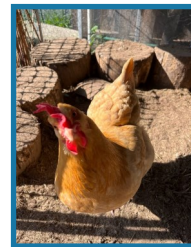


The Feast of St. Francis is a wonderful day here at school. The classes take time to learn about how to be peaceful citizens and to show love & care for all living creatures. Many lessons revolve around the care of God's creatures who rely on us for food, safety & affection.

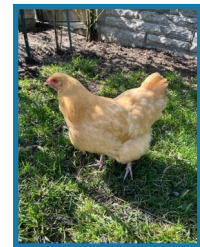
Please meet the members of our furry, feathery and scaly family.



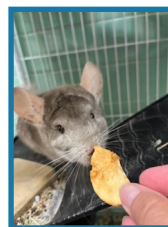
Maggie



Becky



Pearl



Fluffy



Marshmallow and Pumpkin



The Assumption Academy
5K is back on
11/12/2023!!!

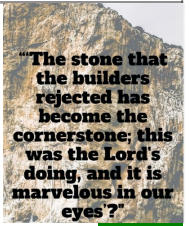
To register to run,
sponsor or just to get
some more information,

visit [runsignup.com assumption5K](https://runsignup.com/assumption5K)

or on Facebook

**Assumption Academy 5K &
Family Fun Stroll.**

PASTOR'S CORNER



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. The first reading and the Gospel this Sunday both use the image of the vineyard to speak to us about the patience and generosity of God. Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders a parable once again relating to a vineyard. In the Gospel, the owner of the vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. However, these poor servants do not receive a positive welcome. They are attacked and beaten. The owner then sends more workers into the vineyard. Sadly these workers are treated in much the same way. Lastly, the owner decides to send his son in the hope and belief that they will treat him with respect. But his hope is in vain; they kill his son. It comes as no surprise to us that the owner of the vineyard represents God and His Son is Jesus Christ. Also very clear in the parable is that those who killed the servants and the owner's son are the Scribes, Pharisees and the elders among the people. Imagine their shock and anger when they heard this story. They would have loved nothing better than to lay their hands on Jesus right then and there and do away with Him. In doing so, they would vindicate the truth of the parable; and in fact, they will not have long to wait before they actually plot to do away with Jesus permanently.

But this, like all the parables, is held up to us today, so that we, in some way, can see ourselves in it and thus learn from it. Through the life, mission, death and resurrection of Jesus, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. These gifts are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the Gospel, we have to choose freely whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion and the values of the Kingdom of God. The burning question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing in the vineyard of our world today though our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with our Level 3 PREP children at the 10 AM Mass. These young parishioners are beginning to prepare to receive their Sacraments of both Penance and First Holy Communion in the Spring. 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.

Likewise, this Sunday we celebrate "Deacon Sunday," a national day set aside on the 2nd Sunday of October to inspire vocations to the diaconate and affirm deacons & their families. And so, on this Sunday, I take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to our own Deacon Paul Fisher for his "yes" to God in service to our parish community as well as the local church here in Philadelphia. May God continue to bless Deacon Paul and his wife, Maria this day and always.

Next week, we will celebrate our annual celebration of Forty Hours Devotion beginning on Sunday, Oct. 15th at the 10 AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar each day (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) until 7 PM when we will gather to celebrate sung Evening Prayer and Benediction. This year, we welcome Msgr. Joseph Nicolo, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Helena Parish in Blue Bell, PA who will be our Homilist for these privileged days. During this period of Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you and your families to attend these special evenings of devotion. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church for adorers to cover the daily periods of Adoration. These blessed days are a special time for all of us to come before the Presence of the Lord and rest in Him.

Now that the month of October (Respect Life Month) is here, we look ahead to the Annual celebration of our Anointing of the Sick Mass. This weekend, a clipboard will be 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. The Mass will take place on Saturday, October 28th at 11 AM. A light Luncheon in Assumption Hall will immediately follow the Mass. For any further questions or details, please call the Parish Office.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Appeal letter has been mailed out to all of our registered parishioners. If you have not received it, you should receive it soon. I would ask you to please take the time to carefully read it. I thank you in advance for your much needed prayerful and financial support.

Thank you again for all you do for our parish. Until next week, may God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey