

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



“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” – Jesus (Mark 10:21)

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

October 13, 2024
28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Please sign up to spend time with Jesus!

OLA FORTY HOURS

Sun., Oct. 20th 11:00 AM - 7 PM

Evening Prayer at 7 PM

Mon., Oct. 21st 8:30 AM - 7 PM

Evening Prayer at 7 PM

Tues., Oct. 22nd 8:30 AM - 7 PM

Evening Prayer at 7 PM

Guest Homilist: Fr. Andrew Auletta

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - October 14, 2024

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

- 8:00 Carol Offerle by The Corrigan Family

Tuesday - October 15, 2024

**St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 Brian Hogan by The Corrigan Family

Wednesday - October 16, 2024

St. Hedwig, Religious

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

- 8:00 John Norton
by Daughter, Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM

Thursday - October 17, 2024

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 Lois Campbell by Daughter, Nancy

Friday - October 18, 2024

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

- 8:00 Denise Slaughter
by Patty & Jaime Glatthorn

Saturday – October 19, 2024

**Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,
Priests & Companions, Martyrs**

- 9 AM Armond "Mondie" Novelli
by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

- 5 PM Gerrey Nardelli
by Sharon & Michael Saidis

Sunday, October 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Frank Lutz, 1st Anniv.
by The Lutz Family
- 8:30 Lauren Robb by Nanny & Poppy Robb
- 10 AM Anthony D'Innocenzo
by Son, Peter & Donna D'Innocenzo

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

FLORAL MEMORIAL



Joseph & Bernice Zavitsky,
Chris & Betty Lamoureux,
Carlo & Anninna D'Ambrosio,
& Michael F. Gentile

Week of: **August 25, 2024**

By: David Gentile & Lauren Lamoureux

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Virginia Leone
Week of: **October 13, 2024**
By: Your Family

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Richard Ise
Week of: **October 13, 2024**
By: Chris & Joanne Bouvier

PREP

We welcome our First Holy Communion Class and their families to the 10 AM Mass today. The students will participate in the Rite of Acceptance for their preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

We also welcome the parents of the First Holy Communion Class to a very important informational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Information will be discussed and materials will be distributed. Students do not need to be present at this meeting!

Remember that we are collecting Peanut Butter & Jelly for the Giving Room throughout this month.

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 experience is: Nov. 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more info, visit: <https://www.wwme-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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Would my face fall if I were the person in the Gospel with many possessions? What can I do to follow Jesus' command?

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	10/02/2024	10/04/2023
Collection:	\$ 71,613	\$ 64,475
Electronic Giving:	\$ 38,258	\$ 32,823
TOTAL	\$ 109,871	\$ 97,298

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and asks about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and the Gospel tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

Jesus makes 2 requirements of the wealthy man who approaches Him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, we know some Christians have taken this literally. We know many saints, like St. Francis of Assisi, who have done so with great joy. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that simply prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions with a spirit of detachment and remain vigilant against seeking & finding one's happiness in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be His disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow Him.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. We are reminded as well not to let the things of this world hinder us from our relationship with Jesus and to strive each day to give an undivided heart to Him.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with our Level 3 PREP students at the 10 AM Mass. These young parishioners are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion next year. They will be recognized at this Mass and given a special blessing after the homily. 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 Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sunday, 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. On Tuesday night, we will have a Solemn Procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We are blessed this year to have with us Fr. Andrew Auletta as our guest homilist for these 3 solemn days. Fr. Auletta is currently stationed at St. Joseph's Parish in Downingtown, PA. He is a gifted homilist, and we look forward to welcoming him here to OLA and hearing his inspiring words during these privileged days of prayer.

As is customary, sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church for those who would like to be "adorers" throughout these 3 days of solemn adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Please check the bulletin board as you leave church. I encourage you to sign up so that Our Lord will not be left unattended at the Altar. 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.

Finally, the Annual Appeal letter has been sent to all of our households. This year, we will continue to collect monies for the recent work that has been done on the church and the rectory. As you may recall, this project was rather extensive as it involved the repairing of 6 beams in the church, replacement of damaged wood found on both roofs, installation of a new roof on the church and on the rectory, new gutter work installed as well as the replacement and repair of the small roof located above the ramp entrance to the church. We also hope to address our church windows which need repair as well. I thank you in advance for your generosity to this important Appeal and I will update you on our progress as the weeks progress. May you and your families have a blessed week!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey