

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



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



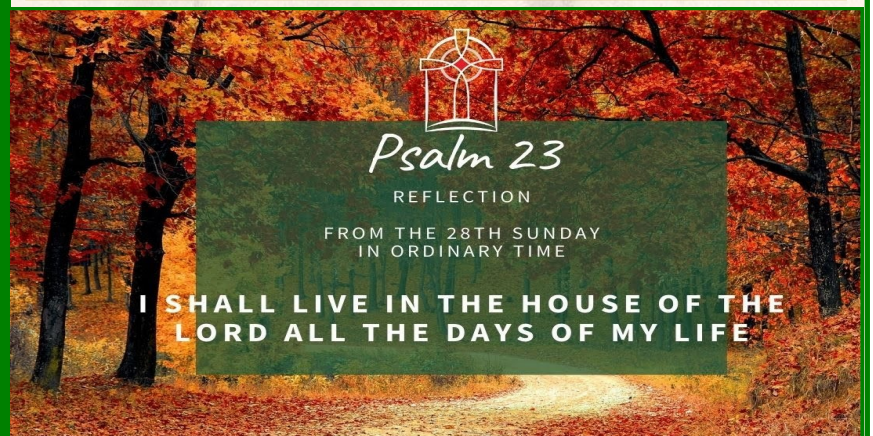
FORTY HOURS

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 Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo, our guest homilist whose theme is: **"Our God Is 'Bigger' Than You!"**. Please sign up to spend an hour with Jesus!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**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 Camp-
bell
- 8:30 David Paolantonio, 2nd Anniv.
by Wife, Marguerite
- 10 AM Anthony D'Innocenzo
by Son, Peter & Donna D'Innocenzo & Family

Monday - October 16, 2023**St. Hedwig, Religious****St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

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

Tuesday - October 17, 2023**St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

- 8:00 For the People of the Parsih

Wednesday - October 18, 2023**ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**

- 8:00 Edward Gasper
by Cathy, Mike & Sophie Kunsch

Thursday - October 19, 2023**Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests
and Companions, Martyrs**

- 8:00 Missy Norcini by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

Friday - October 20, 2023**St. Paul of the Cross, Pries**

- 8:00 John F. Latu by Robert, Millie & Millie Slifer

Saturday - October 21, 2023

- 9:00 Jacques Gordon, Sr.
by Richard & Barbara Merman

- 5 PM Gerrey Nardelli
by Daughter, Sharon Nardelli & Michael Saidis

Sunday, October 22, 2023**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time****World Mission Sunday**

- 7:00 Nick Recchi by Wife, Antoinette & Family
- 8:30 Lauren Robb by Nanny & Poppy Robb
- 10 AM Simon Leon Slifer by Mom, Dad & Millie

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Anthony Tangi, 1st Anniv.

Week of: **October 15, 2023**

By: James & Michelle Dell'Orefice

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and disabled members of our parish family: Nicole LaMonaca, Ed Drill, Anthony

Ciarlone, Elsa Marsili, Josephine Sorrentino, Logan Schweiter, Margaret Cox, Victor Newton, William Vallejo, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, 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, 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, John H. Shelsy, Joseph Carver, Carolyn DiDomizio Weber, Jay Fogarty, Cassie Hunt & Di McTiernan.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for

Dominick "Joe" Nudy. 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.

OUTREACH HELP

Outreach helps those in need in our community.

Donations can be made to the Giving Room. If you need help, contact the Outreach Team by calling the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or **Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482.**

ITEMS COLLECTED BY OUTREACH:

- ◇ **Dry & canned food/pantry items (OLA food pantry is extremely low...especially peanut butter, pasta, pancake mix, rice, canned tomato products)**
- ◇ **Frozen casseroles (pans & recipes in the Giving Room)**

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: John Brignola

Week of: **October 15, 2023**

By: Jan Grob

FLORAL MEMORIAL

For: Lois & Richard Campbell

Week of: **October 15, 2023**

By: Daughter, Nancy Campbell

PREP

Today, we welcome our PREP Level 7 Confirmation Class and their families at the 10 AM Mass for the Initiation Ceremony marking the beginning of their preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our PREP Levels 1 - 6 students will spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, 10/16/2023 during class time as their participation in the Parish's Forty Hours celebration. We encourage all of our families to participate when possible on Sunday, 10/15, Monday, 10/16 and Tuesday, 10/17.

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

GOOD NEWS! OLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish is starting up a Children's Choir beginning Nov. 8, 2023. Parents of children ages 8 through 12 will receive letters about the program from the Parish Office. Rehearsals will be on Wed. evenings in the Choir Loft/ Sacred Heart Chapel from 6 - 7 PM. Anne Sprissler, the Adult Choir director, and retired Valley Forge Middle School Choral music teacher will direct the OLA Children's Choir. Contact Anne Sprissler at: asprissler@olastrafford.org if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP**SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS****

(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)

On 9/24/2023: \$ 4,563 9/25/2022 \$ 4,458

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

Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on
9/27/2023: \$ 2,842.50

CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving
9/27/2023: \$ 96,033 9/28/2022: \$ 91,954

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 4.4 % more than 2022-2023.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

including Electronic Parish Giving
YTD TOTALS AS OF

9/27/2023: \$ 8,286 9/28/2022: \$ 6,974

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 19.0 % more than 2022-2023.

We thank you for your generosity!



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2023 News



The Assumption Academy 5K is BACK
On November 12, 2023!

There are loads of ways to participate:

5k

\$30 9:00AM

**Family Fun Stroll
(1/4 mile)**

\$20 9:15AM

Sponsor

You can find all of the info here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Wayne/AssumptionAcademy5KandFamilyFunStroll?rsus=200-500-f907367e-11ab-4b69-82c0-da1adb5adf52>

Mommy and Me 2023

Mommy and Me is a teacher-directed program for children ages 18 months to 3 years. Beginning 10/2/2023, **Mommy and Me** will take place from 9:30AM-10:45 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.

Hope to see you there!

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can God's generosity give me peace of mind through difficult times?

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. The Gospel likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a king who prepares a great wedding feast for his son and invites people to come and celebrate. The first group of invitees, who perhaps feel they deserve the invitation, refuse to come. Some give excuses and strangely, others mistreat and kill the messengers sent to them. In anger, the king destroys the murderers and burns their city, then extends the invitation to others. During the celebration, however, the king sees a guest without a wedding garment, and casts him out.

Jesus addresses this parable to the people who reject Him, and who rejected the prophets before Him. This topic, of the people who resist Jesus and resisted the messengers before Him, was also featured in last Sunday's Gospel reading about the tenants who fail to live up to expectations in their care of the vineyard and are replaced by the landowner, with other tenants who will be productive. Those invited to the feast prove unworthy of the celebration. The second group of invitees, that includes all kinds of people, refers to those who are open to Jesus and His message of the kingdom. The mission of the Messiah is now open to all. Everyone is invited to come and experience God's new life and generously share it with others.

The king's generosity contrasts with the ingratitude of those invited. And yet, this contrast might be present sometimes in our relationship with God. We often fail to be aware and appreciate the love and care that God pours out on us. In the Eucharist, for instance, God prepares a banquet for us, and more than just an ordinary meal, God shares His life with us for our salvation. Do we come with grateful hearts to this celebration? Do our lives truly reflect the love and sacrifice offered in this celebration? That everyone is welcome to this feast does not mean there are no rules. The action of the king towards the guest without a wedding garment expresses this. He was expected to be well-dressed even if he got the invitation in an impromptu manner. The point is that people belong to this gathering not on their terms but on the king's. The wedding garment refers to the life of virtue and holiness expected of the baptized. It is not enough to say we are Catholics, baptized, confirmed, married, or ordained, if our lives do not reflect who we honestly say that we are. Accepting God's invitation means we must live up to these expectations. Those who do so will experience the life God wishes to share with us.

We begin our annual celebration of Forty Hours Devotion with a solemn opening 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 strongly encourage you and your families to take advantage of these blessed days to visit the Lord and spend time with Him in adoration. Likewise, to attend our special evenings of devotion inspired by our guest homilist Msgr. Nicolo. These blessed days are like a mini "retreat" and are always a special time for any parish family to come before the Lord in this great Sacrament and rest in Him.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with our Level 7 PREP students at the 10 AM Mass. These young parishioners are preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation next May. 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.

We look ahead to the Annual celebration of our Anointing of the Sick Mass. A clipboard has been provided in the church vestibule for registration. The Mass will take place on Saturday, October 28th at 11 AM. For any further questions or details, please call the Parish Office.

Finally, our Annual Appeal continues. Many thanks to all who have contributed, and I encourage those who have not to prayerfully consider doing so. More details about this Appeal will follow in the weeks ahead. Until next week, may God bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey

