

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

SERVING
GOD

BY SERVING
OTHERS

FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE, AND GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.
MARK 10:45

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

October 20, 2024
29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - October 21, 2024

8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of
Steve Faha
by The McCafferty Family

Tuesday - October 22, 2024

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:00 Nick Recchi
by Wife Antoinette Recchi & Family

Wednesday - October 23, 2024

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 Simon Leon Slifer, 24th Anniv.
by Dad, Mom & Millie

Thursday - October 24, 2024

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Friday - October 25, 2024

8:00 Denise Slaughter
by Maryann & Gerry Negrey

Saturday – October 26, 2024

9 AM Americo & Erma Italiano
by Their Children & Grandchildren

5 PM Mary Meister
by Assumption Academy Staff & Students

Sunday, October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 For the People of the Parish

8:30 Betty Kincade by Her Children

10 AM Tian Min by Son Michael He & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Nick Recchi

Week of: **October 20, 2024**

By: Antoinette Recchi & 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 remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Michael Verguldi. May his soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

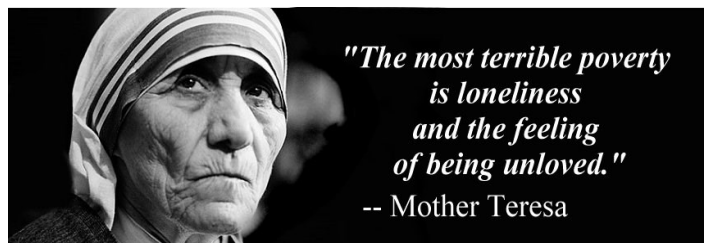
Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati, Joseph Walton and Matthew Wilson.

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



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus summoning me? How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?

PREP

We encourage all our PREP families to participate in some way during our parish Forty Hours Devotion which starts today. Our students will participate during class time this Monday with a short period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament & instruction on the meaning of this devotion. Your participation will be a great way to model for your children. Evening devotions are on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday. Perhaps the adults can come for a short visit or for the evening program. If it is important for you, then it will carry more meaning for the students!

We will continue to collect either peanut butter or jelly until the end of October. Thanks for all who have contributed so far! We are most grateful!

Let us pray for the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield, PA. The primary building of the School had a terrible, damaging fire last week. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the building sustained extensive damage.

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 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!

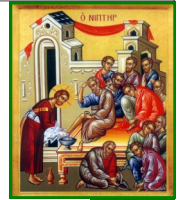


We will be looking for you!

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	10/09/2024	10/11/2023
Collection:	\$ 78,754	\$ 68,437
Electronic Giving:	\$ 41,389	\$ 32,823
TOTAL	\$ 120,143	\$ 101,260

PASTOR'S CORNER



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Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday, we heard Jesus lament the challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts His Passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and at the same time afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to His closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur soon in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters His glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that His glory will be preceded by His suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not His to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be as countercultural in our day as it was for Jesus and, likewise, His disciples. We might then this week take this opportunity to consider our own lives of discipleship and if we find greatness in following the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life freely and sacrificially for all.

As mentioned last week, this Sunday will open our annual Solemn celebration of Forty Hours Devotions. We are blessed this year to have with us Fr. Andrew Auletta as our guest homilist for these 3 special days. Fr. Auletta is a recently ordained priest and is the parochial vicar at St. Joseph's parish in Downingtown, PA. Fr. Auletta is a gifted homilist and he looks forward to offering his reflections to us regarding the Eucharist. I encourage you and our families to attend these special days of reflection.

Forty Hours will begin at the conclusion of the 10 AM Mass this 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.

Please check the "sign-up" sheets at the back of church to make sure that we have sufficient "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.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have so generously responded to this year's Annual Appeal. Many contributions have already come in and I am so grateful. As you know, the Appeal this year is very important as it follows up upon last year's Appeal to fix the roofs on our church and rectory. If you have not contributed as of yet I encourage you to do so. And sincerely, I thank you for your generosity to help maintain our buildings and grounds here at Our Lady of the Assumption.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey