

### 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

REPAY TO  
CAESAR  
WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR

AND TO  
GOD  
WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

— JESUS  
(MATTHEW 22:21)

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

**October 22, 2023**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

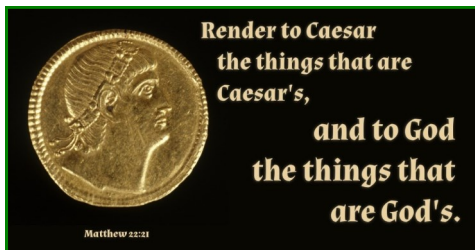
**MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH**

GIVE THE LORD GLORY  
AND HONOUR

PSALM 95 (96)

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****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

**Monday - October 23, 2023****St. John of Capistrano, Priest**

- 8:00 Gerard Custer by Anna & Ted Robbins

**Tuesday - October 24, 2023****St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

- 8:00 Edmund J. Bransfield  
by John & Arline Heilmann

**Wednesday - October 25, 2023**

- 8:00 Michael Donahue  
by Zachary & Mary DeCarlo

**Thursday - October 26, 2023**

- 8:00 Special Intentions For a Family

**Friday - October 27, 2023**

- 8:00 Betty S. Kincade, 3rd Anniv.  
by Her Children

**Saturday – October 28, 2023****STS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**

- 9:00 Gerard Custer by The Gentile Family
- 5 PM Virginia Leone  
by Her Parents, Virginia & Ralph DiFronzo

**Sunday, October 29, 2023****30th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Reformation Day**

- 7:00 Special Intentions of David Gondella  
by Nonna & PopPop Bouvier
- 8:30 Christina Otto, 2nd Anniv. By Chris Renzi
- 10 AM Special Intentions of Jan Grob  
by Her Children & Grandchildren

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**

For: Andre Vittoz  
Week of: **October 22, 2023**  
By: The Dolley Family

**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 & Amie Hamel.

**Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family,** especially for Darlene Daniels. May her 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, 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)**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What can I do concretely to repay to God what belongs to God? How does giving back to God make me feel richer?

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**

For: Special Intentions of Richard Ise  
Week of: **October 22, 2023**  
By: Chris & Joanne Bouvier



**PREP**

Our next Sunday morning Family Catechesis Class is on Oct. 29th at 9:30 AM in Assumption Hall.

We look forward to meeting with the parents of our Level 3 First Holy Communion class on Thurs., Oct. 26th at 7 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Important information pertaining to First Penance and First Eucharist will be discussed and handouts will be distributed!

Also, please let us know if any PREP Level 4 - 7 student is interested in training to be an Altar Server. Contact the Parish Office at 610-688-1178 or let Sr. Rita Marian know.

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@olatrafford.org](mailto:asprissler@olatrafford.org) if you have any questions.

**STEWARDSHIP****SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS\*\***

(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)

On 10/01/2023: \$ 5,211 10/02/2022 \$ 5,334

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

Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on  
10/04/2023: \$ 2,875.50

CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF  
including Electronic Parish Giving  
10/04/2023: \$ 104,101 10/05/2022: \$ 99,211

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are  
+ 4.9 % more than 2022-2023.

**IMPROVEMENT FUND**

including Electronic Parish Giving  
YTD TOTALS AS OF

10/04/2023: \$ 9,941 10/05/2022: \$ 8,005

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are  
+ 24.0 % 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)

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. **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!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

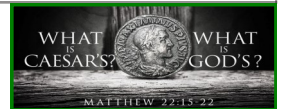
Holy Hour 7 PM - 8 PM

every Tuesday

*"Come spend an hour with me."*

*~ Jesus*

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. There is an old adage that says, “the only things certain in this world are death and taxes”. And it appears from our Gospel this weekend that at the time of Jesus, taxes had to be paid then also! It seems as if the Pharisees never missed any chance or opportunity to try and trap Jesus. So it is in the Gospel as they approach Him for His opinion about an important question. They ask Him, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” The question was cleverly worded in such a way that one would have to choose between loyalty to political power or faithfulness to God. In doing so, they created an either/or situation, a false dilemma between choosing to pay taxes, as good citizens would do, and serving God with one’s lives, words and actions. Jesus’ answer cuts right through their false dilemma to show that the Christian life is not an “either/or” situation rather, it is a “both/and”. A true disciple of Jesus should strive to be both a law-abiding citizen and a person of faith who loves God and neighbor.

The challenge of today’s Gospel lies in finding the proper balance between being a disciple of Jesus Christ and being good a good citizen of society and the world. Jesus offers the religious leaders of His day an answer to this perennial task by answering their question with a question. He asks them to produce a coin used to pay taxes and asks them to describe the coin -- “Whose head is this and whose inscription is on it?” Then, Jesus tells them that the coin that bears the image and name of Caesar should be rightfully given to Caesar. However, with that being said, He reminds them of their religious obligation to “Give to God what belongs to God.” Christian faith requires that we are good citizens, for Christians live in this world, but we are not of it. There are so many “Caesars” that will always compete for our allegiance to God. So, as we give to “Caesar,” Jesus reminds us to not waver in our faithfulness to God in our daily lives, words and deeds.

This weekend we join all Catholics around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This day, celebrated internationally each year, is a reminder to all of us to ignite our hearts with Christ’s love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable around the world. And so, we join our efforts to support our Holy Father in supporting his missions around the world. The 2nd collection this weekend is for this appeal. An envelope has been included in your regular mailing. In addition, envelopes and informational brochures are available in the vestibule of the church. Checks are to be made payable to the “**Pontifical Missions Societies**”. May we through our prayers and financial support, bring the Lord’s mercy & concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions.

Last week, we celebrated our *Annual Forty Hours Devotions*. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo was our guest homilist each evening. His words were certainly heartfelt and uplifting. So I thank him for his presence here for these special days. I also thank all those involved in the preparations and planning for this year’s celebration, especially our Music Ministry. It is very much appreciated. I hope and pray that these solemn days of adoration were spiritually beneficial for you and your families.

Also, last Tuesday, Mass was held at the BrightView Senior Living Center in Devon where the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was bestowed on those residents who wished to receive it. Mass is celebrated there every third Tuesday of the month but this time it is even more fitting as we celebrate Respect Life Month, honoring life in all of its stages. I want to thank all who helped to coordinate and assist in this special event and I take this opportunity to thank Deacon Paul and our various Extraordinary Ministers who go there each Sunday to bring the Eucharist to them. Please keep the residents there in your thoughts and prayers.

As a parish community, we, too look forward to the Annual celebration of our own Anointing of the Sick Mass this coming Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. It is not too late to register to come to this Mass to experience the healing power of Christ. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church or you may simply call the Parish Office for more details. A simple luncheon has been planned in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

Our Annual Appeal continues. Many thanks to all who have contributed thus far, and I encourage those who have not done so as of yet, to prayerfully consider doing so. I look forward to sharing more details about this Appeal in the weeks and months ahead. Until next week, may God continue to bless you and your families!

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*