

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



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

October 27, 2024
30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to all Masses next weekend.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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 He by Son Michael & Family

Monday - October 28, 2024

STS. SIMON & JUDE

- 8:00 Ilda Maggio
by Daughter, Maria & Deacon Paul Fisher

Tuesday - October 29, 2024

- 8:00 Armond Novelli by The Negrey Family

Wednesday - October 30, 2024

- 8:00 Bryant Fisher, 4th Anniv.
by Deacon Paul & Maria Fisher

Thursday - October 31, 2024

- 8:00 Leo Walker by Jack & Anne Rogers
- 7PM Mary Lutz, 3rd Anniv.
by The Lutz Family

First Friday - November 1, 2024
ALL SAINTS

- 8:00 Denise Slaughter
by Nick & Donna D’Antonio
- 12:05 Ann Louise (Annie) Aspinall
by Her Parents, Carolyn & Sandy Aspinall

First Saturday – November 2, 2024

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- 9 AM Holy Souls In Purgatory
 - 5 PM Willy, Jean, Bill, Donna &
Janet DiDomenico & Jennifer Leber
by The DiDomenico Family
- Sunday, November 3, 2024**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7:00 Catherine “Dolly” Martiniano
by Cousin, Yolanda Falcone
 - 8:30 Special 50th Wedding Anniv. Intentions
of Tom & Yvonne Gatto
by Children, Rob & Natalie Seminole
& Grandchildren
 - 10 AM For the People of the Parish
[Mass of Remembrance]

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING



For: Andre Vittoz
Week of: **October 27, 2024**
By: The Dolley 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 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do this week to discern the way for me?
What else do I want to see?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL



For: Nicole & Nicholas Giacche
Week of: **October 27, 2024**
By: Erma Giacche

PREP

Our Family Catechesis parents & students will meet on Nov. 17th for the month of Nov. This breaks our usual pattern of the 1st Sunday for this time only!

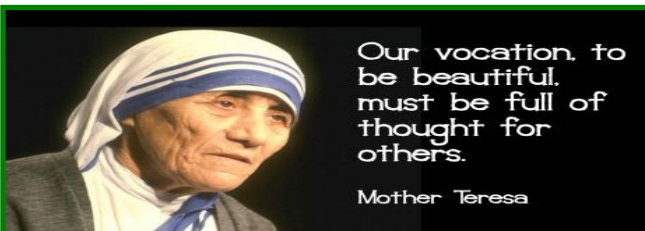
We invite all families to attend the yearly Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 3rd in Assumption Hall after all Masses. A free-will donation is encouraged!

Our LOLA group will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 2nd. We are happy to say that our Confirmation students will be part of the set-up & clean-up for this event! Service to the parish is one step in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Join us for part of this day-long event. Who knows, Santa may even surprise us with a visit that day!

Our IHM Companions Group will meet in the Convent on Tues., Nov. 5th at 10 AM. We will pray in a special way for the needs of our country during this election day! If anyone is interested in finding out more about the IHM Companions, contact Sr. Rita Marian at the Parish Office!

JOIN THE OLA CHOIR FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

Unlock your hidden potential! There are many unforeseen benefits of joining our Church Choir! Singing in a choir is about a lot more than just making music; it's being part of a community. It's about coming together with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together. Moreover, being part of a choir provides an opportunity to serve our community and draw closer to God through worship. When you sing praises with others, you're participating in an act of communal worship that can deepen your faith. Don't let fear hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our OLA Adult Choir. **Contact Anne Sprissler at asprissler@olastrafford.org or stop by the Choir Loft and speak to the organist.**



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2024 News



Assumption Academy 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 and 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

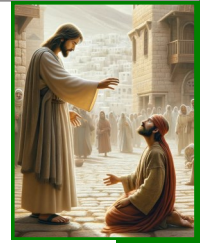
YTD Weekend of: 10/13/2024 10/15/2023

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| Collection: | \$ 84,135 | \$ 72,950 |
| Electronic Giving: | \$ 43,706 | \$ 37,663 |
| TOTAL | \$127,841 | \$110,612 |

FAITH FORMATION

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. In this weekend's Gospel, we see the growth in Jesus' popularity by the large crowd that now follows him as he makes his journey to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has spread among the people. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem.

In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begins with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Next Saturday, Nov. 2nd we are looking forward to having our Annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Ladies of Our Lady of the Assumption (LOLA). We invite you and your families to attend during the hours of 9 AM – 3 PM. There will be Craft & Vendor Tables, a White Elephant Table, beautiful Gift Baskets for Silent Auction, onsite Food Trucks, and a visit from Santa and his Reindeer from 11 AM – 2 PM. We look forward to seeing you all there!

On Sunday, Nov. 3rd the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast after the Masses. As is customary, there is no charge for the food, however, a free will offering will be welcomed. Please take this opportunity to stop in with your family & friends to share good food & conversation. I take this opportunity to thank our Knights for all of their hard work & dedication to carry out the many works of charity that they do as well as providing opportunities like this for us as a parish community to gather and bring us closer together.

Also, next Sunday we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at the 10 AM Mass. At this Mass, we will recognize by name all of those who have died among our parish community this past year. This is a beautiful tradition at OLA and it is our hope that by this special Mass, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be comforted by our love and concern for them as a parish family.

Last week we celebrated our *Annual Forty Hours Devotions*. Rev. Andrew Auletta was our guest homilist each evening. Fr. Auletta is a gifted homilist and his words were both heartfelt and uplifting and 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.

Once again, I thank everyone who has so generously responded to this year's Annual Appeal. Contributions continue to come in and I am so grateful. If you have not contributed as of yet I encourage you to do so. And I sincerely 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