

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

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied:

“Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind. This is the first
and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself.”

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

October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

I LOVE YOU,
LORD,
MY STRENGTH.

PSALM 18:1

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday - October 30, 2023

8:00 Ann Louise “Annie” Aspinall

by Her Parents, Carolyn & Sandy Aspinall

Tuesday - October 31, 2023

8:00 Rose Fragala & Anthony Cardella, Jr.

by Goddaughter, Janis Calvo

7PM Holy Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday - November 1, 2023**ALL SAINTS DAY**

8:00 Sebastiano Calvarese

by Son, Dino & Yolanda Calvarese

12:05 PM Ann Louise “Annie” Aspinall

by Her Parents, Carolyn & Sandy Aspinall

Thursday - November 2, 2023**ALL SOULS DAY**

8:00 Holy Souls In Purgatory

Friday - November 3, 2023**St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

8:00 Brother George Ruhl, CSSR

by Nephew, George Lex

Saturday – November 4, 2023**St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

9:00 Deceased Members of the Ryan Family

by The Ryan Family

5 PM Becky Higgins Calicyo

by Claire & Tony Domenick

Sunday, November 5, 2023**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time****National Vocation Awareness Week**

7:00 David Paolantonio

by Richard & Rosemary Ise

8:30 Deceased Deacons & Wives of Philadelphia

by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

10 AM For the People of the Parish -

Mass of Remembrance

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNINGFor: Special Intentions of
Sonny DiMartiniWeek of: **October 29, 2023**

By: The Slifer 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 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*)
- ◇ Gently used Men's shirts, pants/jeans (sizes 30 - 34), & sweatshirts for the homeless men at A Brother's House in Norristown, PA!
- ◇ Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, bottles and formula

OLA PLANNED GIVING

All parishioners & friends of Our Lady of the Assumption Church are kindly asked to consider including OLA in their will & estate planning.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What neighbor do I know who is in need? What can I do for them, even if it's just something simple?

PREP

A sincere thank-you to our Confirmation students who came to give Parish service hours & assisted with the Mass of Healing on Oct. 28! Our parishioners take great delight in meeting you! Our next opportunity for Parish service hours will be on Nov. 3 & 4 as they will be asked to help set-up and break-down for the annual LOLA Christmas Bazaar! We look forward to see many of you at this event!

We are grateful to all the parents who attended the First Holy Communion Parent meeting last Thursday. If you could not make it, please call Sister Rita Marian to set up a time to receive the information packet given out!

We welcome our parents & students for the Family Catechetical session today at 9:30 AM in Assumption Hall. Our topic this month is "The Sacraments". Our next meeting for this semester will be on Sun., Nov. 19. There will be no formal meeting in Dec. but you are invited to join in the parish activities scheduled during the month in preparation for the beautiful Feast of the Nativity!

Our parent meeting for the Confirmation Class will be on Nov. 16 at 7 PM – more info will be sent home soon!

GOOD NEWS! OLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish is starting up a Children's Choir. Rehearsals begin 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. If you have any questions, contact Anne Sprissler at:

STEWARDSHIP**SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS****

(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)

On 10/08/2023: \$ 2,917 10/09/2022 \$ 5,688

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

Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on
10/11/2023: \$ 2,577.50

CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving

10/11/2023: \$ 109,596 10/12/2022: \$ 107,329

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 2.1 % more than 2022-2023.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

including Electronic Parish Giving
YTD TOTALS AS OF

10/11/2023: \$ 10,101 10/12/2022: \$ 8,735

Note: 2023-2024 fiscal YTD offerings are
+ 16.0 % 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. 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!

**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 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. There is always the danger that when we hear a song too often we eventually become complacent and then take it for granted. The same can happen with the readings and Gospels we listen to on Sundays when we come to Mass. This weekend's Gospel can be one of them. We have heard it so many times that perhaps it no longer has any impact on us. *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself"*. Being a Christian and a follower of Jesus is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus is about how I live my daily life in relation to others and God. It is not a private thing simply between God and me. If I say I love God but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about those around me, then something very important is missing in what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that whatever we do for each other, we do for and to Jesus Himself. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. And, even the smallest gestures of love can often have the greatest of impacts. It is often through very small seemingly unimportant deeds, actions and gestures of love that our love for others and our faith can be seen and made visible. One poet wrote that "God is the bits and pieces of every day". We should never underestimate the power of a small gesture such as a smile, a hand on a shoulder or a kind word. These small acts of kindness are how in our daily lives we love God and our brothers and sisters and ourselves with all our heart, mind and soul. This week then, may we be more aware that God is in the "bits and pieces" of our ordinary daily lives. Let us not take the familiar yet powerful words of this Gospel for granted. May we "love God with all our heart, soul and mind and may we love our neighbors as we love ourselves".

Next Saturday, Nov. 4th we are looking forward to having our Annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by our 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, a visit from Santa between from 11 AM – 1 PM and even more. We look forward to seeing you all there!

On Sunday, Nov. 5th the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast after the Masses. As 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.

Our parish Annual Appeal continues. As you know, this year's appeal is especially important as we need to repair four beams in our church roof that have separated and have compromised the building. Along with this, the existing roofs on both the church and rectory will be replaced due to age. Because of its scope and urgency, this is our only designated project for this year. Our general contractor has advised us to complete this project by the end of next year. We are planning on doing so next Spring. The total estimate of this project is \$185,000. Beginning next week, results of our appeal thus far will be published as to our progress in reaching this goal. Many thanks to all who have contributed thus far, and I encourage those who have not done so as of yet, to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to help care for our beautiful church for future generations.

Just a final reminder: this coming Wednesday, Nov. 1 is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered on: Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 7 PM (Vigil) and Wednesday at 8 AM & 12:05 PM. Until next week, may God continue to bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey

