

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

Whoever exalts
himself
will be *humbled*,
and whoever
humbles himself
will be *exalted*.

Matthew 23:12

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Vocation Awareness Week

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

In You,

O Lord,

I have found my

peace

PSALM 131

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

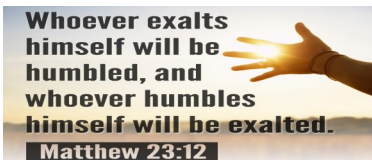
Holy Hour 7 PM - 8 PM every Tuesday

"Come spend an hour with me." ~ Jesus

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – November 4, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9:00 Deceased Members of the Ryan Family
by The Ryan Family5 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 Rose10 AM For the People of the Parish -
Mass of Remembrance

Monday - November 6, 2023

8:00 Gerard Custer by Tony & Rosa Cecco

Tuesday - November 7, 2023

8:00 Dan McCain by Jack & Anne Rogers

Wednesday - November 8, 2023

8:00 Deborah Retrievi by Keith Fogarty

Thursday - November 9, 2023

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 Louis DeLuca, 2nd Anniv.

by Gloria Toroni & Family

Friday - November 10, 2023

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:00 Holy Souls In Purgatory

by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

Saturday – November 11, 2023

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

9:00 Louis C. Piombino, Sr.

by The Piombino Family

5 PM Special Birthday Intentions of Catherine
Bouvier by Nonna & PopPop Bouvier

Sunday, November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Sunday

7:00 For the People of the Parish

8:30 David Paolantonio by Wife, Marguerite

10 AM Michael J. Grob, 5th Anniv.
by Wife, Jan & Family**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**For: In Gratitude of a
Special Intention AnsweredWeek of: **November 5, 2023**

By: Diane Norcini

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 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 (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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow disciples?

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: Giacomo & Genoeffa Trosini

Week of: **November 5, 2023**

By: Daughter, Tina Lopez & Family



PREP

The next Family Catechesis Session will be on Sun, Nov. 19. The topic will be "The Moral Life". There will be no session scheduled in December! A reminder that there will be no PREP class on Sun., Nov. 26 for Level 7 & no PREP class on Mon., Nov. 27 for Levels 1 to 6. Our Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held on Mon., Nov. 20 for Levels 1 to 6.

Parents, if you feel at a loss in understanding the parts of the Mass especially when working with your children, there is a wonderful opportunity to get a "refresher" explanation on Dec. 2 & Dec. 9 from 11 AM until 12 Noon. Fr. Carey will explain the parts of the Mass and their rich meaning. This is a wonderful opportunity especially for parents whose children are receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation this year!

During the months of Nov. & Dec., our Outreach effort will be for Camilla Hall Infirmary. We will be collecting toiletry items. Suggested items: Dove Soap – Toothpaste – Shampoo – Body lotion – Toothbrushes. These are the most needed items in a Nursing Home!

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 - 12 have received 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.

REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF THE MASS

On Sat., Dec. 2nd & 9th from 11 AM to 12 Noon in the church, Fr. Carey will walk us through what is known as *missa sicca* – a "dry Mass" where he will explore what the Mass means, what we say, what we do, and why it matters. Come renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

BE ENCOURAGED

The Archdiocese has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles & those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers & ministries that can assist with recovery & healing. Information cards are available in the vestibules of the church or at: www.archphila.org/support.



ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2023 News



Halloween Fun!

To end the month of October and as a celebration of Fall Fun, the children took part in a Parade & Trunk or Treat. A great big *thank you* to the parents who worked so hard to make this such a fun morning!!!!



Assumption Academy 5K and Family Fun Stroll

[Sign Up](#)

[Donate](#)

Registration is still OPEN! Even if you aren't a runner, come for a walk or just hang out! We will have plenty to keep the family entertained.

There will be 2 Food Trucks serving Cupcakes and Donuts - and a Balloon artist for the kids!

We are still in need of a Cyclist and a Photographer (or two)!

Please reach out if you would like to help!

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	10/18/2023	10/19/2023
Collection:	\$ 77,244	\$ 74,670
Electronic Giving:	\$ 37,663	\$ 39,180
TOTAL	\$ 114,906	\$ 113,850

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*. When I was a young child, there was a game that I often played with friends at school. It was called "Follow the Leader." It was a simple enough game. One person was chosen to be the "leader". Whatever the leader did or said, everyone else copied. For example, if the leader clapped their hands or jumped on one foot, everyone else did the same. If the leader counted from one to five, everyone else said the same thing. You were out of the game if you failed to do or say what the leader did or said.

Our Gospel this Sunday is about leaders. It is about what they say and what they do. It is about what sort of example they are for the people they are trying to lead and guide. At the time of Jesus, the religious leaders of the Jewish people were the Scribe and Pharisees. In front of the people gathered, Jesus makes a very public condemnation and criticism of them. Jesus clearly says for everyone to hear, "*do not follow their example, for they preach but they do not practice.*" Strong words indeed. The Pharisees knew the Law of Moses. They told the people that they had to follow these rules in every detail in their daily lives. They asked the people to do this but were unable to do it themselves. They knew the Law very well; what they lacked was mercy, compassion and tenderness of heart. Their actions did not match their words. They made life difficult for people but would not lift a finger to help them or ease their suffering. They expected others to follow the law and to be perfect, but they themselves were far from perfect.

God does not expect us to be perfect. However, we are asked to be genuine, honest and authentic with ourselves, others and God. Last week when asked by the Pharisees what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied, "*Love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*" This is the heart of the Jewish Law, and it is at the heart of Jesus' message to us today. We are called to "follow our leader" Jesus, who came to serve and not to be served. This is the example we are asked to follow and strive to live by.

The month of November brings with it sentiments of remembering the Souls of the Faithful Departed. This Sunday, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at the 10 AM Mass remembering all our loved ones who have died within the past year. The names of those who have died will be named during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and personalized candles will burn at our Lady's altar which will in turn be given to our families to take home with them. This is a wonderful tradition here at OLA and one that always reminds us to never forget those who have died and those who still mourn for them. Let us remember them and pray for these souls and their families on this weekend for the gift of hope, consolation and peace.

Once again, we have enshrined in the back of the church a *Book of Remembrance* to inscribe the names of the dead so that we might remember and pray for all of our beloved deceased. In addition, a votive candle, placed next to it, will burn continuously throughout the entire month of November as a beautiful reminder to us of their memory and the gift of faith and hope that we share in the resurrection of our Lord. Please take the time to inscribe the names of your loved ones in this book.

This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast after all the Masses on Sunday. Please take this opportunity to stop in to share good food & conversation. And once again a big "thank you" to the Knights for providing this opportunity for us to gather together as a family of faith.

Our parish Annual Appeal which began last month continues. As you know, this years' appeal is especially important as we need to repair four major support beams in our church roof that have separated and have now compromised the building. 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 no later than the end of next year. We are planning on doing so this coming Spring along with replacing the old roofs of both the church and rectory. As I mentioned in my appeal letter, the total estimate of this project is \$185,000. As of this writing, we have received \$ 24,365 in donations. I thank all those who have already generously contributed, and I encourage those who have not done so as of yet, to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to help repair our beautiful church. Until next week, may God continue to bless you and your families!

Love & prayers, Fr. Carey