

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

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

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Sunday

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**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

Monday - November 13, 2023**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

- 8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of
Gaetan Liburd by Mom, Marie Liburd

Tuesday - November 14, 2023

- 8:00 Margaret Mary Kiely, Birthday
by Linda Rickles, Rickles Family
Charitable Foundation

Wednesday - November 15, 2023**St. Albert the Great,****Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 James Fisher by Erin Farmer, Mark Phillips
& Emma Albanese

Thursday - November 16, 2023**St. Margaret of Scotland****St. Gertrude, Virgin**

- 8:00 Kevin Matthews by Charlie & Mary Tornetta

Friday - November 17, 2023**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

- 8:00 Eleanor Estrella by Mike & Joan Emmi

Saturday – November 18, 2023**The Dedication of the Basilicas of****Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles****St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

- 9:00 Maria & Donato Fillipone, Domenic &
Flora Fillipone & Sophie Fillipone
by Maria Fillipone Conte & Family
- 5 PM Deceased Members of the Mullen &
Bateson Families

Sunday, November 19, 2023**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bible Sunday**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:30 Sandoro D'Ignazio, 63rd Anniv.
by Your Sons & Family
- 10 AM Rita M. Lolli by Her Children

SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING

For: Robert Ryan

Week of: **November 12, 2023**By: John & Patty McCartney &
Joseph & Donna Dwyer**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 Henry Ginnona. 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, 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

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

For: Special Intentions of John Catalanotto

Week of: **November 12, 2023**

By: Chris & Joanne Bouvier

PREP

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

Our next Family Catechesis session will be on Sun., Nov. 19th at 9:30 AM in Assumption Hall. Our topic will be “The Moral Life”!

The Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be on Nov. 20th during class time. There will be no class on Sun., Nov. 26 or Mon., Nov. 27!

Our Outreach will be for Camilla Hall Infirmary during Nov. & Dec. Toiletry items such as Dove soap, toothpaste, shampoo & body lotion are suggested. Thank you for your consideration and contributions to this Outreach effort.

GOOD NEWS! OLA CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish is starting up a Children’s Choir for children ages 8 - 12. Rehearsals are on Wed. evenings in the Choir Loft/ Sacred Heart Chapel from 6 - 7 PM. If your children would like to join, contact Anne Sprissler at: asprissler@olastrafford.org.

REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF THE MASS

On Sat., Dec. 2nd and 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.

AOP METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

Do You Know Your Tribunal? The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church, or are remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-03750 or go to: www.archphila.org.

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



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** takes 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!

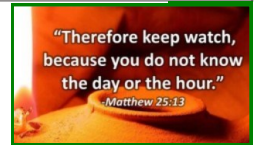
STEWARDSHIP

YTD Weekend of:	10/25/2023	10/26/2022
Collection:	\$ 82,979	\$ 78,319
Electronic Giving:	\$ 40,075	\$ 41,658
TOTAL	\$ 123,054	\$ 119,976

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What has worked for me in the past when I begin to get impatient? Going forward, what will I do to draw upon more patience?

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Most of us are familiar with the motto of the boy scouts; *Be Prepared!* As we approach the end of this Church year and prepare for a new one, the Gospel today and next Sunday speaks to us of being ready and prepared.

In our ordinary everyday lives, we all know how to prepare and get ready. We get ready if we have an appointment with the doctor. We get ready for school or for work. If we are going out to somewhere special, we spend extra time getting ready and being prepared. We sometimes get ready and wait for our favorite television program to start. We all know what happens when we are at the bus stop. We check our watches as we look up and down the street anxiously hoping that the bus will arrive sooner rather than later.

The Gospel this Sunday however reminds and asks us to get ready and prepare at a much deeper level. It asks, what does it mean for us to be watching and waiting for Jesus? The question that is implied in the parable this weekend of the wise and foolish wedding guests, is what are we actually doing *while* we are waiting for Jesus? Are we sitting around with no thought or concern for God, ourselves and others, or are we actively living our daily lives with meaning and purpose?

The challenge and invitation of waiting and being prepared is that I am trying my very best to live my daily life as truly a follower of Jesus. This will be seen in how I speak, how I act and in how I treat others. Waiting then, is not about some vague and unknown future. Being a Christian and waiting for Jesus is about how I live my daily life, right here and right now.

Waiting is never passive. Being ready and prepared means living out the present moment to the fullest. St. Paul reminds us of this when he says, we are to *avoid everything in our daily lives that is not worthy of the Gospel of Jesus*. We are to live a life worthy of the calling and vocation that God has given to each and every one of us. Let us get ready and be prepared for His coming with all our heart, strength and mind!

Last weekend was quite a busy one! First, on Saturday we held our annual Christmas Bazaar. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Ladies of Our Lady of the Assumption (LOLA) led by Marge DiGiacomo and Barbara Fitting as well as all the members on the committee for all their hard work to make this event not only successful but even more so, enjoyable. A great time was had by all, and we congratulate all those who won the raffle prizes that day as well as the many beautiful gift baskets through the silent auction. Your presence and participation is of great benefit to our parish and for this we are truly grateful!

The following day, we celebrated our Annual Mass of Remembrance to honor the memory of those who have died within this past year. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make this occasion so beautiful and prayerful, especially our Ushers under the guidance of Vince Caprio and our Music ministry under the direction of Anne Sprissler. It was a prayerful and memorable day for many, made even better by a free Pancake Breakfast in Assumption Hall sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. I thank them as well for their hard work in providing such a delicious ending to a wonderful weekend celebration.

This weekend, we welcome Mr. Kolbe Eidle, a collegiate seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to speak at all of our Masses regarding the Annual Seminary Appeal. Kolbe will provide a more "personal touch" to this important appeal. I thank you in advance for welcoming him and for your ongoing support of our seminary. Please keep Kolbe & all of our seminarians in your prayers.

Our parish Annual Appeal continues. This year's 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 next Spring along with replacing the old roofs of both the church and rectory. The total estimate of this project is \$ 185,000. As of this writing, we have received \$ 41,515 in donations. I sincerely thank all those who have already generously contributed, and I encourage those who have not done so 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