

### 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. 8:30 AM - 12Noon

### Emergencies

Call the Parish Office and press 1.

### PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM

### ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

# the Parable of the Talents

MATTHEW 25: 14-30

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

**November 19, 2023**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MY OLA + MY FAMILY OF FAITH**



**Mass on Thanksgiving Day, 11/23 at 9 AM.**

All are invited to bring food to be blessed  
during the Mass.

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**Parish Offices Closed:**

Thurs., 11/23/2023 & Fri., 11/24/2023

For Thanksgiving Holidays

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday – November 18, 2023

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of  
Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles****St. Rose Philippine Dushesne, Virgin**9:00 Maria & Donato Fillipone, Domenic &  
Flora Fillipone & Sophie Fillipone  
by Maria Fillipone Conte & Family5 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

**Monday - November 20, 2023**

8:00 Rosa Odorisio, Anniv.

by Daughter, Lisa &amp; Larry Mari &amp; Family

**Tuesday - November 21, 2023****THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 Mary Clare Chevalier

by Marie &amp; Jacques Gordon

**Wednesday - November 22, 2023****St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 Tracey Pinder by Chris Renzi

**Thursday - November 23, 2023****Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 Jane Cannan by Mimi Mira

**Friday - November 24, 2023****St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest &  
Companions, Martyrs**8:00 Special Birthday Intentions of Joseph Carver  
by Daughter, Heather Hill**Saturday – November 25, 2023****St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**9:00 Agnes McCafferty, 8th Anniv.  
by The McCafferty Family5 PM Deceased Members of The Rodgers &  
Montemurro Families  
by Richard & Rosemary Ise**Sunday, November 26, 2023****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

7:00 Peggy Barbera

by Peter &amp; Maria Recchi &amp; Family

8:30 For the People of the Parish

10 AM Albert R. DiDario by The OLA Choir

**SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING**

For: 1st LT Travis Manion

Week of: **November 19, 2023**

By: Aunt Maria Lemma &amp; 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 & Carol Barbera.**Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military:**John Meixner, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati,  
Matthew Wilson & Bryan Dixon.**OLA GIVING TREE****The OLA Giving Trees are set up!** Once again,  
we are collecting for the families of St Patrick's (in  
Norristown) CCD Program. Gift tags on the trees will  
include:

Gift Cards to:

Giant, Aldi Grocery, Shop Rite, Target &amp; CVS

&amp; warm clothing for the cold weather like:

Sweats, coats, polar fleece, hoodies, hats/gloves/  
scarves & work boots for kids thru adults,  
all sizes welcome.Please take a tag or two off the Giving Tree. **Gifts  
with the tags attached may be placed in bins in  
the Giving Room by Dec. 10th!****PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS!!!** The  
items are laid out for the families to Christmas Shop.  
You can donate wrapping materials separately. Gifts  
will be delivered to St. Patrick's on Mon., Dec. 11th.**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION****Holy Hour & teaching series on the Holy  
Eucharist from 7 PM - 8 PM Tuesday****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**How do I share my gifts? What talent have I been  
told I have but am afraid to share out in the open?



## PREP

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Meeting for Confirmation. I will continue to follow-up with reminders as the year progresses!

Today, our Family Catechesis group will meet at 9:30 AM in Assumption Hall. Our topic will be "The Moral Life"! There will be no meeting in December. There are a few Parish activities that you can join if you wish! December can be such a busy time but we can't forget the reason for the season!

Levels 1 - 6 will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Service tomorrow at 5 PM. Parents are welcome to join us!

There will be **NO PREP CLASSES** on Sunday, Nov. 26 & Monday, Nov. 27! Happy Thanksgiving!

## OLA ADVENT CELEBRATION

We are having our all-parish, all ages celebration in Assumption Hall on **Sun., 12/17 from 11 AM - 1 PM** including music and a Christmas Carol sing-Along as well as crafts & fun activities, and refreshments. Free will donation of baby formula & new born clothing welcome. Contact Marie Gordon 610-513-0039 or Patty Donato 610-585-9656 to volunteer to help!

## REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF THE MASS

On Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.archphila.org).

## BE ENCOURAGED

Is a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles. 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](http://www.archphila.org/support).



## ASSUMPTION ACADEMY 2023 News



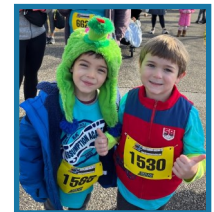
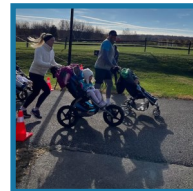
### 5K Sunday is in the books!!

Thank you just isn't big enough. My heart is full of gratitude for our amazing parents who put this event together. To our sponsors,

I promise to always work to earn your support & generosity. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed this amazing day!

To the runners - you inspire us all!

Thank you!!!



### 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:	11/01/2023	11/02/2022
Collection:	\$ 88,202	\$ 84,383
Electronic Giving:	\$ 42,338	\$ 43,645
TOTAL	\$ 130,540	\$ 128,028

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. We all know the joy of getting a nicely wrapped gift whether for our birthday or at Christmas. We eagerly open and unwrap the gift that has been kindly given to us. We always thank the person who gave it to us and we use it. But think how the person who gave us the gift would feel if we didn't open it and instead simply put it away somewhere leaving it sit unopened. This is the situation that we are presented with in the Gospel reading this weekend.

Like last Sunday, this Gospel puts before us again the message of "waiting" and asks how we are waiting. A rich man, before he leaves for a business trip, calls three of his servants and gives them each a sum of money. He gives them money according to the abilities that he sees in each of them. Notice how he simply gives them the money. He doesn't tell them what to do with it or how to invest it. He trusts them enough to let them decide how best to use what they have been given. So, the first two servants invest their money and so double the amount given. But the third servant, for whatever reason, simply buries his money in the ground. When the man returns, he calls in his servants and asks them to account for the money he gave them.

We have all been given gifts and talents by God. The important thing is not "what" I have been given, but "how" I use what God has given to me. Our talents are not just for ourselves; they are meant to be used to build up the Kingdom of God. Just think of the trust God has in each of us and the risk he takes with us. Liturgically, at this time of year we are waiting for the Lord to return. In the meantime, we can't simply sit, wait, and do nothing. We are to live our daily lives in such a way that we use all the many gifts and talents God has given each of us. In the Gospel, the man not only gave his servants money, but he also trusted them with a big responsibility. Jesus has given each of us the same responsibility. Through our ordinary lives and by using our gifts and talents, we are to show that we too are faithful servants.

May we choose the path of faithfulness and fruitfulness which leads to a future of true happiness and a share in God's joy. May God say to each of us in the end, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

This coming Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day. As we commemorate this beloved and traditional holiday, we will offer our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 AM. As customary, you are most welcome to bring any food that will be used at your table at home to be blessed at this Mass. Likewise, we will be distributing blessed bread that you can take home with you. In addition, a Cornucopia will be displayed in the church and following Mass, all will be invited to come forward and take something home to share with your family. In all of these simple gestures, we show forth an intimate connection between the "parish church" and your home, the "domestic church." I hope and pray that with whatever plans you have made for Thanksgiving this year, your day will be truly special and blessed!

On Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Prayer Service with our PREP students in church and likewise on Tuesday we will gather at 9:30AM with our students at Assumption Academy to give thanks to God for the many blessings received throughout the year. Please keep all of our students in your prayers as we thank God at this time of year and ask for His continued blessings upon them and their families.

We have placed our OLA Giving Trees in both vestibules of the Church. We encourage you to take tags home with you to remember the poor and needy at this special time of year. As we do every year, we are once again collecting for the PREP families in need at St. Patrick's Parish in Norristown, PA. Gifts tags on the trees include opportunities to donate gift cards as well as various types of warm clothing for winter, etc. You may return the gift **(unwrapped and with the tag attached)** to the church vestibule or in the Giving Room. Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as they will be delivered to St. Patrick's on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for your generosity to the poor and needy, especially at this time of year.

Be assured of my thoughts and remembrances as we approach another Thanksgiving Day together and know that I feel truly blessed, grateful and "thankful" to be part of such a wonderful parish family here at Our Lady of the Assumption. Let us continue to pray for one another. Have a great week!

*Love & prayers, Fr. Carey*