NEW 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:
Rev. Augustin Kassa, SMA

PERMANENT DEACON:
Deacon John Rose

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Rick West

OFFICE MANAGER/ PARISH SECRETARY:
RoseAnn Westerfer

BUSINESS MANAGER:
Nicole Giacche

OFFICE PHONE: 610-688-1178
WEBSITE: olastrafford.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Emergencies
Call the Parish Office and press 1.

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Patricia Welsh 610-688-5277

PREP OFFICE

Sr. Rita Marian Angelilli, IHM
610-688-6590

OLA CONVENT – IHM SISTERS

Phone: 610-688-7889

Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

35 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford, PA

September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day Weekend

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

Daily Mass on Monday, Sept. 7th, Labor Day will be celebrated at 9 AM.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Masses for the Week

Saturday - September 5, 2020
First Saturday
St. Teresa of Calcutta

9 AM Gilda Bruno by Dino & Yolanda Calvarese
5 PM Anthony Ercole
by Wife, Filomena & Family

Sunday, September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 AM Anthony Stipa
by Richard & Julie McCormick
8:30 For the People of the Parish
10 AM Frances Donato
by Michael & Edward Donato

Monday - September 7, 2020
Labor Day

9:00 Deceased Members of the Rose & Neely Families by Deacon John & Bette Jo Rose

Tuesday - September 8, 2020
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 Rita DiRocco, 100th Birthday
by Her Daughter

Wednesday - September 9, 2020
St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 Marian & Erv Fisher by Sr. Jeannine Norton

Thursday - September 10, 2020

8:00 Lois Campbell by Daughter, Nancy

Friday - September 11, 2020

8:00 Holy Souls of Priests In Purgatory
by Richard & Rosemary Ise

Saturday - September 12, 2020
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

9 AM Increased Membership in the Legion of Mary
by OLA Legion of Mary
5 PM Anna D'Ambrosio
by Daughter, Dina & Anthony Gentile & Family

Sunday, September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 AM Jeanell Wilson by Rick Bryant
8:30 Laura Melvin
by Assumption Academy School Board, Faculty & Staff
10 AM Joann Murphy
by Sister, Rosemarie Mascuilli & Family

Sanctuary Lamp is Burning

For: Eleanora Rose
From: ***Sept. 4, 2020 to Sept. 10, 2020***
By: Tina DiMarcantonio

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, Msgr. McDonough, Carole Pullo, Gloria Biondi, Taylor Boileau, Dan, Angie, Nick & Kelly Sciarratta, Barbara Pupek, Charlotte Krutsick, Catherine Harmer, Eileen Piombino, John Becker, Janet Fleming, Holly Weaver, Agatha & Carol Annino, Bob Iatesta, Louise Fehn, Gabe Yervelli, Msgr. Marino, Milena Trosini, Alison Colodonato, Sean Mahoney, Baby Flynn, Yolanda Price, Zaira Silveri, Dottie Cappelli, Russell Demanczyk, Dominic Toscani, Fran Neary, William Vare, Jessica Rineer, Veronica Kelly, Carolyn Weber, Arthur Mattmiller, Nello DeFlaviis, Joseph Carver, Gina Pine, Fr. Woodeshick, Ed Rofi, Gina Falcone, Anita Moscia, Maria DiGiacomo, Rick West, John Davico, Msgr. Malone, Kaitlyn Dorris, Marcella Canfarotta, Anita Koltay, Mark Hinkle, Jim Batalise, Lynette Donnelly, Giulio Odorisio & Jennifer Emmi Fiorini.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Lynn Daly. May her soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Thank You to OLA & Outreach

Outreach received the following Thank You letters for generous donations by the OLA community during this pandemic.

Brother House in Norristown, PA:

Thank you for your recent $1,000 OLA Outreach gift in support of our Brother House works to lift up our guests, the needy & homeless men of Norristown. While pandemic restrictions prevent us from offering full services inside the Brother House, we have been using this time to upgrade Brother House security, plumbing, heating and to conduct maintenance. Also, we are providing "parking lot socials" to provide clothes, brown-bagged snacks, hand sanitizer and masks. Where God closes a door, he opens a window.

To Jesus through Mary, *Br. Jim Glennon*

Tredyffrin & Easttown CARE:

Thank you for the generous $1,000 donation to TE Care from OLA Outreach Ministry. We have received a great number of requests for support such as paying bills, delivering grocery gift cards, and providing refurbished laptops to needy families to help online learning. We are only able to provide assistance because of people like you & the members of your parish. We are honored to be included in your ministry plans. Sincerely, *Nancy Higgins*

Sanctuary Floral Memorial

For: Lois Campbell
From: ***Sept. 5, 2020 to Sept. 6, 2020***
By: Daughter, Nancy

FAITH FORMATION

PREP

A reminder to all PREP parents that the first lesson for the year (1 of 7 lessons) will be presented by livestream on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM. Please refer to your child's schedule to review the time of their lesson during this week. All necessary information can be found in the folder of materials which each family was given.

Instructions to view live-streaming 1st Parent Lesson/Meeting on 9/13/2020:

1. In your Facebook account, search for: ***Our Lady of the Assumption Strafford***
2. Once you open up this page, the meeting video should be visible to you.
3. If you do not have a Facebook page, in your internet browser, search for: ***Our Lady of the Assumption Strafford Facebook***

Please contact Sister Rita Marian Angelilli with any questions or concerns at **610-688-6590 or** rmangelilli@olastrafford.org.

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS**
(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)
On 8/23/2020: $ 6,631 8/25/2019: $ 4,507
***** OTHER COLLECTIONS INCLUDE: HOLY DAYS, CHRISTMAS and EASTER FLOWERS***
Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on 8/26/2020: $ 2,802.50
CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF including Electronic Parish Giving
8/26/2020: $ 60,940 8/28/2019: $ 71,064
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are -14.2 % less than 2019-2020.

We thank you for your generosity!

OLA POOR BOXES

The money collected from our Poor Boxes located in the Candle Room & in the Vestibule is used for our Outreach Ministry. Thank you for your support!

BROTHER'S HOUSE

Assisting homeless men in Norristown is in desperate need of **clean new socks & boxer shorts (XL & XXL & XXXL)**. Please drop off in the Giving Room.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a "ripple of forgiveness" that could expand to a global tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

ASSUMPTION ACADEMY NEWS

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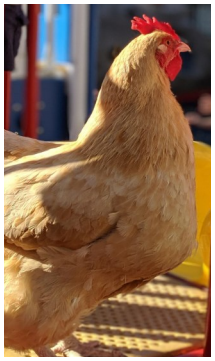
Half Day Kindergarten still Available
Call or email TODAY!



If the school district's Kindergarten plan does not work for your family, consider Assumption Academy's small classes, indoor & outdoor classrooms, and before & after school care. If you are interested, please contact the office: **pwelsh@olastrafford.org** or call 610-688-5277.

If you would like to see our reopening plan, you can check our website at: **www.assumptionacademy.weebly.com**

Mommy and Me (or as we call it) Toddler Talk

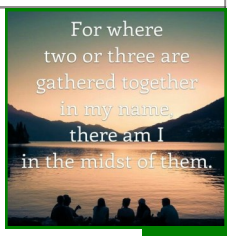
SHARE*SING*LEARN*GROW

Mommy and Me meets 2 times a week for an hour and 15 minutes. It is a great social experience for Toddlers of 18 months to 3 years of age & their mother (or other adult care taker).

On Mondays and/or Wednesday from 9:30 AM -10:45 AM you & your child will engage in Large Motor & Fine Motor Activities, Teacher- Directed stories & songs, and Exploratory Learning.

Each session is $15 or you could buy a punch card good for 10 session for $130. Call today to register a spot!

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading, we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues that were faced by the early Christian community.

Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict & error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Our PREP Program is now officially underway. This past Sunday, our families participated in a virtual Registration Informational Meeting hosted by Sr. Rita Marian and subsequently they were able to pick up their customary book bags and folder of materials which contain all of the necessary information related to the upcoming school year. We have decided to present all of our lessons virtually this year. These formal lessons scheduled throughout the year will be complimented by informal discussions as well with our catechists whenever a child or parent needs help or guidance. We have provided all of our catechists with new Apple iPads to assist in presenting their lessons, etc. via Zoom. Please pray for all of our young children and their families as they prepare for this coming year of faith formation.

On Friday September 4th, my dear mother, Patricia (Pat) celebrates her 80th birthday! This is certainly a big milestone for her. As I reflect upon this special occasion in her life, I want to give thanks to God for the gift of my mother and how grateful I am to have her still as part of my life. I also thank God for her unconditional love through the years not only for me but my two sisters as well. I thank her for all the sacrifices she has made for us and our family through the years. I would ask all of you to please keep my mom in your prayers as she celebrates her very special day!

Very soon, we will be installing in the back of our church a Defibrillator which has been purchased through the generosity of our local Knights of Columbus Council. I thank them and in a special way I want to thank Mr. Vince Caprio for his assistance in acquiring and installing this important device for the good and safety of our parishioners and visitors to our parish. Vince has also been kind enough to coordinate the training of our ushers to use this equipment properly. The Defibrillator will be placed within the main body of the church on the left as you enter. Once again, I thank all those involved in providing this important addition to our church building that will provide a means of help to those who may ever need it.

Once again, I am truly grateful for your ongoing generous support to our parish in these trying times. Many people have been so good about their giving and I truly appreciate the many sacrifices you make for our parish. Thank you! Until next week, may God bless you and your families!

Love and prayers, Fr. Carey

PASTOR'S CORNER