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
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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 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

MY OLA † MY FAMILY OF FAITH

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Masses for the Week

Saturday - September 19, 2020
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
9 AM Erma & Americo Italiano
by Their Children & Grandchildren
5 PM Joe Santoleri, Sr. by His Family

Sunday, September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
7 AM Ida Marcil
by Assumption Academy Staff & Students
& For the People of the Parish
8:30 Laura Melvin
by Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan
10 AM Natale Piombino by Brother, Lou

Monday - September 21, 2020
ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
8:00 Emma Timperio by Greg & Marge Seedor

Tuesday - September 22, 2020
8:00 Merritt Pavloff by The Reusche Family

Wednesday - September 23, 2020
St. Pius of Peitrelcina, Priest
8:00 Deceased Members of
Angelucci & Brighella Families
by Maryann Lutz

Thursday - September 24, 2020
8:00 Joyce Tomasso by Her Family

Friday - September 25, 2020
8:00 Vincent DePaul Mullen
by Jack & Anne Rogers

Saturday - September 26, 2020
Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
9 AM Agnes Ludwikowski
by Assumption Academy School Board,
Faculty & Staff
5 PM Lamour "Chip" Layfield
by John & Margaret Haines

Sunday, September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 AM Soul of Catherine Giovanni
8:30 Agnes Ludwikowski
by Dennis, Judy, Dennis & Michelle Tolan
10 AM Ronald Rhoades by Greg & Marge Seedor

Sanctuary Lamp is Burning

For: Michael Cormier
From: ***Sept. 18, 2020 to Sept. 24, 2020***
By: Mom, Vera

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.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish family, especially for Sheila Moscia & Bernard Rogers, brother of Jack Rogers. May their soul & all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the Military: Lauren Seedor, Rebecca Robbins, Luke Scilovati & Matthew Wilson.

OLA Outreach Open During Coronavirus Pandemic

Outreach is helping those in need in the OLA community during this pandemic. Donations can continue to be made to the Giving Room. **Diapers (Size 5 & 6 especially) & wipes are dearly in demand.** We kindly ask that furniture not be left on the church grounds or parking lot. Please call to check to see if your donation is acceptable.

If you find yourself in need, or conversely, would like to offer assistance, you can reach a member of the Outreach Team by calling the ***Parish Office at 610-688-1178***, emailing parishoffice@olastrafford.org, or calling ***Vince Caprio at 610-644-3482***. A member of the Outreach Team will contact you. **Thank you and God bless you!**

Lastly, Outreach is in need of a 12 - 14 cubic ft. refrigerator. If you would like to donate one, please call first to discuss with Vince Caprio.

Sanctuary Floral Memorial

For: Joyce Tomasso
From: ***Sept. 19, 2020 to Sept. 20, 2020***
By: Daughter, Stephanie & Bryan Oscarson

Question of the Week:

How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of "latecomers" and begin serving as a member of God's "welcome wagon"? After all, God has welcomed even me.

FAITH FORMATION

PREP

Today we congratulate all our parish catechists:

Level 1: Mrs. Natalie Seminole
Level 2: In process
Level 3: Mrs. Christine Gaeto
Level 4: Mrs. Melissa Marchisello
Level 5: Mrs. Millie Slifer
Level 6: Mrs. Erin Farmer
Level 7: Mrs. Angela Falco

who have volunteered to assist in our online PREP program. We are grateful and inspired by their generous service to our parish.

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

BABY'S BREATH IN WAYNE

In need of formula, baby food, bottles, diapers & wipes. Please drop off in the Giving Room.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

To receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or Matrimony, to have access to Letters of Eligibility to stand as a Godparent at Baptism or as a Sponsor at Confirmation, or to receive a tuition discount at Assumption Academy, you must be registered in the Parish.

To register please call the Parish Office at 610-688-1178. *Thank you!*

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY & OTHER COLLECTIONS**
(does not include Electronic Parish Giving)
On 9/07/2020: $ 4,601 9/08/2019: $ 5,850
***** OTHER COLLECTIONS INCLUDE: HOLY DAYS, CHRISTMAS and EASTER FLOWERS***

Electronic Parish Giving Deposited on
9/10/2020: $ 3,537.50

CUM FISCAL YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving
9/10/2020: $ 75,440 9/11/2019: $ 90,150
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are - 16.3 % less than 2019-2020.

IMPROVEMENT FUND
YTD TOTALS AS OF
including Electronic Parish Giving
9/10/2020: $ 8,475 9/11/2019: $ 5,535
Note: 2020-2021 fiscal YTD offerings are + 53.1 % more than 2019-2020.

We thank you for your generosity!

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* A parable is presented in today's Gospel that has intrigued many since the time of Jesus. It is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be completely contrary to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that the landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways!

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you" (I Corinthians 11:23). This year's theme emphasizes that living faith necessitates movement, inspiring all those who hear the Word to generously share it as witnesses of the true and living God. We want to especially commend our good parents who have accepted the role of active evangelization by participating in the Family Catechesis Program this year. They are truly instruments of transmitting the faith in the lives of their children along with our volunteer PREP teachers who so generously give of their time and talent. We will offer a prayer of blessing at the conclusion of the Universal Prayers at Mass for all who have taken up the task of evangelization whether catechist (or parent) in light of this unusual time in which we are living with the pandemic. May God continue to bless our parents (the primary teachers of the faith) as well as our Catechists who assist them in "handing on" the precious gift of faith that we have received from the Lord Himself.

Just a quick reminder about an important upcoming collection next week. Because of the suspension of Masses this past Spring due to the Coronavirus, the Holy See asked that the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land be pushed back to the weekend of September 26 & 27, 2020. If you have already sent in your Good Friday envelope previously, we thank you for your generosity. If you did not and would like to contribute now, we invite you to take an envelope from the tables in the vestibules and return them next week with your contribution made out to "OLA". We thank you in advance for your generous and sacrificial support on behalf of the Holy See for the sites in the Holy Land.

I thank you all once again for your continued financial support during these difficult times. May God continue to bless you and your families. Have a great week!

Love and prayers, Fr. Carey

PASTOR'S CORNER