



## Saints & Scholars ...so that Mercy may flourish

*The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society ~ Pope St. John Paul II*

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, 2/26

Dress Down Day -  
Catholic Charities

#### Saturday, 2/27

Father/Daughter  
Dance (PTG)

#### Wednesday, 3/2

7:00pm  
First Communion  
Parent Meeting

#### Monday, 3/7

Lifetouch Spring  
Picture Day

1:00pm

OLM School  
Confessions

#### Thursday, 3/17

12:05pm  
Irish Mass-Reception

#### Friday, 3/18

Dress Down Day -  
Saints and Scholars  
Fund



“God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church’s tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged...For in the poor, the flesh of Christ “becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us.”

**Pope Francis**

### News!

**Dress Down Day** - Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – funds collected for Catholic Charities.

**Drama News** - We are excited to announce that **Rhode Island Youth Theatre** has chosen **The Little Mermaid, Jr.** as our 2016 play, which will be held on **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. Dress rehearsals will be 3-8pm on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 9am-2pm on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration will take place at the end of April in three phases, starting with the middle school and working down the grades, as space is available. The program will start after school on Thursday, May 5th. All registered students will be cast by RIYT Directors in scenes throughout the show. Many volunteer opportunities will be available for parents who wish to help out! Stay tuned - more details to follow in March/April!

**Grandparent’s Day** – May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Formal invitations will be sent home soon.

### Father’s Corner

We invite you to make the Stations of the Cross this Lent. They are offered in Church every Friday at 8:30am for our OLM Students and at 7:00pm for our parish families. In the late middle Ages during the Turkish occupation of the Holy Land Catholic pilgrims were prevented from visiting holy sites in the Holy Land. The custom arose of making replicas of those holy places where the faithful might come to venerate and pray. One of the most popular of these devotions was the “Stations of the Way of the Cross” which were imitations of the “Stations” or stopping places of prayer on the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem. By the late sixteenth century the fourteen stations as we know them today were erected in every Catholic Church. The Stations were popularized by St. Francis and his Friars, the Stations are a centuries-old devotion practiced by Catholics and consisting of prayer, song and meditation on various actions and persons whom Jesus encountered on the road to Calvary. The Stations are a time-tested, popular way to help us pursue the goal of Lent of converting more fully to Christ. In 1761, St. Alphonsus Liguori reflecting on the Stations wrote:” *The pious exercise the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.*” Join us as we walk the way to Calvary with the Lord Jesus Christ. *We adore You O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.*

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olmparish.org  
Daily Readings:  
uscc.org/readings  
Catechism of the  
Catholic Church  
usccb.org/catechism

### Web References

#### Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com  
(online tutorials for  
many subjects)

#### Literacy

**Seussville** features  
Dr. Seuss's books,  
games and activities,  
videos and much,  
much more!

**Starfall** is an  
educational  
alternative to other  
entertainment  
choices for children."

#### Mathematics

**Fact Monster** - Fact  
Monster is a free  
reference site for  
students, teachers,  
and parents.

**Puzzle Maker** -  
Create your own  
content related  
puzzles.

**Art of Problem-  
Solving:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
and up; videos are  
organized, clear and  
free!

**5th grade class** - The fifth graders have been busy since September. They have been reminded that they grow closer to middle school with every passing day. Fraction work has proven motivational. The RI Children Rooster books fill both classrooms, and there's one for every type of genre. The students have been asked to independently read twenty five books by June. Colonization has been the theme for Social Studies. In Science the children are learning about and exploring Isaac Newton's three laws of motion. They will be working in conjunction with Mrs. Lukens in computer class to create their own vehicle which will provide hands on learning of forces and motion. For Black History Month, the students have heard of individuals who have made a difference. Book reports for March requires reading a biography of their choice, dressing in costume and presenting a "Who Am I?" project to parents and grandparents. During Lent the class attends one 12:05pm Mass each week. The students serve, lead the Angelus, and do the daily reading. The students will participate in the Mobile Loaves and Fishes program this month.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade class** - The sixth grade in ELA and Social Studies have been going on a journey through ancient Rome, studying history and culture. They have read *Tiger, Tiger*, a novel based in ancient Rome, culminating in the writing of a poem based on the novel. Grade 6 Math has just finished working with fractions. They used them in the four operations as well as solving algebraic equations and are using them in dimensional analysis to convert measurement units. Next chapter involves ratios, percentages, and decimals.

**Library News** - The book fair was a smashing success! Thank you for supporting this exciting fundraiser. Over \$2,500 was earned for our library! Thank you to all who shopped, donated books to classroom teachers, or volunteered to make the fair such a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Knudson for their dedication

**OLM Soccer Registration** - Soccer registration for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be available through olmhoops.org. Registration will close when the maximum (20 students) are registered.

**Friends of Mercy** - The Friends of Mercy group is collecting new and gently used books during the season of Lent. The books will supply the doctors associated with Hasbro Children's Hospital. New books are given to patients that do not have much at home. The gently used books are used in their waiting rooms. Please check your bookshelves and see if they need thinning. Anything appropriate for children age toddler through late teens are being accepted. Thank you for your generosity.

**Basketball** - The 8th grade girls' basketball team finished their regular season with a win over Mount St. Charles to finish the season undefeated. They will go into playoffs hoping to win and continue on to 2016 New England championships.

**Scholarship Recipients** - Scholarships are based on student's performance on Entrance Exams:  
Bay View Academy – Cecilia Bianchi, Brooke Mattos and Ishita Rai - Merit Scholarships  
La Salle Academy – John Curran – Principal's Scholarship

**Prayer Requests** - Ella, a six year old girl from Coventry who suffered a traumatic brain injury.

**Ms. Jackson with OLM alum in Italy during a  
Bishop Hendricken High School trip**



**OLM Scholastic Book Fair**

