



## 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

#### Thursday, May 5

9:00am Mass -  
Ascension Thursday  
5:00pm Chick-fil-A  
Band Fundraiser

#### Friday, May 6

9:30am Donnelly's  
Uniform  
Measurement Day

#### Saturday, May 7

12:00pm First  
Communion

#### Sunday, May 8

10:30am May  
Crowning

#### Monday, May 9

Spirit Week Activities  
- Career Day  
10:00am First  
Communion  
Celebration

#### Tuesday, May 10

Spirit Week Activities  
- Game Day

#### Wednesday, May 11

Spirit Week Activities  
- Spirit of America

#### Thursday, May 12

Spirit Week Activities  
- Time Travel Day

#### Friday, May 13

Spirit Week Activities  
- Pajama Day



“The Lord Jesus, our peace (Eph 2:14), by his resurrection triumphed over evil and sin. May he draw us closer on this Easter feast to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence which continues to shed blood in different parts of the world, as in the recent attacks in Belgium, Turkey, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, and Côte d’Ivoire. May he water the seeds of hope and prospects for peace in Africa; I think in particular of Burundi, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan, marked by political and social tensions.”

**Pope Francis**

### News!

**PreK-3 Update:** I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Karen Maguire as OLM’s new PreK-3 teacher. Mrs. Maguire has been a kindergarten teacher at OLM for the past 9 years. The new program will be modeled after our successful PreK-4 program and will feature a “learn through play” model. Previously, she taught Toddlers, PreK-3 and Kindergarten at Joyful Noise and Preschool and infants at Child Care Connection. The search process has begun for an aide for this classroom. If you know of anyone interested, please have him/her contact Principal Fuller.

**Re-registration for 2016/17 School Year:** Remember you are not registered until the \$250 payment is made to the school. We do not want anyone to miss their opportunity to continue their OLM experience. Please register today!

**Kindergarten Update:** As of today, our 2016/17 Kindergarten class is full. New applications will be accepted, but will be placed on a waiting list.

**Faculty Update:** Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Lewandowski back to school May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Mock Trial:** Congratulations to the defense team on winning against North Smithfield last Thursday. Sophia and Cecelia Bianchi delivered the opening and closing statements. Lawyers were Erin Quarters, Nicholas DiBattista and Kaitlyn Duska. Witnesses were Mae Legare, Carley Buckley and Santino Izzi. We are looking forward to the next trial when the prosecution will put on their case.

### Father’s Corner

This Saturday the Second Graders of OLM School are to receive First Holy Communion. It is a great day for these children, their families and for our entire parish family. We offer them prayerful congratulations. As the name implies, it is their First not their only nor their last Communion. Each Sunday we have the great privilege to come together as a parish family to worship God at Mass and to worthily receive Holy Communion.

We pray that the First Communion received on Saturday might be just the beginning of a lifetime of weekly Communions for each one of our Second Graders. Pope Francis reminds us: “The Eucharist is such a great gift. That’s why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!” How beautiful indeed!

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### Parish

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!

**Spirit Week Events:** Each day of next week, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, is themed. Some of the days are familiar as they have occurred at OLM since this activities' inception. Others, like Back to the Future and Spirit of America day, have a different twist. Please check the daily schedule online to find out what is going on each day. Each day is a dress down day. On Monday and Friday, we are requesting donations (canned goods one day and gently used towels and blankets the other). Students know what is considered appropriate as far as clothing is concerned. It'll be a fun week in which to build school spirit while we continue to learn.

**Grandparents Day:** MAY 20TH - We are looking forward to a memorable day for our very special OLM Community! If you have not yet RSVP'd for your grandparents, please do so by this Friday. The event will last from 8:30 - 11:15. Mass begins at 9:00. Following mass, the grandparents will join their grandchildren in the school for a light reception, classroom visits, and activities. Please contact Jennifer Nygren at [jnygren@olmschool.org](mailto:jnygren@olmschool.org) with any questions.

**OLM Band:** The annual fundraiser is set for Thursday, May 5th and will be held from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at Chick-fil-A in Warwick. Please feel free to spread the word to friends and family. Fliers are necessary when your order is placed and are used to identify OLM patrons.

**Summer Camps:** Camps are listed on the school website under "Current Families". All camps have limited space – so sign up soon.

**STAR Assessment System:** OLM will participate in the Diocesan testing program by The Renaissance Company commonly known as STAR. Teachers will be trained over the summer and next year as to how to effectively administer the tests and use the data from them to improve instruction and assessment.

**Google Classroom update:** The students have been using our iPad cart for a week now and the excitement cannot be contained. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have used Kahoot and the Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> are learning to use educational apps. Thank you again Mattos Family!

**Thank you:** The Friends of Mercy book collection was a success. Boxes full of gently used and brand new books were donated to patients and waiting rooms of Hasbro Children's Hospital. The folks at OLM are always so generous. What a wonderful example of charity.

**Kudos:** Aidan and Iris Weiss completed the Good Friday Walk for Hunger again! Both have been doing it with their parish, St. Mary's of Broadway, for a few years. Each director of the food pantries supported spoke to those assembled at the State House upon completion of the walk. It's estimated that 1 in every 7 families in RI will face some type of food problem this year! With that in mind, we hope to challenge others to walk and support these ministries next year. We are so lucky to have all that we have.

**Last day of school:** June 17<sup>th</sup> is a half day dismissing at 11:30am. Therefore, no lunch or Extended Day provided.

**Prayer Requests:** For the repose of the soul of Joanne F. Tagliatela, grandmother of Alexander Tagliatela of our OLM Maintenance Staff.

**Len Cabral - Reading Week!**



**Mock Trial Team**

