



## 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, 1/6**

9:00am  
First Friday Mass -  
Formal Uniform

**Monday, 1/9**

School Board  
Meeting  
8:15am  
Weekly School Mass

**Tuesday, 1/10**

Mobile Loaves and  
Fishes - 6th Grade

**Wednesday, 1/11**

2:45pm  
Faculty Meeting

**Monday, 1/16**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day - No School

**Tuesday, 1/17**

8:15am  
Weekly School Mass

**Wednesday, 1/25**

8:05am  
School Assembly

**Friday, 1/27**

Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, 1/29**

Catholic Schools  
Week Open House

**Friday, 2/3**

9:00am First Friday  
Mass/Formal  
Uniform



“The power of this Child, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power which created the heavens and the earth, which gives life to all creation: to minerals, plants and animals; it is the force which attracts man and woman, and makes them one flesh, one single existence; it is the power which gives new birth, pardons faults, reconciles enemies, and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God. “

~ Pope Francis

**Principal's Message**

Catholic School week will be upon us shortly. It commences with “Warm Hearts ~ Warm Wishes” on January 27<sup>th</sup> and an Opening Mass on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. We expect to greet many new families and students at our Open House Tour at the school from 10am through 12 noon immediately following Mass. Student ambassadors will provide personalized school tours to classrooms including our new Pre-K, Spanish, and Makerspace rooms. Highlights of the week include Sports Day, Scholastic Book Week and Teacher Appreciation Day. Please spread the word to interested friends and families about our Open House and the wonderful, welcoming community that is OLM.

**Photos from Principal Fuller's trip to Rome – Christmas 2016**



**Coliseum**



**Pope's Christmas Eve Mass**

**Father's Corner**

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and that we are ready to return to studies! We just finished a season of gift giving and part of the tradition of exchanging gifts is the reciprocal gratitude that we show to those from whom we received gifts. This usually involves writing thank you cards, a show of affection, or another gift. The question, then, is how do we show gratitude to God? Everything that we have is ultimately a gift from God. Do not forget the lesson of the shepherds: they went to worship at the Manger and then went out and told the Good News to others. In our time the Manger is the Mass in which God is made present in the world again. So we show gratitude to God by worshipping him at Mass.

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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!

## Early Childhood

December was an eventful month! Both second grade classes were assigned a country and reported on its Christmas customs. They attended "T'was the Night before Christmas" Ballet and went Christmas caroling at a local nursing home. Mrs. Ryan's second graders collected clothing for a refugee family and were so excited to load the van with all the presents. Our first graders were thrilled to receive a picture of a nearby first grade class wearing the cozy hats and gloves they sent them. A true giving spirit for the season of Christmas! Pre-K3 had a wonderful time taking a Polar Express train ride around our school visiting classrooms in their adorable homemade train cars! Pre-K4 also had a wonderful time on their Polar Express Day!

## Intermediate Grades

Our third, fourth, and fifth-grade students came back to school this week refreshed and happy to see their friends and teachers. Each of the classes has quickly settled into their routines and are looking ahead to the challenges in 2017. We are excited to have our classroom spelling bees at the end of this week and are looking ahead to the school spelling bee in a few weeks.

## Middle School

Happy New Year! Somehow January finds us half way through second trimester. The school year is flying by! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2017! December was busy in Middle School. The 7th and 8th graders enjoyed trips to La Salette and Bishop Hendricken and the entire Middle School shared a Christmas Breakfast together. This month students will be participating in their second STAR testing. We are currently planning field trips to Boston to visit both the Boston Museum of Science and the Freedom Trail.

PreK 3 celebrating "Polar Express"



OLM Christmas Pageant 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Angels



LS&S After School Gingerbread House decorating



OLM First Lego League Teams

