



## 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, 4/6

Band Fundraiser -  
Uno's Pizzeria in  
Warwick

#### Saturday, 4/8

9:00am Middle  
School Soccer  
Practice

#### Monday, 4/10

Little Saints &  
Scholars Lunch Time  
Bake Sale

#### Tuesday, 4/11

Mobile Loaves and  
Fishes - 8th Grade

#### Mock Trial

Competition vs. St.  
Philip School

#### Wednesday, 4/12

1:00pm Living  
Stations of the Cross  
2:45pm Faculty  
Meeting  
6:00pm Living  
Stations of the Cross

#### Thursday, 4/13

Half Day School -  
11:30 Dismissal - No  
Extended Day

#### Friday, 4/14

Good Friday - No  
School



“We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!”

~ Pope St. John Paul II

### Principal's Message

“How Can I Keep from Singing” is a contemporary Christian hymn that closely echoes my sentiments today as I continue to be astounded at the sense of community, devotion to the faith, and perseverance at task by so many at OLM. My recent amazement comes from the very determined and admirable efforts by parent and student members of the Science Olympiad team; and under the remarkable guidance and leadership of Dr. Husak. After four months of meetings and practices on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (and a few Saturdays), the OLM team finished ninth overall out of twenty-five Middle School teams (and ahead of all other elementary Parochial schools); ten of our students won medals in six of the events. More details will be forthcoming in the Wednesday email blast. Thanks to all who made our school and community proud. Happy Easter!!

### Father's Corner

Another Lent is coming to an end and another Easter Season is beginning. The school has been actively engaged this Season of Lent with Lenten prayers in the morning and at the end of day. The Student Council Officers and Representatives also provided a helpful guide for students based on the three pillars of Lent. It is good to reflect over these past several weeks to take an account: how well did we live according to these three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent? What did we discover about ourselves, our relationship with others, and our relationship with God? Strengthened and fortified by our Lenten practices, may this Easter be filled joy at the Resurrection of Christ.

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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

In March, students learned about ways to grow closer to Jesus during Lent. Second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. First Holy Communion is Saturday, 5/13. The children are very excited and are looking forward to their special day! We all enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Kindergartners made St. Patrick's Day "spud men" to donate to a local nursing facility. Pre-K4 learned about various fairy tales and are investigating the exciting changes that are happening due to the change of season. Kindergarten has been learning about each family's heritage. They even had a fiesta! Kindergartners also dissected seeds to see their different parts before planting them. First graders planted and are tending to their own containers of sprouting grass. They will bring their grass home as a sign of new life at Easter! Kindergartners and first graders are looking forward to going to see the movie, **Born in China**, at the Showcase Cinema as part of our Earth Day celebration later this month!

## Intermediate Grades

The 3rd grade has been busy learning about inventions that make the communities we live in safer, cleaner, and run more efficiently. Students then created their own inventions. We had everything from board games which taught patience and kindness to self-watering gardens. It was exciting for the rest of the school to come and learn about these inventions at the 3rd Grade Invention Convention! In April the 3rd grade will have an Easter Basket Raffle, which raises money for area Catholic Charities. The children bring in all the items for the baskets and sell tickets for \$.50 each. They will be selling tickets on 4/10, 4/11, and 4/12. The 4th grade classes are combining their efforts for two special projects this Lenten season. They heard about a young boy in North Kingstown who is suffering from a life-threatening infection. To raise necessary funds for that family, the 4th graders are busy making friendship bracelets. They plan to sell them on 4/12 and donate 100% of the proceeds to this family. They have been working on an in-depth study of the Stations of the Cross. This unit will culminate with 14 dioramas depicting each station. The fifth graders have been learning about the founding of the colonies and the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. Some students worked on a colonial research report which required information from both print and web-based sources. Others researched a person, place, or battle and presented their finding to the class by a PowerPoint, video, or written report. This knowledge will prove to be valuable as we move onto our study of the Revolutionary War. We will culminate our study of American history with a fieldtrip to Sturbridge Village in May.

## Middle School

The Middle School students have been busy and productive! Visits to the Math classroom show the students working on quadratic functions, geometry, and slope. In History students are discovering the causes of the Civil War, World War II, and the ways the Maya and Inca adapted to their environment. In English classes the students wrote to the authors of their independent reading choices, and Paxton Miga (grade 8) was pleased to receive a letter back from the author of *The Life of Pi*. All students are working hard to prepare for our annual Living Stations on April 12th. The 8th graders enjoyed a fun and educational trip to the Boston Museum of Science planned flawlessly by Dr. Husak! The last trimester is already flying by and soon our 8th graders will be graduating! Happy spring!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Character Day



### Science Olympiad Competition

