



## 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, 10/5**  
Walk-a-thon
- Friday, 10/6**  
Walk-a-thon (Rain Date)  
9:00am Formal Mass/FORMAL UNIFORMS - St. Bruno (7th Grade hosting)
- Saturday, 10/7**  
9:00am Blessing of Pets
- Monday, 10/9**  
No School - Columbus Day
- Tuesday, 10/10**  
8:15am Weekly School Mass
- Wednesday, 10/11**  
2:45pm Faculty Meeting
- Thursday, 10/12**  
4:00pm Flu Clinic
- Wednesday, 10/18**  
Grill the Priests  
8:15am Weekly School Mass
- Friday, 10/20**  
Parent/Teacher Conference Day - No school for students
- Monday, 10/23**  
8:15am Weekly School Mass



"From Mary, we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary, we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God."

~ Saint Pope John Paul II

### Principal's Message

On Tuesday, September 19, we were blessed by a surprise visit from Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. She was born and raised in Iraq and lived through four wars. In 1993, as a young lay woman, she started a lay movement called Love Your Neighbor. She invited young men and women from Christian and Muslim communities to be part of this community to serve the needs of the poor in Iraq.

I encourage you to visit the website below to view a more extensive biography and to read the speech she gave at the recent National Catholic Prayer breakfast.  
<https://catholicprayerbreakfast.com/speaker/mother-olga-sacred-heart/>

She is a truly remarkable woman. During her visit, she encouraged us all to continue to pray for the intentions that were revealed by Our Lady to the three children at Fatima; specifically, to pray for world peace, the protection of the family and for the conversion of hearts. I can think of no finer intentions to add to my own prayer list.

### Father's Corner

School is well underway here at OLM. I can tell the students are getting into the swing of things. Just a couple of weeks ago we had our School Confessions. I am most grateful to our teachers for the work they do to prepare the students to make Confession. While the school provides Confession four times a year it is essential that parents bring their children more regularly. Examining our conscience and receiving forgiveness for our sins are the essential and basic parts of being Catholic. It is also essential in the formation of virtuous young people. This occurs in Confession. Hence regular and frequent Confession are part and parcel of the successful training of young people. This is just one way in which parents live out their promise, made at their child's Baptism, to raise their children Catholic.

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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!

## Administration News

Communication Reminder - If you are not receiving a weekly email blast from OLM please update your email address with the office at [kizzi@olmschool.org](mailto:kizzi@olmschool.org).

### Music – Mrs. Nonetta Ruggerio

“Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul.”

— Johann Sebastian Bach

Our Lady of Mercy School has a new music room serving all of the music classes, band, adult and children choirs. The children are excited to be in spacious room with new instruments including choir bells, percussion instruments, mat keyboards-drums and guitars. We also have a smart board which gives us an opportunity to explore music even more. We are still working on downloading software that will help children to compose, arrange music, practice some ear-training and music theory. Many thanks to Father Healey, Father Barrow, Mr. Fuller, P.T.G. and all the parents for your contributions.

### Technology – Mrs. Bea Lukens

The school year has begun in a flurry of design and engineering. The Imagination Station OLM’s Makerspace has seen more activity as ever as the Middle School enjoys two additional Curriculum Enrichment periods this year. 3D printing, Sewn creations, and designed sticker logos are being produced at a rapid rate. First Lego League is in Full swing and had two guests, East Greenwich’s own Fire Marshal Steve Hughes and David Grudzinski of Advantage Home Inspections, speak about problems they need help with in the Human Water Cycle.

### Physical Education – Mr. David Stefanik

We’re baaaaack! After an awesome vacation, it’s again time to reacquaint ourselves with old young friends and meet new ones. The focus in the Physical Education classes is in the participation, the attitude, and the behavior of the student. These tenets are the rubrics through which the students are graded. The students’ “skillage” is not reflected in their final grade. We encourage students to learn the concepts of playing fairly, teamwork, and learning to win or lose with grace with no complaints or braggadocio. These life skills are taught with such games as the parachute, kickball, whiffle ball, capture the chicken, pig or football and the ever popular “Freddie.” The OLM students, teachers, and parents are currently playing the Fantasy Football Fun contest. Participants choose a fantasy football team and compete against each other for the coveted OLM World Wide Championship belt. The winner also receives a Hershey bar, their picture on my website, and their name announced during the morning announcements – a huge ego builder. Also, in coming events, the OLM family will vie for the world renowned OLM World Series Belt. The winner will receive the same accolades as the fantasy football winners- everyone else gets an atta-boy or girl.

Above all - there is no crying in gym class.

First Lego League



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval Monologues

