



## 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, March 31**

8:15am

School Mass

**Friday, April 1**

Professional Day -  
Staff only

Spring Fling (PTG)

**Monday, April 4**

School Advisory  
Board Meeting

TerraNova Testing

**Tuesday, April 5**

TerraNova Testing

**Wednesday, April 6**

TerraNova Testing

**Thursday, April 7**

TerraNova Testing

**Friday, April 8**

TerraNova Testing

5:00pm

Grades 4 & 5 Movie  
Night

**Saturday, April 9**

Science Olympiad  
2016 at RI College



“Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, **with trust**: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do. “

**Pope Francis**

### News!

**TerraNova Testing:** Our annual standardized testing starts on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. This testing is important because it helps us determine the needs of some students and gives us a picture of our curriculum. The tests do not affect their report card grades but they play a role when recommendations are made for high school, etc. Please do not take children out for morning appointments during testing days or go on vacation.

**Spread the Word! A new Pre-K Program for 3 year olds is now being offered for the 2016/17 school year.** Children must turn 3 prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is done using the on-line registration form/process. Seating is very limited.

**Re-registration for 2016/17 School Year:** The April 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for registering is fast approaching. 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!

### Father's Corner

A most blessed Easter to all. The message of Easter is simple: Jesus Christ is risen. He is alive in His Church. The question posed each Easter is the same: Is Jesus of Nazareth a man from the past, one who simply *was*? Or is He the one who still *is*? Does Easter simply concern events long ago? Or do we have hope that He is risen and alive and thus active today?

Posed another way: Is the Church the custodian of a by-gone age? Is the practice of Catholic faith relegated to generations past?

On Easter we experience once again what the disciples did long ago. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. The resurrection means He isn't a man from the past but is alive in His Church. It is the reason men long ago abandoned fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee. It is the reason men and women of every age, of every time and place, have said, "Yes, I think that's true, really true and worth changing my life for. God has come among us as a man. He is risen from the dead and is alive in His Church. My whole life, then, should be organized around Him. Nothing, absolutely nothing in the world matters more than friendship with Him."

May the joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your families this Easter.

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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!

**National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Expo:** Mrs. Kerin is currently attending the NCEA Convention and Expo in San Diego, CA. This is a one-of-a-kind event that brings together Catholic religious educators from across the World to exchange ideas and debut cutting-edge research and technologies related to education.

**Faculty Development Day:** Thank you to the following faculty for assisting during the professional development day.

Ms. Jackson – Flip Classroom

Mrs. Hackett – Curriculum for the next NEASC visit

Mrs. Lukens – Google for the classroom

**Easter Basket Fundraiser:** Once again the Easter Basket Raffle was a tremendous success. We were able to raise \$665 dollars. We will be donating to the OLM Outreach Program, Keep the Heat On, and Emmanuel House for the homeless. The 3rd grade thanks all who participated.

**Rice Bowl:** It's time to send in your Rice Bowl Collections. Please send in check made out

directly to Our Lady of Mercy in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl Collection" to the front office

**Reading Week:** National Reading Week will be celebrated at OLM the week of April 11-15. This year's theme is "Libraries Transform." Over the course of the week students will record the titles of all of the books they read, design bookmarks, engage in D.E.A.R (drop everything and read) daily and create "Because..." statements about the library (reasons why the library is important). We are thrilled to end this week long celebration with two performances by storyteller Len Cabral. If you are interested in reading to your child's class, please contact Mrs. Cambio ([library@olmschool.org](mailto:library@olmschool.org)). For more information on the Libraries Transform campaign please visit [lovelibraries.org](http://lovelibraries.org)

**PTG News:** Please join us for an Open PTG Meeting /Substance Abuse Presentation on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm in the OLM Cafeteria. Nancy Denuccio will share her presentation "Raising Healthy Teens" with our community immediately following our PTG meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Mother/Son Event:** Last call for RSVP's for our "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" mother/son event - deadline is April 1st! Please send your RSVP's in to the front office.

**Science Olympiad:** There are 18 students and 10 coaches that are hard at work on 20 Science Olympiad events. The team has been meeting both during the week and on Saturdays and are excited for the competition on April 9th at Rhode Island College.

**Congratulations:** The Diocese of Providence awarded first grader, Chloe Brookfield, a Certificate of Excellence for achievement in the Vocation Drawing Contest. Father Connors visited the first grade classroom to deliver the good news and her certificate, a \$50 gift card award, and a prayer card. Way to go, Chloe!

#### **Prayer Requests**

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Ellen Hermanowski, aunt of Jack DelGiudice.

The victims and families of the Brussels tragedy.

**Living Stations**



**Chloe Brookfield receiving her award from Fr. Connors**

