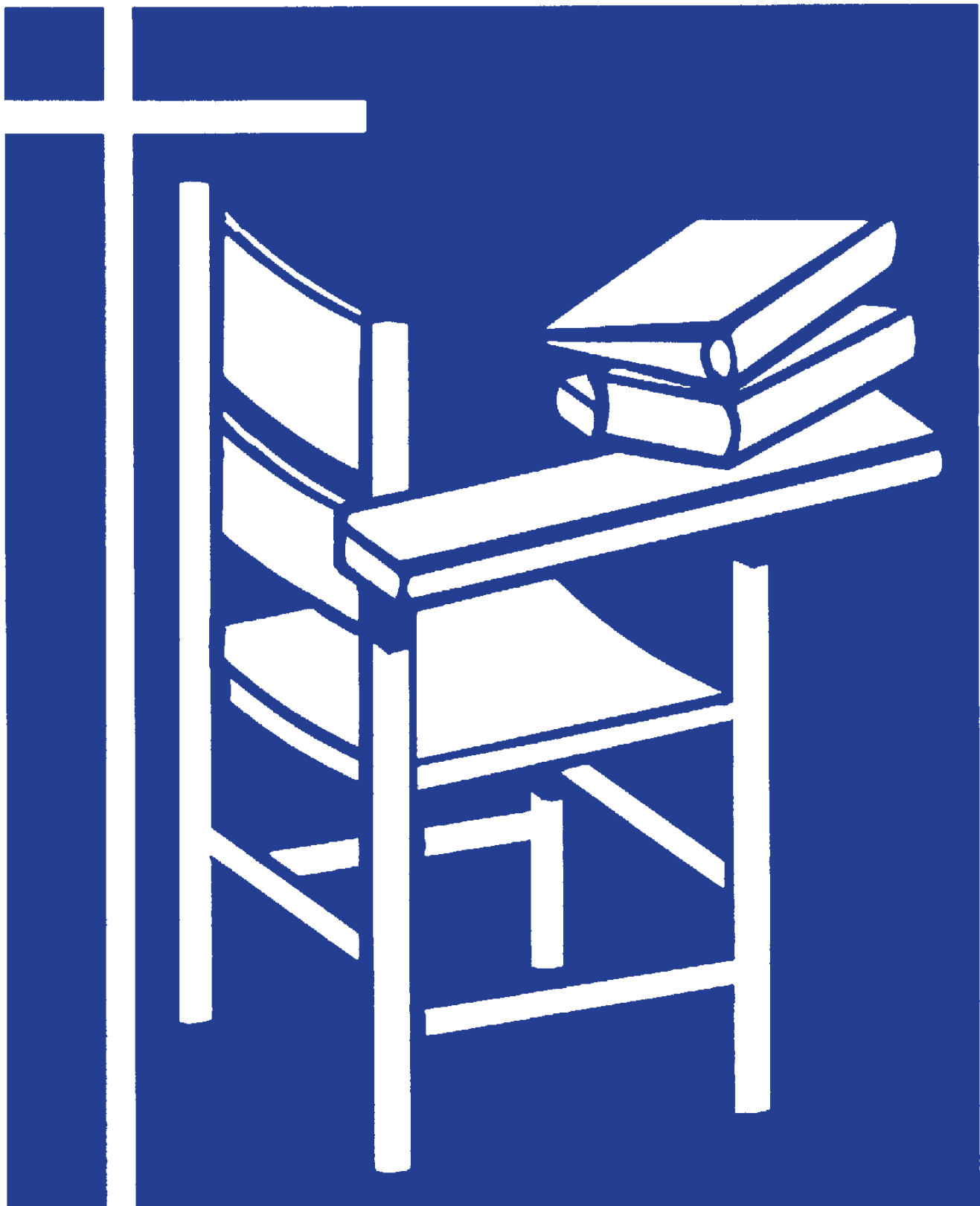


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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 30, 2022**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

The Mass of Anticipation of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Michael Alix—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Michelina Madden—Memorial
 9:00AM Richard Demers—Month's Mind
 10:30AM Joseph Soprano—15th Anniversary
 5:00PM Michael Bryan—Month's Mind

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder
 7:30AM Fr. Anthony Iwuc—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday
 7:30AM Theresa Little—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
 7:30AM Mary Silva—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Weekday; St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar
 7:30AM Fr. Leon P. Kachel—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00AM Olivia Rose Passaretti—Months' Mind

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Emilio & Mary Moretti—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Fortuna Palermo—Memorial
 9:00AM Vincent Bruzzese—3rd Anniversary
 10:30AM Bruce Hart—8th Anniversary
 5:00PM Phyllis A. Nazareth—Month's Mind





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we kick off Catholic Schools Week. It is an annual event where we highlight Catholic Education across the country and here at OLM School. Many events are planned, including the Open House at OLM School, students speaking at all Masses, a different event each day this week, and a Mass on Friday.

The good news about Catholic Education is that our schools are open and teaching and did throughout the pandemic. I commend Principal McNabb and our faculty for their incredible sacrifices to ensure our children were in the classroom learning over these last two years. I am grateful to our school parents for their great cooperation and support. And, of course, our outstanding students who continue to learn and excel! It hasn't been easy or inexpensive to keep our school open, and our children learning.

Dealing with the ever-changing bureaucratic dictates of the RI Department of Health and the RI Department of Education has been frustrating. The cost of COVID prevention and precautions is high, but well worth it for the well-being and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Like most Catholic Schools across the country, OLM School has demonstrated its outstanding commitment to students' academic learning and faith formation during this pandemic. When parents drop off their children at a school, they do so based on an underlying promise from educators: Your children are safe with us!

OLM School reaffirmed that promise to parents back when we reopened our doors — full-time, five days a week. Our students and their families weren't immune from the hardships caused by growing isolation and shrinking opportunity. Few of us had anticipated a global pandemic, much less how severely it would throw our world off-balance.

But OLM School stood by our families through these troubles. Generations of families have relied on the consistency of Catholic schools to help students thrive in the face of the challenges from the world around them. I'm proud of our OLM School Principal and Faculty and their heroic service to ensure our school is still the safest, healthiest place for our students to succeed.

During this entire pandemic, we made every effort imaginable, often despite external bureaucratic roadblocks, to keep our promise to parents. We provide first-class, in-person education, complete with activities and sports programs, daily prayer, various acts of charity, and weekly Mass. Our students strive daily to be saints and scholars!

We've had many new families enroll and stay with OLM over the last two years. They discovered the OLM Advantage of academic excellence, complete with a lively and active Catholic Faith. Our students learn from an amazing group of teachers who are among the most dedicated and committed I've ever encountered.

Teaching can be tough at times, but education can be very tough during a pandemic. Nevertheless, our faculty have

excelled, and I am tremendously proud and grateful! Pope Francis said: *"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life."*

When parents send their children to OLM School, they want a first-class education centered on faith, moral truth, and virtue. They want their kids to grow up to be well-rounded adults in constant pursuit of truth, growing in their Catholic faith and serving their neighbors. The pandemic hasn't changed that aspiration, nor our promise to parents and their children. So far, we have received nearly a hundred inquiries about our school, and our classes are filling up.

If you want a first-class education, a foundation in Catholic moral truth, and the pursuit of excellence for a child or grandchild, then apply today. Come to the OLM School Open House and discover the OLM Advantage! You'll meet our budding saints and scholars, and they'll impress you and convince you to choose OLM School!

Pope *Emeritus* Benedict XVI once said: *"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints,"* OLM School is such a school, so come and discover the OLM Advantage!

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless.



February 1 – St. Brigid of Ireland

St. Brigid born around the year 450, to a father who was a pagan chieftain and a Christian mother who was a slave. She too was born into slavery but gave even the little that she had to the poor. Traditions suggests that St. Brigid and her mother were forced by slavery to work the dairy farm. St. Brigid would gather what she could from the farm and distribute it to the poor. This enraged her father, who eventually set her free. In her newfound freedom she entered the convent of St. Macaille. At the time there was no organized monastic life for women in Ireland. This inspired St. Brigid to establish many convents throughout Ireland. She is the first woman to establish organized religious communities for women in Ireland. As part of these religious community’s daily labor was required, often including daily farming, with the milk and dairy products given to the poor. Her generosity, charity and working in dairy farms led to her being named the patron saint of dairy farmers and cheesemakers! In honor of St. Brigid and to celebrate her feast day, what better way than with some down-home macaroni and cheese, following St. Brigid’s generosity with dairy products!

Macaroni and Cheese-Ingredients

- 1lb Macaroni
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter (Irish if you have it!)
- 4 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 4 ½ cups whole milk
- 3 ½ cups shredded sharp cheddar
- 1 ½ cups smoked gouda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 ½ tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp paprika
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

Step 1 – Preheat oven to 375°F Step 2 – Bring large pot of heavily salted water to boil, once boiling cook pasta until it is slightly UNDERCOOKED, drain pasta and set aside. Step 3- While pasta is boiling, in large nonstick skillet, heat canola oil at medium heat, add garlic and cook lightly. Step 4 – Melt butter in the same skillet, then add flour, cook while whisking until a paste forms. Slowly add the milk while whisking continuously until it is all incorporated. Add salt, pepper, Dijon mustard, and paprika. Cook until thick and smooth, about 10 minutes. You want to make sure the raw flour is cooked out. Step 5 – Add the cheddar in small amounts stirring in until melted, then do the same with the gouda. Stir until completely melted, then add in the macaroni. Step 6- Scrape into baking dish, sprinkle with Parmesan and bake until golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Step 7- Serve, enjoy and celebrate St Brigid!

Weekly Collection

January 23 2022

Weekly.....	\$10,129.00
EFT.....	\$5,553.00
	Total=\$15,682.00
Outreach.....	\$1,797.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$1,722.00

January 24, 2021

Weekly.....	\$11,873.00
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Second Collections

This Week: Saints & Scholars Collection
Next Week: Monthly Building & Grounds



Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially for OLM Parishioners **Grace Sowa** who has recently died.

Rest in Peace



Religious Education NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 30:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, February 6:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Confirmation 2022

Sunday, February 13:

5:00PM Mass and Class:

1st Communion and Grade 1

Sunday, February 20:

Mass 5:00pm and NO CLASS, School Vacation Week

Sunday, February 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class



Outreach Update

•OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

•OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

•For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

- Sunday, January 30: OLM School Open House, 10:00am until Noon
- Friday, February 4: First Friday Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00am

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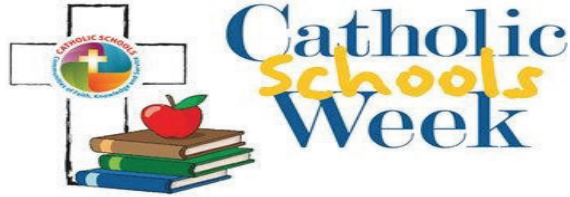
First Friday Adoration

**Friday,
February 4, 2022**

*Adorers are needed,
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*"The most important moments in life are the hours of prayer and adoration. They give birth to a human being, fashion our true identity; they root our existence in mystery."
- Robert Cardinal Sarah*

**Exposition at NOON
Adoration All Afternoon
Benediction at 6:00PM**



A Gift to the Nation
Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$12,756, Catholic schools provide \$22 billion in savings each year for the nation.

Sources: Gray, M.M., and McDonald, D. (2019), Education Week. (2020).

Number of Schools
There are 5,981 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,812 are elementary / middle schools and 1,169 are secondary schools.

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

Staffing of Catholic Schools

Elementary 11:1 Secondary 11:1 National 11:1

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

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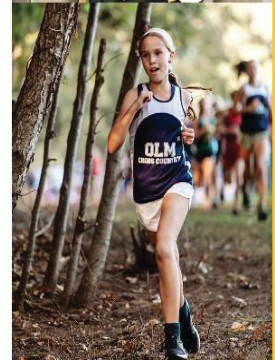
Open House

Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Questions?

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