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## HOLY WEEK RITUALS LEAD TO EASTER

Holy Week 2020 was a stark reality of how we were living through the pandemic. This year, however, the full Holy Week rituals were celebrated at OLH....a little differently, but filled



with faith, understanding and hope.

The annual Seder Meal and Prayer Service normally finds the entire school community gathered at table in the auditorium. This year, only the one hundred twelve members of the Prep community were seated at table, to allow for appropriate social distancing. Masks were worn by all.

The kindergarten through fifth grade classes remained in their classrooms and watched the prayers via live-stream. OLH moms then delivered take-out boxes with the food items: matzoh, hard-boiled egg, apples, raisins, parsley, horseradish, grape juice and a special dessert treat.

Fathers Janusz Lipski, Mike Vetrano, Peter De-Sanctis, Steve Maddaloni and Jesus Arellana offered

the five traditional blessings over each food item. Students then tasted each food as its meaning was explained.

The entire community sang *Christ Be Our Light* as the candles were lit by Mrs. VanHouten and Mrs. Shimkus. They were led by the members of the Hamptones and Mr. Basar.

The "*Sabbath Prayer*" was the background music for the presentation of the Seder plate was presented by Dance Troupe members Seraphia, Evelyn, Jenna, Ryan, Kiera and Ava.



Prep readers Kathryn-Grace, Abigail, Gianna and Juliette answered the four traditional questions posed by kindergarten students Patrick, Tracy, Skye and Annie.

The special place for Elijah was set according to custom.



The Seder is our link to the meaning of the Last Supper when Jesus gathered with his apostles. This is a tradition that we celebrate as family!





## SCIENCE SHARKS TAKE OVER

The normal routine of three community Science Fairs required some re-thinking by the Science teachers this year. The result was a unique presentation of individual projects by each member of Intermediate and Prep. Each young scientist had to design a prototype of something to solve a problem or scientific concept...and...then...‘pitch ‘ the resulting project in a video presentation along the lines of the TV show ‘ The Shark Tank ‘.



After judging, the grade level winners were declared: Prep 8: SOFIA PATRONE, Prep 7: BIANCA ALVARADO; Prep 6: CONNER McVEIGH; Grade 5: CHARLIE KELLIS; Grade 4: JOSEPH MARTIN; Grade 3: ADDISON CINELLI.



Miss Burriesci proudly presented her Science Bowl team for presentation at the virtual Brookhaven Lab competition: Jack Leonard, Christian Duggal, Will O’Leary, Chase Rodriguez and Willow DuBovin.

## PRIMARY SPEAKERS MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD

Just before the start of the Easter Vacation, students from Kindergarten through grade 2 competed in the annual Oratorical contest. Each of the four class representatives spoke for one to two minutes on a variety of topics.

The wonderful show of poise and speaking ability awed the judges!

Participants: **Grade 2:** Annie Alisandrini (honorable mention), Elsie Barbour, Ellie Joseph (1st Place); Oliver Fulweiler

**Grade 1:** Lana Lucas, Luke Cinelli (2nd Place), Charlotte Connelly (3rd Place), Declan Kenny

**Kindergarten:** Harper Callahan, Greyson Fennell, Indigo Nataska, Sophia Assouad.



COMING SOON.....TO OLH.....JUNE 1  
**BRING BACK BROADWAY!**



An original show featuring our  
Drama students, tap, jazz, ballet dancers,  
singers!



# OLH WALKS THE WAY OF THE CROSS







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## SPRING SERVICE ACTIVITIES ABOUND

Spring brings out the best in everyone. In this year, especially, the needs of local families, senior citizens and communities are even greater than in the past.

Prep 8 stepped up to identify needs and spearhead collection drives for specific items that may be in short supply for local residents.

A massive diaper collection that benefited the Hamptons Community Initiative was suggested by Christian Duggal and supported by the entire school.

Senora Gaias and her Prep 8 pod chaired a massive personal item drive and were able to assemble one hundred-fifty Blessing Bags (with dental items, soaps, shampoos, shaving items, snacks) that were then delivered to seniors at Bishop Ryan Village and to the itinerant clients of Maureen's Haven.



## SIZE DOESN'T MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO SKILLS

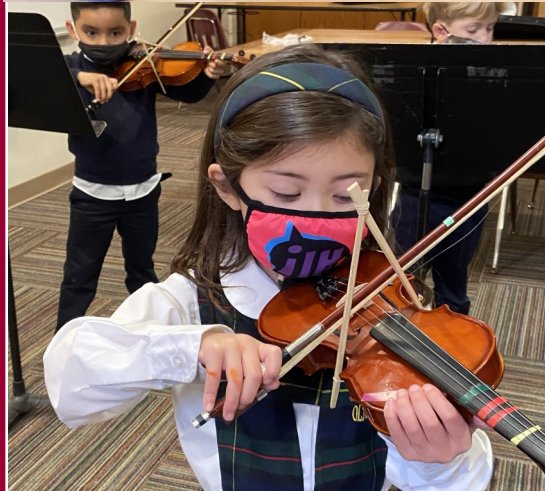
No matter how short in stature they may be, the OLH Pre-school and Primary students step up to the stage in both the arts and sciences.

Fourteen singers from kindergarten to grade 2 made their debut as the Joyful Noise



(ABOVE  
LEFT) at the Holy  
Week  
Seder.

Many of the primary students bring their violins to



school each Wednesday and Friday for their classes with SongA. They will show their skills during Fine Arts Week in May.

Science, too, is important as little ones beg to explore the world of plants and animals.

The primary Science fair will be held soon after Easter for K, 1 and 2.

Pre-schoolers learn about Science with several projects using both their arts and crafts and literature lessons.

