

OLH

NOW

more than ever

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THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

So many things have had to be changed, eliminated or re-imagined as the school calendar moves from month to month. It has been a goal of the administration and faculty to keep things “as normal” as possible, stressing the very special events that are so important to the school community.

The annual Thanksgiving Feast is one of the best celebrations of the year when the entire school comes to share a full dinner



with their pastors and special guests.

Obviously, the social distancing requirements ruled that out, and so modifications had to be made. The auditorium-banquet hall was set up to host only Prep 7 and 8 with Kindergarten-Prep 6 being served in their classrooms.



The parents were resourceful as they prepared the full turkey dinner, complete with potatoes, corn, gravy, stuffing and dessert ...all in take-out containers. This was the concept created by chairpersons Mrs. Bonnie Spellman and Sheri David.

The local community was also involved. Table mums were donated by Dutch Petals, with the donated turkeys being roasted in the restaurant kitchens at Seasons, Shippy’s, BobbyVan’s, Schmidt’s, Edgewater and other facilities.



Fathers Peter DeSanctis and Mike Vetrano joined the feast along with Southampton Village Mayor Jesse Warren and Trustee Gina Arresta.

The opening prayer service was live-streamed via YouTube, allowing the entire school and the parent community to participate in a special way from their classrooms or at home.

HOW DO YOU SPELL "A-L-T-E-R-N-A-T-E"?

When Prep 8's KathrynGrace Blangiardo got off her bus on Monday, November 23rd, she never dreamed that she would be bringing home the first place trophy for the Prep Spelling Bee later that afternoon. After the three grade class elimination bees, KathrynGrace found herself designated as the class ALTERNATE. Only after attendance was taken did she understand that one of her classmates was absent and she would have to represent Prep 8 in the morning contest.

After eleven rounds of pronunciation, usage and definitions, KG bested runner-up, Prep 6's Julia Dell'Aquila.

Third place was decided after a run-off between Prep 7's Trey Gundy and Prep 6's David Giraldo, with Trey seizing third.

This year's bee was unique since all spellers and the pronouncer wore masks, a feature that, at times, made it difficult to hear the exact spelling.



KATHRYNGrace

JULIA

TREY

MRS. MACARI

LITURGY IS ESSENTIAL AT OLH



Each school year features a monthly liturgy planned by the teachers and their homerooms.



liturgy during these difficult times:
-the choir cannot sing. For us that means guitar and violin only.
-there is very limited space available for parents to attend

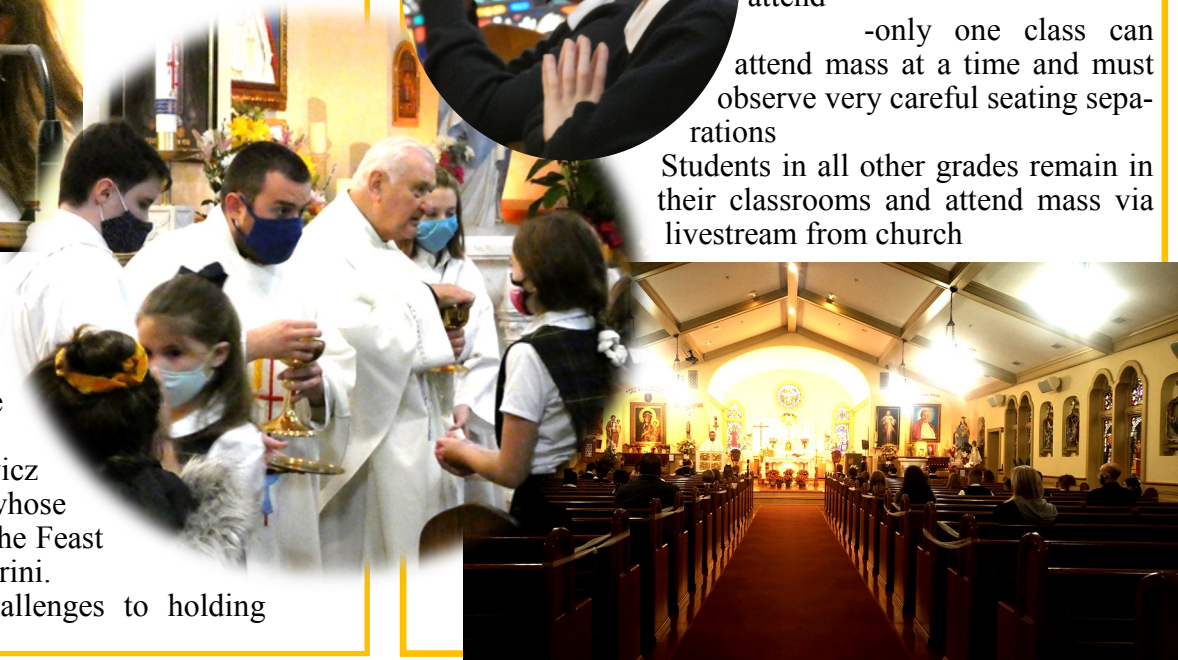
-only one class can attend mass at a time and must observe very careful seating separations

Students in all other grades remain in their classrooms and attend mass via livestream from church

The November liturgy was planned by Miss Zaneski and Mr. Robinson and their fifth grade classes.

Father John Wachowicz was the main celebrant, whose homily was based upon the Feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini.

There are many challenges to holding



FRESH AIR IS MUCH IN DEMAND

When the seasons changes, we often find ourselves saying that we are hot...cold....sweaty...freezing. Even at school, the classrooms sometimes appear chilly, stifling or simply..... hot or cold.

This year, regardless of what the temperature gauge may say, there is a great emphasis on getting as much fresh air as possible. Windows are required to be open and HEPA filters engaged all day.

The OLH school sweaters ...red....green...blue...gray...will come in handy this year during class time.

The “new” playground at OLH was completed last year and is certainly a welcome retreat for those outdoor recess classes. Having apparatus and additional physical challenges provide a safe place especially for the younger students.

Classes also have use of the parking area, the natural grass area and the rear pergola section. Class walks are also frequent.

There is no substitution for good, clean fresh air!



WHO ARE THE “MEN” (AND WOMAN) BEHIND THE MASKS?

Learning how to use hi-tech equipment properly is a skill that needs to be developed (video camera, still camera, livestream camera, sound board, lighting console)

Developing and “eye” for the perfect “photo op” requires patience and creativity.

Combining the two hallmarks with availability and a willingness to give up time and convenience also needs to bring with it the physical demands of moving scenery, rearranging seating and the dreaded “clean up” after a show.

THE OLH TECHNIQUES



**JACK
LUKE
MICHAEL
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**AND
DONNA**



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PRIMARY STUDENTS "ACT UP"

The second grade class presented a unique Science lesson "Patterns in the Sky" as its class assembly.

While the class is divided into two separate pods, Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Peder-sen



able to combine the talents of the students into a lively and colorful presentation. Masked singers



were called upon to dance their interpretations of lines that taught about stars, the planets and cosmos.

(What no one knows is that the challenges to the OLH Fine Arts program include working in plays without live audiences.....and...that rehearsals on stage are complicated by the fact that the professional quality lighting, sound and stage are now in the middle of the Prep 7 classroom! This calls for a lot of coordination and cooperation all around!)

Look forward
To a

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**ADVENT
AND
CHRISTMAS
SEASON!**

Hallowe'en is just a memory now, but we cannot forget the outstanding work done by Miss Valle, Miss Seabury and their first graders in the first assembly of the year. The class used the holiday theme and taught about the customs and traditions of Hallowe'en.

The brightly colored stage served as a background for the masked actors who spoke their lines, sang and danced to catchy songs. This was also the very first class play that was filmed and livestreamed by the Prep Tech squad using the new theatre equipment.

**AND THEN
THERE WAS
THE FIRST GRADE PLAY!**

