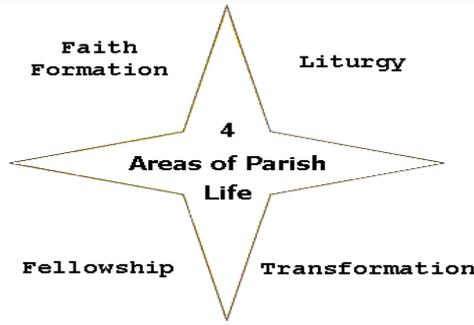




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**EASTER SUNDAY
 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 APRIL 15 - 16, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 20th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 21st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Apr. 22nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Raymond & Beatrice by Deborah Dorey Bill Weir (13th ann) by Barbara, Scott & Kerri Bride Martin by Grace Deschatelets Pauline Renaud Harris by Nicole Charbonneau

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 8 - Apr. 9, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$613.00	\$265.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions April 2017

"Let us pray that we, as Christians, commit ourselves to care for the earth and all creation as a way to respond to the Gospel of Jesus."

Questioning ourselves Sunday April 16, 2017: EASTER SUNDAY. Today, the Resurrection Day of the Lord, I take time to look at nature that awakens around me, the days that grow longer, the buds that appear.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

It is Easter! Alleluia

Today, Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the greatest and the most important of all her feasts: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The importance of this feast in Christendom cannot be over emphasized. Firstly, it is the basis of our Christian Faith. As the greatest of all miracles, the Resurrection proves that Jesus is God. As St. Paul writes, "if Christ had not been raised, then our preaching is without substance, and so is our faith," (1 Cor. 15:14). The central theme of the apostles' preaching is "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!" (cf Rom. 10:9). Meanwhile, Jesus has prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His divinity: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," (Jn. 2:19). Secondly, the Resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of our own resurrection. This is seen in the assurance given by Jesus, "I am the Resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die," (Jn. 11:25-26). In this world of pain sorrow and tears, Easter as a feast, gives us hope and encouragement. Easter reminds us that life is worth living. We believe that God's graciousness will be extended to us and that our death will not be the final word. The truth that God raised Jesus from the dead gives hope and help to all those who want that miracle repeated in their lives.

Today's Gospel speaks about this most spectacular event that Easter morning. Mary Magdalene and the running apostles (Peter and John) were greeted with the sight, not of the Risen Lord nor His crucified remains, but an empty tomb. No more! Christ has broken the death-barrier. The empty tomb explains it all; an empty womb after a new birth. Life is changed, not ended (*vita mutatur non tollitur*). Birth and death have much in common - if the child is to grow to full potential, it must die to be born. And birth like death is never easy. When we shake off our mortal bodies we will begin a new life, eternal life. An author writes: "*Being a long time dead is what God protests against today. When we celebrate Easter as the most important feast of our faith we rejoice in a God who faces death frankly, and who outstares it with the power of His own love. Resurrection is God's protest against the finality of death; it is love outstaring violence; it is laughter in the tomb; it is the surprise of life overcoming the inevitability of death. Resurrection is God having the last laugh. At Easter, we exult in a God who refuses to leave the dead forever dead. The Father's undying affection for Jesus sweeps death aside as He cleanses His beloved Son again. Nothing can come between them,* (Unknown author).

Brothers and sisters, we have to live like Resurrection people. That is the message of Easter. It means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubt. We, on the contrary, are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. As Christians we need to live new lives in the Risen Jesus. The all-prevailing presence of the Risen Lord is in and around us. Our awareness of this presence and the strong conviction of our resurrection help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour. Our conviction about this presence in our neighbours and in all those with whom we come in contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service. We are called to be transparent Christians showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion and spirit of self-sacrificing service of the Risen Jesus in our hearts.

We must recall that each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy and forgiveness and each time we fight against temptations, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday. Whenever we display our love of others, face a betrayal of trust, and with God's grace forgive the betrayal we share in the Resurrection of Christ. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. The message is simply this: nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection, betrayal or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we, too, can conquer them if we put our faith and trust in Him. We are to be bearers of the Good News of Resurrection. Resurrection is Good News, but at the same time, it is sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we are called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. **Happy Easter!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bar Drive: Will be on Sunday, April 23 because of Easter activities.

Church Office: Will be open on Monday, April 17 at the regular hours.

OLV Spring Supper 2017: This year's Spring Supper has been cancelled. This decision was based on a number of factors, including the availability of key individuals on the organizing committee, as well as, the availability of a date that did not conflict with other fund-raising activities within the community. The Wardens are looking at other possibilities for fund-raising in conjunction with the 75th anniversary celebrations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart and Soul Singers Spring Concert: Will be held at *St. Malachy's Church* in Mayo on **Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm.** Refreshments will be served. For tickets call 819-986-1185. Tickets: **Pre sale** are \$5.00; at **door** \$10.00. **Free admission** - for children 12 and under.

A Spring Renaissance : The Chœur classique de l'Outaouais would like to invite all choral music lovers to a concert dedicated to the majesty of Renaissance choral music. **Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 30 at 3:30 pm**, at the St-François-de-Sales Church in Gatineau. The choir will perform a broad selection of sacred and secular pieces, including Thomas Tallis *Spem in alium*, a 40-part Renaissance motet. Tiphaine Legrand will direct the concert. **Tickets:** Adults: \$25; students: \$10; children 12 and under: free; reserved section: \$30. **For information:** www.choeurclassiqueoutaouais.ca or 819-920-0350.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

Now that we had our Church, parish life began to evolve. The Holy Name Society was dedicated to the elimination of profanity and the promotion of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Holy Name Society sponsored the Catholic Boy Scout Troop. They also sponsored the very popular annual St. Patrick's concerts. Each concert consisted of a three-act play and Irish songs, ran for three evenings, and always sold out.

The Altar Society was a group of Parish women who were responsible for maintaining the priest's vestments, altar cloths and the altar boys' surplices. In later years the Altar Society became the Catholic Women's League.

In 1965, the Holy Name Society and the Catholic Women's League became known as the Parish Organization, which again changed name in 1976 to be known as the OLV Society. This latter organization remained active until a few years ago.

The 2nd Buckingham Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack, founded by Patrick Ryan existed from 1947 to 1973. Many young boys were privileged to have been part of these groups and learned many valuable life lessons and created great memories at the same time!

The Girl Guides and Brownies sponsored by the CWL began in 1959. This group played an active part in the community and in parish activities. The Guides and Brownies learned many practical skills that prepared them for adulthood.

OLV Parish Society was responsible for numerous events including Teas, Suppers, Dances, raffles and other fund-raising events. Society members visited the shut-ins at Christmas and brought them a small gift. OLV Society also sponsored the cereal bar drive.

We are thankful to all the members of these organizations for their dedication to OLV.