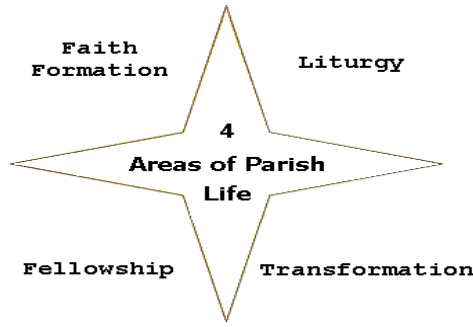




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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 27 - 28, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading I Acts 1.1-11
Responsorial Psalm God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Reading II Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel Matthew 28.16-20

A man went one starry night and shook his fist at the heavens yelling, "Oh God what a lousy, rotten world you have made. I could have done much better." Then a voice boomed from the clouds saying "That is why I put you there. Get busy."

The feast of the Ascension marks the time when Jesus puts us in charge of His mission and of His work promising to be always with us.

Let me talk to the Lord, to discover where I can do His work.

MASSES

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| Thursday | June 1st | OLV @ 10:00 am | James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate |
| Saturday | June 3rd | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Alma Miller by Joan & Barry Teske |
| Sunday | June 4th | OLV @9:00 am | Kellard McDonnell (7th ann) by Eunice & Bruce Augustine Ogowuihe Okafor by Regis Lemieux Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Bonin Alma Miller by Mary Doherty & Jane McNamara |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| May 20 - May 21, 2017 - Sunday Collection | \$552.00 | \$262.00 |
| Papal Charities | 180.00 | |
| Development & Peace | 337.00 | |

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – May 2017

"Let us pray that our families be a visible sign of Your love in this world; grant spouses the grace to build up a true, patient and humble love. Do grow in the hearts of children and youth, trust in their parents and a desire to conform their lives to Your will."

Social Reflection: The family has always been the focus of faithful and deep love relationships. Parents decide to be faithful to their commitment to build love relationships ... make efforts and surpass themselves for everyone's self-fulfilment, tend to one another, share and be true to one self, help and support each other in happy days as well as in days of adversity, and, as an inescapable requirement, forgive each other... such deep desire brings us back to our own identity, to who we are: beings created in the image of God, out of love and for love.¹

An answer for our faith: Pope Francis in "Amoris Laetitia" talks about love which becomes manifest and grows. "The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts". "In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry'. Three essential words! " "In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: 'May I?'; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you!'; and in our families when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry!', our family experiences peace and joy".² In our Christian families, do we put up words and acts which help such growth in love?

Questioning ourselves Sunday, May 28, 2017: Ascension of the Lord "Go out". I enquire about the meaning of Pope Francis' directive: "Head for the periphery!"

¹ Inspired by the text intended for the 21st edition of Family Week in Quebec, 2016, Plein d'Espoir pour la famille, C'est notre mission..., Mgr André Gazaille, Conseil Évangélisation et Vie chrétienne, in cooperation with Carmen B. Lebel, in charge of family ministry in Nicolet. ² Pope Francis, The Joy of Love, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Welcome Back: Father Albanus has returned from the burial of his father. We welcome him back and continue to encourage him with our warm words and prayers over this difficult time.

St. Malachy Wardens: There will be a meeting on **Monday, May 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm** in the Sacristy.

Cereal Bars: There will be no collection in June. This will resume on the 3rd Sunday in September. Thank you for all your donations for our school children

O' Neil Heritage Cemetery

The O'Neil Cemetery which is located on Church Street has been under the management of Our Lady of Victory parish since 1964. Responsibility for the management of the cemetery was transferred to OLV by Bishop Charbonneau on April 22nd 1964 at the request of OLV wardens, who were dismayed by the condition of the graveyard and the wanton destruction of the monuments and tombstones. Many hours were spent by volunteers who did yeomen's work in a restoration project. The cemetery was designated a "Historical Site" by the Town of Buckingham on September 8th 1964.

However, the cemetery still belongs to the St-Grégoire parish, as the official land owner. Over the past few years, management of the site has become problematic, as students from the local High School continue to use it as a hangout and leave all kinds of garbage throughout the site. At one point, a bonfire was started, much to the chagrin of home owners close by.

In the past, OLV had the resources to manage and clean up the site on an as required basis, but this is no longer the case. Based on concerns regarding liability and safety, the OLV Wardens will be looking at options, including the return of the site to the St-Grégoire parish.

Parishioners wishing to provide input on this issue can contact the OLV Chairperson of the Fabrique, Bill Cameron, at 819-986-8901.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life: Will be held on Friday, June 9th at 7 pm. If you would like to purchase a luminary for your loved one please see Monique Simpson after mass or give her a call at 819-986-3166. Please sponsor a walker. Thank you.

Blood Donor Clinic: Will be held at Carle Ford (Showroom) 901 Dollard Street on **Wednesday June 7th from 11:30 am to 7:30 pm**. This is organized by Carle Ford and the National Bank in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus Council 2056, the Optimist Club, the Lions Club, The Coopérative des paramédics de l'Outaouais and the Service Incendie De Gatineau. **Please support this event.**

HISTORY OF OLV

Father Ernest Francis Bambrick, our first pastor, guided us through the early years of our parish life. In 1951 he was replaced by Father Wilfred Nevins. Father Nevins carried on the work of Father Bambrick as spiritual leader of our growing congregation and worked with us to attain our dream of a completed church.

In 1956 Father William Gerald Fogarty replaced Father Nevins. Father Fogarty's mandate was to plan and supervise the building of the "upstairs" church and enlarge the rectory. Under his guidance the church was completed and the first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1958. The church was blessed on June 21, 1959 by Archbishop M. J. Lemieux of Ottawa. Father Fogarty presided on this very special day. He would not get to enjoy this new church for long as shortly after this joyous occasion Father Fogarty would leave to become Pastor of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Hull.

Father Fogarty's replacement was Father D. D. MacDonald, who would be with us from 1959 to 1961. Father MacDonald, as well as those pastors who followed him, worked diligently to make the payments on the debt.

In 1962, Father A. B. Ferguson became our Parish Priest. In his years of dedication to our parish, he proved to be not only a devoted pastor, but also a very capable administrator. It was during Father Ferguson's term that OLV celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Bishop Charbonneau, the first bishop of the newly formed diocese of Hull sent his representative, Monsignor W. G. Fogarty to attend the celebration.

Sadly Father Ferguson died in office here at OLV on October 31, 1971 at the age of 53. The Bishop celebrated the funeral Mass at OLV. Father Ferguson's body was buried in his family plot in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

SHUT-INS:

Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**