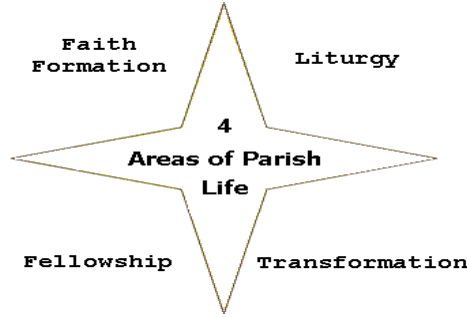




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**18th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 4 - 5, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Saturday	Aug 11 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Urban McNamara (51st ann) by Susan & Family Emmett McNamara by Claude, Dorothy Carriere & Family Evelyn Robitaille by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Sunday	Aug 12 th	Mayo @ 11:00 am	<i>MAYO PILGRIMAGE</i> Fr. Clement Braceland, all past & present parishioners & friends of the Shrine
Saturday	Aug 18 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Marjorie McDermid
Sunday	Aug 19 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Mary Doherty by Family & Friends Nora Cullen by Family & Friends Paul Fortier by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
July 17 - 18 Sunday Collection correction for OLV	\$576.00	
July 21 - 22 Sunday Collection	563.00	\$255.00
July 21 - 22 Fuel	319.00	102.00
July 28 - 29 Sunday Collection	541.00	356.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop August 5, 2018

“Let us pray for people who are evicted and/or driven away from their country; those who are under threat and must leave hurriedly their land at the risk of their life; those who are taken advantage of by large multinational companies at the expense of local peasants, so that human dignity will be respected for all.”

Social Reflection: “The practice of forced eviction constitutes a gross violation of human rights, in particular the right to adequate housing” (Commission on Human Rights, Resolution 1993/77). Every year, millions of people around the world are forcibly evicted from their homes and their land, often leaving them living in extreme poverty and destitution. Forced evictions can be severely traumatic and set back even further the lives of those that are already marginalized or vulnerable in society. Moreover, forced evictions violate a wide range of internationally recognized human rights, including the rights to adequate housing, food, water, health, education, work, security of the person, freedom from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, and freedom of movement.”

“Forced eviction occurs throughout the world, in developing and developed countries alike, in the context of development or emergencies and reconstruction. Accelerating urbanization, climate change and globalization, financial and other global crises have contributed to making forced evictions even more acute and complex.” Close to us, Aboriginal people are victims of such practice.

An Answer for our Faith: As Christians, are we sensitive to these moves and their impact on the life and dignity of populations affected by these practices? How do we welcome people who are coming to our country for similar reasons? Do we try to get informed of the impact of these actions to stress them to our political leaders and ask them to take action so they put an end to these dehumanizing practices? Aboriginal people living in our country claim their lands as “sacred lands” to take care of all the time; do we encourage them?

Questions I ask myself: **Aug 5:** What is our responsibility with regards to heads of states who make decisions detrimental to the dignity of our human brothers and sisters? **Aug 12:** Many migrants drown on their way to Europe or other areas. Am I responsive to such reality? I take time to raise awareness around me on this unacceptable situation experienced by migrants.

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY for August 4-5

The Bread from Heaven

Today’s readings challenge us to trust in the providence of God who is loving and caring. They also urge us to hunger and thirst for the bread of eternal life. Only God can satisfy our various forms of spiritual hunger. The **first reading** from the Book of Exodus teaches us to see in all that happens with the guiding hand of God’s providence that leads us through life. It shows how God satisfied the hunger of His chosen people in the desert by giving them manna and quail. The Israelites after the first enthusiasm for their regained freedom began to feel a sentimental yearning for Egypt. Hunger made them dream of an abundance of food that they could seldom have tasted there. God, instead of anger, gave them more signs of His love. He however imposed restrictions for the collection of manna; that which reminded them to acknowledge humbly their total dependence on God and to trust that He will always provide for what they needed. As Christians, we sometimes feel like going back to our old life and habits. But God will continue to be closer to us as He was to Israel.

St. Paul, in the **second reading**, also deals with the same issue of desire to go back to the old self. He advises the Christians not to forget they are now new creatures. He uses the images of the ‘old man’ and the ‘new man’ to explain that their acceptance of Jesus as the real source of our life and the nourishment of our souls effects a total transformation in us. The old man is the life of sin, the avidity and miseries of one who is seduced by his deceitful passions while the new man is the new creature born from the waters of baptism and transformed in his/her moral behavior. Christians, he advises, should avoid succumbing to the temptation of going back to the old life.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus makes a unique and bold claim, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” After the multiplication of loaves (last Sunday), Jesus was misunderstood as the people wanted to make Him king. But He slips away to the mountain to gain time and more probably, to pray. Today’s Gospel shows the crowd looking for Him for reason we can easily guess – to be fed again. He rather offer them the Bread from heaven, Bread that nourishes for eternal life, Bread available to people who have faith in Him. When He invited them some accepted the nourishment, but others turned away, disappointed because Jesus’ challenge required a commitment that they were unwilling to make. Does our longing for God hinge only on the hope to get some favors or some extraordinary miracle? Faith in Jesus cannot be reduced to a set of reasons. It requires joining one’s life to His and choosing to give it up with Him for the brothers and sisters. The only bread that can satisfy the need for happiness and peace is the Word of Christ. But this Word cannot be effective if it remains something of the past. It must be assimilated by us day after day, like the bread which, once eaten, becomes part of the person. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Roberta Farnand** whose funeral was held on August 1 at OLV. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Thank You Nicole, Phil and Dorothy: After many years as a Eucharist Minister, Nicole Charbonneau is retiring from her duties effective August 5th. As well, Phil and Dorothy Casey are also retiring, after many years, as Ushers and Greeters effective August 11th.

The Wardens, on behalf of all OLV parishioners, would like to thank Nicole, Phil and Dorothy for their long term-commitment in support of our faith community. God Bless.

Office hours: Only change ***closed on August 6; open on August 7*** from 9 - noon.

Knights of Columbus Donation: A heartfelt thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$1,500 in support of OLV. Their continuous generosity is greatly appreciated.

Kitchen Hall Door: Just be advised that the lock had to be replaced on this door. If you need entry please call Monique. ***Bring in the old and receive the new!***

Bulletins: Next printing Aug 18-19. Back to our weekly issues on Sept 1 - 2.

*******Mass change:** Mass at OLV on ***August 11 will be on Saturday at 7:00 pm.*** **No Sunday** mass because of the Mayo Pilgrimage. *****

Our Lady of Knock / St. Malachy Work Night: In preparation for the Pilgrimage, a work night is scheduled for ***Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.*** In case of rain, it will be on *Friday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.* **Volunteers are most welcome.**

Our Lady of Knock Shrine - 64th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock will be on Sunday, ***August 12, 2018.*** *Father Daniel Hawkins, Mission of the Holy Family, will be the celebrant. The program is:* 11:00 am Celebration of Holy Eucharist

12:30 pm	Dinner at Food Booths
1:30 pm	Rosary Procession to Cemetery
2:30 pm	Marian Hymns
2:45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Blessing of Religious Articles
	Healing Service

Information is posted on the bulletin board and brochures are available at entrance of Church.

OLV Family and Friends Day: The second annual OLV Family and Friends Day will be held on ***Saturday, September 8th*** in the church hall. The objective of the event is to bring together both our parish community and friends for an afternoon of fellowship and music. It is important to note that attendance is not limited to OLV parishioners, so invite your friends. As was the case last year, ***hot dogs and corn on the cob*** will be served. Festivities will commence at ***1 pm and will run to 4 pm.***

This year, we are hoping to bring back last year's group of musicians, as well as adding some new ones. ***Tickets for the event will be \$5.00,*** which will cover the cost of the event. There will be no charge for children 12 and under. ***More details to follow.***