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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD
DECEMBER 31, 2011
& JANUARY 01, 2012**

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Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 Numbers 6.22-27
Responsorial Psalm May God be gracious to us and bless us.
Reading II Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel Luke 2.16-21
God's messengers tell the shepherds something astonishing, that a baby boy lying in a manger is both Messiah and Lord, God and Saviour! They, in their turn, repeat the angels' extraordinary message to Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grew and developed, Mary must have pondered all these things as she laced his sandals, prepared his meals, soothed him when he cried, and watched over him as he learned how to use carpenter's tools. Like any mother, she must have pondered what the future had in store for her son.

I too am called to ponder Jesus' life so that his ways of thinking and his value system may become mine.

MASSES

Saturday	January 7, 2012	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesca Miller & Jack Roos by Kay Roos and Family • All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	January 8, 2012	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Martin, Kelly & Weir Families by the Families • Ricky Laframboise & Pearl Reid by Elma & Philippe Laframboise • Eileen Jeffrey (3rd anniversary) by George Ryan

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MGR. DUROCHER Celebrate in Song!

It was Christmas Eve; I was seven years old and so excited that I could not sleep. For the first time, I was to attend midnight mass with my parents. In addition, for the first time, I was to sing solo with the parish children's choir. To calm me down, my father had given me a teaspoon of whiskey but that had no effect whatsoever. I was so anxious about so many things: to go to church in the middle of the night; to sing before the congregation; to return home and celebrate Christmas with my family; and of course, open my gifts. It was to be a magical night.

This memory, as a young boy, is possibly the reason why I have always been in love with traditional Christmas music. These ancient hymns, based on our traditional beliefs, tell us about the birth of Christ, in a way that touches our very being. Today, there are many charming songs that refer to the fable of Santa Claus, his reindeer, sleigh bells ringing and the joys of a winter wonderland. But the traditional Christmas hymns bring us to a different place, a place which is less superficial and based more on the majesty and seriousness of the birth of the Christ child. These traditional hymns tell us a simple but eloquent story of the birth of a saviour, a man who would change the world. A humble birth in an obscure stable under a star-filled sky, to a Blessed Virgin. These hymns convey his message of respect for one another, living a simple life, compassion for both the poor and God, faith, hope and love.

It has been fifty years since I performed my solo. I was so proud because I did not forget one word. Later, I was told that I had hit a few false notes. At that age I didn't quite understand what was being said but I surmised it wasn't a compliment. Today, I tell myself no matter if one's voice is off key, the heart is always in tune as it rejoices in hearing these hymns that are so simple, yet also so profound.

I invite you this year, in the midst of all the stress that impacts our daily lives, to take a moment to stop and really listen to the words of these traditional hymns. Take the time to listen, to savor their meaning and to spend some quiet time in reflection. Sing these songs alone in a moment of solitude, with your family or in a group. Take the time to attend a school concert, or to listen to a children or adult choir. Allow these wonderful words which are so eloquent, yet simple to move and inspire us. And please don't stop listening on the 26th of December. The Christian church does not celebrate Christmas time as a single event but a series of feasts that include the Nativity, the Baptism of Jesus, the feast of Mary Mother of God and the Epiphany. We have all the time in the world to listen to these hymns which reflect our religious beliefs and traditions. And we have the rest of the year to live the message. "Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains: Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau

MEET OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

All parishioners of the English Zone of the Gatineau Diocese are invited to meet our new Archbishop Paul-André Durocher. The "Meet and Greet" over wine and cheese will take place on Monday, January 23rd from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of the Annunciation parish, 189 Archambault Street in the Hull Sector. Everyone is welcome.

OLV CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On Christmas Eve and Christmas day, Parishioners couldn't help but noticed how beautifully decorated the church was. The volunteers who undertook the task of decorating the church are to be congratulated on a job well done. We, as a faith community, are so very fortunate to have so many volunteers who work behind the scenes to support the rest of the Parish with both its liturgical and social activities.

NEW CHAIRS

The OLV Wardens are looking at various options for replacing the wooden chairs used for Parish activities. A number of these chairs are damaged and should be replaced as soon as possible, while others are on their last leg. The plan is to replace the wooden chairs with plastic chairs, similar to what the Legion has. However, the cost of replacing 175 chairs is very challenging and this is why our fundraising activities are so important. While **not all** the chairs need to be replaced immediately, we need to start our replacement plan as soon as possible. More updates to follow.

OLV PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Parish supported by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 54 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast, as part of the Parish's fund raising activities on Saturday, January 28th at the Legion Hall from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. This idea of a breakfast is a different type of event and the Wardens are hoping parishioners will support this new activity. Tickets will be available on January 8th, from the Wardens, the Parish secretary, and will be sold before mass as well. A total of 50 tickets must be sold in advance in order for this event to go ahead. The Wardens on behalf of all our Parishioners would like to thank the Legion for supporting this activity.

VALENTINES DANCE

To be held on Saturday February 18th in the church basement featuring the Phil Casey Band. Ticket price will be \$10 with a light lunch served following the dance.

SPRING SUPPER AND BALLOON AUCTION

To be held on Friday, May 11th. Ticket price will be \$20. Details to follow.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 24-25, 2011 (Sunday Offering)	\$ 937.00	\$ 317.00
December 24-25, 2011 (Fuel)	\$ 437.00	\$ 308.00
December 24-25, 2011 (Xmas Offering)	\$ 1,666.00	\$ 1,041.00
Donations (December 17 & 24, 2011)		\$ 350.00



First Edition
Health and Social Services Forum
For the English-speaking population of the Vallée-de-la-Lièvre and Petite-Nation territories

The Papineau Health and Social Services Network for the English-speaking Population (PHSSN), is pleased to invite you to participate in the first edition of the PHSSN's Health and Social Services Forum for the English-speaking population.

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012 from **10:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

Where: Buckingham Elementary School at 615 Georges Street, Gatineau
(Buckingham sector)

You will have the opportunity to meet a variety of health and social services providers. Free copies of our **NEW** Health and Social Services Booklet for the Vallée-de-la-Lièvre and Petite-Nation territories will also be available.

For more information, please contact: Linda Cameron at (819) 986-8901 or by email: papineau@ohssn.org.

We look forward to meeting you.

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