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Saturday	January 21, 2012	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Marguerite Murphy by Marianne LotzMichael Butler by Shirley, Roland, Philip Ploufe					
Sunday	January 22, 2012	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	 Veronica Belter (1st anniversary) by Bev, Maureen & Dawson May (34th ann.) Gordon (23rd ann.) Findlay by Findlay and Carrier Families Jean & Rita Gleason by Ruby Cossette 					

THINGS ARE BACK TO "ORDINARY" IN THE CHURCH

Thank you so much to those who took the Christmas decorations down at both churches. The **Christmas Season** is over, but it does not put an end to our living from what we celebrated in the Christmas Season: God's gift of Jesus who in the power of the Spirit lives among us and is the enduring living source of our Christian identity.

Now we are into **Ordinary Time** as it is called in church language. It is very much as in life itself; we have our high and low points, and a lot of grey and ordinary areas in between. In all of it, Jesus Christ is the one who leads the way for us and in whom God graces us.

This year, Easter will be celebrated on April 8th so that *Ordinary Time* will be with us until Lent, with its purple, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. It has been our practice in the last few years to rotate the Wednesday celebration with St. Aloysius in Gatineau; therefore, this year, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday on Tuesday, February 21st.

CEMETERY PLOTS

This past year, we have been very successful in helping the St. Grégoire cemetery committee locate families regarding their grave sites. The objective of this exercise is to update their records, so as to have the capacity to touch base with a family representative regarding their family plot. There are still numerous English family plots without updated information. In most cases, the graves are very old and families have either all passed away or their descendants have moved on. In our discussions with representatives from St. Grégoire, we agreed to review the list of outstanding contact persons in order to identify those who may still have relatives in this region and of whom parishioners might know their whereabouts. The following are the names of those individuals. Most have

passed away but two or three are still living. In some cases, families may have already been contacted, but it is doubtful.

Raymond Butler	Yvette Butler	Joseph Carriere	Marjorie Cassidy
Lorne Clemiss	James J. Cosgrove	Daniel Farnand	Hugh Farnand
George French	Bertha Gleason	Mary Nadon Gorman	Redmond Hayes
Harold Martin	Lorne Martin	Robert McFaul	Andy Middlestead
Wayne Mongeon	Laurier Moran	Charles Pearson	Vera Pearson
Thomas Powers	Pauline Rombough	Joseph Strukelj	Yves Tremblay
Albert Zenke			

For more information, family representatives can contact Christiane Lefebvre at the St. Grégoire Rectory at 819-986-8585. Her office hours are from 12:30 to 4:30 PM and Christiane is perfectly bilingual.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

On several occasions, parishioners have asked questions regarding the management changes that have been implemented by the Wardens at St. Grégoire with respect to the cemetery. There have been changes around costs, management of burial sites, monument upkeep etc. In order to better communicate to our parishioners actual policy changes and in order to avoid misinformation and rumours, the Wardens at St. Grégoire have offered our parish a seat on their Cemetery Management Committee. We have accepted this offer and Susan Lemieux has agreed to be our representative. More news will follow once Committee meets.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - CONFIRMATION

A special event will take place on Sunday, April 15th at Our Lady of Victory church. Not only will our faith community be graced by seventeen candidates from both parishes who will come forward requesting Confirmation, but it will also be an opportunity for most of our parishioners to meet our new Archbishop.

This commitment on the part of our young candidates is an important step in their faith journey. Jesus said "No one can live in the kingdom of God without being born again of water and the spirit. God loves the world so much that he sent me so that all who believe will live forever."

Two parishioners have agreed to establish a program to prepare these candidates, who range in age from 15 to 20, and they will be calling on some of our parishioners to assist in the preparation. As a faith community, we are all called to transmit the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. It is by our very baptism that we are all called to share our faith with each other, growing and maturing in our life-long journey towards God. We are all called to share along the way.

There will be five major formation sessions for the candidates as well as participation in various parish activities. The first session was held on December 15th and the next session will be on January 12th. Session information can be found on our website at: <u>http://stmalachyolv.com/</u>

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your weekly envelopes they are available for pick up at the top of the stairs. If you are new to our parish or would like to start using envelopes, you may call the office at 986-3763. This is the only record that we have in order to issue you a receipt for income tax purposes.

If you wish to have a receipt please provide us with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You may drop this into the collection basket or drop it off at the office. You may also call the office to arrange for pickup of your receipt.

THE NEW "LIVING WITH CHRIST" SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals and the Youth Missals are still available for sale. The cost is \$6.00. Please contact the office to purchase. Thanks



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: <u>papineau@ohssn.org</u>. We look forward to meeting you.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE - 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, *February 4th* 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.

<u>SPRING SUPPER & BALLOON AUCTION</u> To be held on Friday, May 11th. Ticket price will be \$20. Details to follow.

NEW CHAIRS

The OLV Wardens are still looking at various options for replacing the wooden chairs used for Parish activities. More updates to follow.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
January 7-8, 2012	\$ 649.00	\$ 258.00