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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME
 FEBRUARY 18-19, 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 Isaiah 43.18-19, 20-22, 24-25

Responsorial Psalm Heal me, O Lord, for I have sinned against you.

Reading II 2 Corinthians 1.18-22

Gospel Mark 2.1-12

Faith opens a door to a living relationship with God in Jesus. Faith was the door opening to the forgiveness of sins and then to the cure of the sick man. The faith of all helped the sick man – he was healed by “their” faith.

Our faithful time of prayer may help people we know or do not know. All Christians prayer reaches out to many.

MASSES

Saturday	February 25, 2012	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benjamin French by the Family Marilyn & Peter Roos by Diane and Ginny Ann Smallian Sellers (4th anniversary) by Erma and Family All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	February 26, 2012	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger Gauthier by the Owen Corrigan & Reneaud Family Jack, Josephine, Dorothy & Larry Miller by Iris, Allen and Lucie Delcourt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The St. Grégoire Cemetery Committee held its first meeting on Friday, February 10th. The committee is comprised of representatives from St. Luc, St. Grégoire and Our Lady of Victory (Susan Lemieux) parishes. The Committee's mandate is to recommend to the St. Grégoire wardens strategies to manage the financing and upkeep of the cemetery.

At present, the Committee is focused on searching for family representatives for plots not claimed. It was pointed out at the meeting that grave sites are not owned by the families but are leased and each lease has a termination date. This is why each plot needs to have a contact person. While the Committee has no immediate plan to reclaim leases which have terminated, there is always a possibility that in the future, the Committee could recommend this approach to the Fabrique.

If the Fabrique were to agree to the reclaiming of grave sites, they would have to do the following: undertake a detailed search for family representatives. If no one comes forth, three public announcements must then be made identifying the family and grave site in question. If still no one comes forward, a recommendation for resale is forwarded to the Diocese for their approval. As stated earlier, there is no immediate need to reclaim grave sites as the graveyard still has room to expand.

Committee members were advised that cemetery plots can be transferred to not only direct family members, but also to other relatives as well. The new owners of the plot would then be responsible for costs and maintenance.

The Committee is also looking at creative ways to raise funds to support the cemetery. One idea under study is to investigate the possibility of seeking government funding to preserve certain grave sites because of their historical importance. Another possibility is to create a website to better communicate to the general public the challenges of managing a cemetery where churches no longer have access to large amounts of funding.

ASH WEDNESDAY - OUR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING TOWARDS EASTER BEGINS

This coming Tuesday, February 21st, our church will look a little different; it will have a Lenten look – *the cross, the ashes, the banners, the purples*. They underline the fact that as Christians we are signing up for renewal on the way to Easter when we will have our baptism renewed. The scripture readings and the music will sound different too as part of the Lenten repertoire.

On Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, there will be a service at OLV in which we receive the ashes. The receiving of the ashes is a sign that we are serious about the upcoming season of renewal and conversion.

However, let us not lose sight of Easter. We do not observe Lent for its own sake. It is meant to get us in shape to celebrate the central mystery of our faith: ***The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ***. That core mystery will be celebrated right after Lent during the Three Great Days of Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday, Easter Saturday/Easter Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday, we start our 40-day trek to Easter. We can mark the journey with the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer	Our Sunday liturgies, with their rich Bible readings, provide the basic orientation for Lent. How about making a special effort to use the FOOD FOR THE WEEK item found on the front cover of the bulletin? You can also take a copy of the Lent 2012 Daily Reflections, Activities, and Prayers booklet "Becoming Healers for Jesus" which were purchased by the Liturgy Committee. There are only a few copies for each parish – first come, first served.
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Fasting	During Lent, we could refrain from some food, from a drink, from a party, from a video as a gesture of solidarity with those who have no choice in these matters, for the simple reason that they do not have them. This sort of fasting can also be done to show that we can distance ourselves from so much of what our consumer society says we need.
Alms	This flows naturally from the previous two practices. Alms-giving says we care for others, even to the point of depriving ourselves from something. How about making the money we save this way into our contribution to the special Development and Peace Share Lent collection that will be held later on in Lent?



We pray that this 40-day Lenten period may be grace-filled for our parish, for ourselves; that it will prepare us well for the upcoming feast of Easter.

The Share Lent campaign of **Development and Peace** begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Inserted with the bulletin this weekend is a Solidarity Calendar.

Every day, **Development and Peace** partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East take concrete action in their communities to help justice and peace grow. Can we do the same? Follow this Solidarity Calendar to find out how.

<http://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/sharelent2012-solidarity-calendar.pdf>

ST. MALACHY WARDENS MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S TEA CONVENOR

The OLV Society is looking for a Convenor for the St. Pat's Tea. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact Evelyn of the OLV Society at 819 986-2477 or by contacting the office.

WOMEN'S CURSILIO RETREAT

This retreat will be held on March 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2012. The cost is \$200.00. Father Murchildon who is in charge will be sending more information.

CAMP ARK

The Creators of Camp Ark are very pleased to introduce *The Buckingham Ecumenical Christian Sunday School*, a new program offered twice a month by both St. Andrew's United Church and St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Kids are invited to join the Sunday School Teachers from St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's for one-hour sessions, featuring bible stories, games, crafts, music, snacks and much more. The sessions began on January 15th and will continue until June 17th. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Date/Time	Location	Date/Time	Location
Feb. 19 th at 10:30 am	St. Andrew's	May 6 th at 11:00 am	St. Stephen's
March 4 th at 11:00 am	St. Stephen's	May 20 th at 10:30 am	St. Andrew's
March 18 th at 10:30 am	St. Andrew's	June 3 rd at 11:00 am	St. Stephen's
April 1 st at 11:00 am	St. Stephen's	June 17 th at 11:00 am	Picnic
April 15 th at 10:30 am	St. Andrew's		

No registration is required – all are welcome. For more information, please feel free to contact Stacy Smallion of St. Andrew's United at stacey-andy@vif.com or Marnie Brown of St. Stephen's at mbrow032@uottawa.ca

SUNDAY OFFERING – February 11-12, 2012 (OLV \$ 504.50) (ST. MALACHY \$ 313.00)