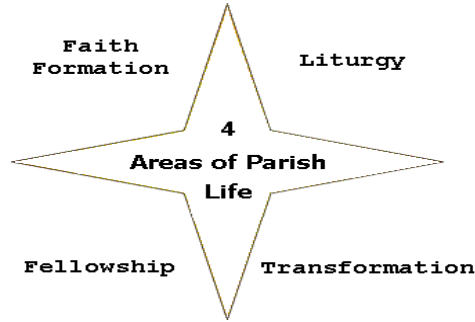




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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2-3, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Acts 9.26-31
Responsorial Psalm Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.
Reading II 1 John 3.18-24
Gospel John 15.1-8

The closeness of the relationship with ourselves and Jesus is like branch and tree. One gives life to the other and draws life from the other.

A real relationship with Jesus is life-giving – it is loving, healing and challenging. It brings life to the soul and energy to the body. The relationship itself bears fruit and brings to each of us a loving and energetic quality of life.

MASSES

Thursday	May 7th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	May 9th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Kurtis Corrigan by the Corrigan Family
Sunday	May 10th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Nan and Lyall Sicard by the Family Roger Laurin by Ethel Pearson Joseph Allen by Lucille, Susan and Linda Larry Miller (9 th Ann.) by Alma and Family

Parishioners are invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS LOCATION

Over the winter months, in an effort to reduce heating costs, the weekly mass held on Thursdays was celebrated in the Sacristy. Now that spring has come, **the Mass will be celebrated in the Church starting May 7th.**

BAPTISM

This weekend our faith community welcomes **André and Regan Baribeau** who are celebrating the **Baptism of their son Étienne**. André was a former parishioner of OLV. **Congratulations!**

FAITH IS A GIFT FROM GOD

In today's society, the pace of life is so fast that we hardly have time to take a second breath. Life's demands can be overwhelming with workplace tensions, parenting responsibilities, as well as many other curves today's reality can throw at us. There are many ways individuals try to address their daily pressures – self-help books, exercise, therapy and yes, unfortunately, alcohol and drugs. The need to slow down is very prevalent in today's society.

Many of us come to Mass each Sunday, to worship and pray, yet do we really give a lot of thought to turning our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him to be in today's day and age of cynicism and materialism - this sounds pretty corny and maybe off the wall. If left to our own resources, we may not be able to address the issues challenging us on a daily basis, but perhaps, if through prayer we seek God's help, we may find the strength and courage to address those things which are bothering us.

It may not be "en mode" these days to seek God's guidance in dealing with our personal affairs but, instead, to rely on our own means and resources. But let's face it, if we truly believe scriptures and that our God is a father, then why would we not petition Him for help as we would our natural father?

Believing in the strength of prayer is a testimony to faith, a faith which is a precious gift from God.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Spring Supper and Balloon Auction - May 22

Tickets are on sale **prior to the Mass**. Be sure to purchase your tickets early so as to avoid being disappointed as demand is expected to be very strong. Roast beef, salad, potatoes, turnips and carrots, followed by a wonderful dessert will be on the menu. Our guest chef Bob Hodgson will once again be joining us. Also, Roger Payette and Gerry Charron will be returning to provide live music.

As in past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, and gift baskets of homemade items or plant arrangements. Donations should be received no later than May 15th.

Tickets: Adults - **\$25.00**, Children ages 6-12 - **\$10.00**, Children age 6 and under - **Free**.

Financial Report Highlights (2014)

As reported last week, the Parish reported a surplus of \$12,278 for 2014. This was a vast improvement over 2013 where the deficit was \$14,307.

Revenues increased by approximately \$20,000. Two primary reasons for this impressive turnaround were: the Parish initiated a fund-raising campaign that targeted both parishioners and non-church goers who had a link to the Parish whether through their own past experiences or through those of their parents and grandparents. This strategy, which we termed "Beyond the Walls," exceeded all expectations and resulted in donations totaling \$11,500. Another area which saw an increase was through legacy donations and special donations from parishioners and outside sources such as the Knights of Columbus. These donations contributed \$9,000 to the revenue base.

With respect to expenses, expenditures were reduced by \$6,000. Salary costs were reduced by \$3,000, (aided by the Diocese who paid Father Gyan's salary for a short period of time); office supply budget reduced by \$1,600; and through constant monitoring, oil costs reduced by \$2,134. While these amounts seem small, they all add up to overall savings in the long run. Every dollar saved is important.

The Wardens take this opportunity to thank our parishioners who continue to provide generous support both on a weekly basis and by faithfully supporting our fund-raising activities. Also, thank you to our contract employees who accepted a salary freeze and in some cases reduced hours. And finally, thank you to all those who, while they do not attend Mass, believe that the survival of our Parish is of great importance.

We need your help!

As witnessed in this bulletin, we have spent a lot of time and effort focussing on the business side of managing the Parish. Of equal importance, or perhaps of even greater importance, is the spiritual support for our community. **There is a need for more Eucharistic ministers, servers and ushers.** It is essential that these three ministries find greater support within the Parish. At this time, we continue to rely on a few volunteers to provide the support we all take for granted. It's time for other parishioners to come forward and help out. If you are interested in these ministries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish secretary at 819-986-3763.



The Canadian Catholic Organization for **Development and Peace** (CCODP) has been in constant communication with the General Secretariat of *Caritas Internationalis* since the terrible earthquake hit Nepal during the night of Friday, April 24th. The Canadian Council of Canadian Bishops (CCCB) has announced this week that it will participate with **Development and Peace** in a joint campaign to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake. In addition, the Government of Canada has also announced it will match any contributions to assist Nepal which are collected by this coming May 25th.

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishes will be collecting all donations from parishioners next weekend (May 9 & 10) as well as the following weekend (May 16 & 17). Please make all donations **by cheque** payable to **DEVELOPEMENT AND PEACE**. **You can use a plain envelope, insert cheque (no cash) and deposit it with regular collection.** We will ensure donations are forwarded to D&P before May 25th

OR

you can make your donation online at the following link:

<http://www.devp.org/en/articles/development-and-peace-assisting-earthquake-victims-nepal>. If you make an online donation, an income tax receipt will automatically be sent to your email address for a one-time donation.

A **\$50 donation** can provide the following: Water for a family for 2 weeks, **AND**
15 Kg of rice to feed a family for 2 weeks, **AND**
A tent to give shelter to up to 3 families.

In a recent message, the Holy Father said, "I pray for the victims, those wounded and for all those who suffer because of this calamity," and expressed his hope that those affected would find support in "fraternal solidarity."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Garage Sale - The **Walking Stars** thank all who attended their Garage Sale on April 25th. Over **\$1,300** was raised for **Relay for Life**.

Camp FUN (Faith-Understanding-Nurture) - Camp FUN has been **cancelled**.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 26-27, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$540.00	\$264.00
April 26-27, 2015 - Fuel	\$388.00	\$224.00