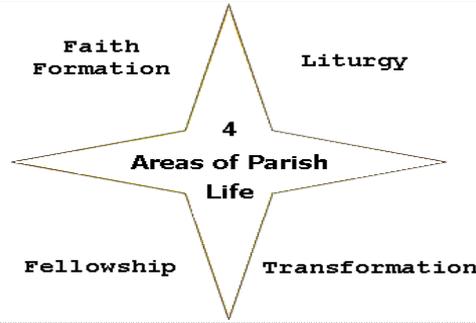




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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 4 – 5, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 9 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Member of the McCoy Family by The Estate
Saturday	Mar. 11 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Kurtis Corrigan by Friends of the Corrigan Family
Sunday	Mar. 12 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by The Family Regis Butler by Ken and Monique Bob Dunning (7th ann) by Maureen Mr. & Mrs. John Laluck by Mary and Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb. 25 - Feb. 26, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$480.00	\$210.00
Feb. 25 - Feb. 26, 2017 - Fuel	330.00	143.00

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Daily Bread Program: On behalf of the staff and students at Buckingham Elementary School, we would like to say **thank you** for your generous food and supply donations to the Daily Bread Program. It is with your continued generosity that we are able to continue to deliver our nutrition program to the students at BES. The valuable life skills they are learning, as they discuss and prepare healthy food options, will be ones they will carry with them into adulthood. Thank you for your continued support. Samantha Halpin (Principal) & Stacey Smalian (Coordinator).

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrews United Church presents "A Night in The Tropics" featuring Eddie Alleyne on Steel Drums, Saturday, April 1st at 7pm. Tickets \$10, for adults, kids 12 and under, free. Prize for the best tropical shirt. Monies raised will go towards roof renovations. For tickets call Stacey 819-281-6337 / Donna 819-986-9359 or e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com.



Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay: Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow- *Women of the heart of change*. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine. **Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?**

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Season of Lent

Lent is a period of renewal. It is the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by His suffering, death and Resurrection. It is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations using the means Jesus used during His forty days of preparation in the desert for His public life. It is a period of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So Lent reminds us that we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes the "Original Temptation" – "*You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil.*" God created Adam and Eve with the freedom to do anything they liked save one thing: they were never to claim the right to decide their own what is good and what is evil. They were given the possibility of making a choice to live for God, dependent upon and obedient to His will, or to say no to God. The temptation to evil led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin. The tree in the passage is not just the physical tree. It is the tree of good and evil. Symbolically, it stands for a limit that should never be crossed. When men and women forget their state as creatures and want to be like God, and know both good and evil, they cause their destruction. This is so because, they cannot choose rightly as their decisions are taken under the influence of their whims and passions. There is therefore the danger of calling good what is evil and vice versa. Thus, the story tells us what is happening every day and to anybody who ignores the word of God and is guided only by foolish whims. In the second reading St Paul contrasts between the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of Jesus. While Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought himself and us death and a broken relationship with God, Christ regained for us the right relationship with God by His perfect obedience to God His Father.

Today's Gospel teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront His temptations successfully and preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to reduce His Divine mission to satisfying His own immediate, temporal needs. Matthew, in this Gospel, is telling us that during His time Jesus was tempted to turn His mission and the salvation of humankind simply into a great show that would require the use of a wealth of material goods. The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the temple. Jesus rejects the temptation to put God to a test. He does not need any proof of the love of the Father and of His continuous presence at His side. Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to seek power and to idolatry, even if that worship would enrich and empower Him with all kingdoms of the world. Jesus will only and always listen to the words of the Father.

Brothers and sisters, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, power and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. We are therefore, to see in Jesus a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening ourselves through prayer, penance and the effective use of the Word of God. May the Spirit of God guide us in our Lenten journey!

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – March 2017

“So that is recognized the particular contributions of women in the different spheres of society.”

Social Reflexion: International Women's Day was established by the United Nations in 1977. Its goal was, and remains, to reflect on the condition of women throughout the world, and to fight against social inequalities. Sadly violence against women is still too much prevalent in our societies, and many inequalities and preconceived notions are still circulating, even in the 21st century. Will we, one day, have justice for all?

Answering our Faith: To mark International Women's Day (March 8 th), Mrs. Christiane Cloutier-Dupuis has written an article on the role of women in the New Testament: “The women disciples of Jesus of Nazareth”.¹ For us Christians, a Biblical passage about Creation often comes to mind: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1,27). The human being is thus created in the image of God. Meditating on the creation of women (Genesis 2, 18-25) Pope Francis notes: Between man and woman, neither is “superior to the other”: “it’s merely that man does not bring harmony: but she does. It’s the woman that brings us this harmony that teaches us to hug, to love with tenderness. Without her, the world wouldn’t be as beautiful, wouldn’t be in harmony...” That’s why exploiting people is “a crime against humanity”, but exploiting women is worse, warns Pope Francis: “it’s destroying the harmony that God wanted to give the world”² “The woman brings harmony, poetry, and beauty into the world.”³

Questioning ourselves Sunday, March 5, 2017: 1st Sunday of Lent: Is there a specific gesture or action that I would like to experience during this period of Christian reflection?

¹ Prions en Église, monthly edition, March 2017, “The women disciples of Jesus of Nazareth”, p. 184. ² Said by Pope Francis during the morning Mass of February 9, 2017, <https://fr.zenit.org/articles/la-femmeapporte-lharmonie-la-poesie-la-beaute-dans-le-monde/> ³ Ibid.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

Now that we had our Church, you can just imagine how this long anticipated news of finally having our own Church was received by everyone as they lived through the hardships of the war!

And so it was that the first Parish Priest, Rev. E. F. Bambrick celebrated our first Mass on January 25, 1942 in the newly founded parish of OLV, located in the building on the corner of Avenue de Buckingham and Lefebvre St. (formerly Market and Main St.).

This building housed Cameron's Store (later to become the Haspect Bowling Alley). The room that became their place of worship had been used to store animal hides, imagine the cleaning and deodorizing that had to be done! With great enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, the parishioners readied the site.

As these were the War years, money and supplies were scarce. The first altar came from St. Malachy's Church in Mayo. Pews were bought from a Presbyterian Church in Stittsville. Kneeling benches and confessionals were built by parishioners with lumber obtained from the local lumber store. The organ was donated by the Cosgrove sisters, who would be active in the choir for many years.

Overseeing all this activity were the first wardens, William Gorman, Alan McMillan and Leo McDonnell. It should be noted that Mr. McDonnell played an active role in OLV's 50th Anniversary celebrations!

Father Bambrick lived at the homes of various parishioners until the rectory was built.