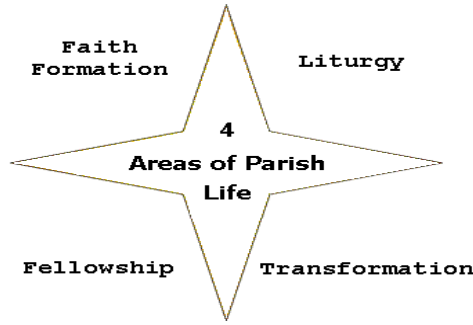




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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 29 - 30, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	May 4th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	May 6th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Alma Miller by Alvin Miller
Sunday	May 7th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Barbara, Scott & Kerri Alma Miller by Eunice, Bruce & Velvet Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Joan Teske by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 22 - Apr. 23, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$705.00	\$314.00
Apr. 22 - Apr. 23, 2017 - Fuel	295.00	317.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions - April 2017

"Let us pray that we, as Christians, commit ourselves to care for the earth and all creation as a way to respond to the Gospel of Jesus."

Questioning ourselves: Sunday, April 30, 2017: Do I know someone in my family or entourage who bears witness to the life of the Risen One?

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Memorial Mass: A memorial mass for Father Al's father, Augustine Ogowuihe Okafor will be held **May 6th at 7 pm at St. Aloysius**. It is being organized by the Igbo Catholic Community of the Ottawa region. All parishioners of St. Aloysius, St. Columban, Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after mass.

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eva Lois McDermid Somers (Wilbert's sister-in-law). Our prayers and sympathy are with the family at this time.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Today's readings foster faith in us that the Risen Lord is always with us despite what happens in our lives. God is always near to those who seek Him and want to live in His presence, doing His will. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the beginning of Peter's first public proclamation about Jesus, the Resurrected. He states that Jesus' Resurrection was part of the plan of God. What in the eyes of humans is humiliation and infamy is for God a victory. The same Peter in the second reading exhorts the early Christians to place their faith and hope in this God who has saved them through the Precious Blood of Jesus, His Resurrected Son. As part of God's plan, the Resurrection is the root of our Faith. Peter therefore argues that it is important for everyone in the Christian community to have the experience of the Risen Jesus in his or her life.

Today's Gospel is arguably one of the best passages in the whole of the four Gospels. This Emmaus Gospel is a beautiful theological dramatization of one of the encounters between Jesus and His disciples. The exposition of the Gospel is done in such a way as to convey a message to disciples of all times. Two disciples are sad because of what they have witnessed, what happened to Jesus. They are struggling to make sense of that event: the death of Jesus. They have dreamed of a glorious and powerful king, a victor, and found instead that they have backed a loser. All their hopes have crumbled. Jesus approaches them along the way and they share their disappointment. They cannot hold the two things together: their hope in Jesus and death. Jesus' death cancels out their hope. They feel hopeless and helpless. Jesus' death, for them, cannot be anything more than a tragedy.

The Emmaus story is also our story. We too experience this same kind of discouragement as we watch the triumph of evil and death, we witness the victory of injustice over honesty, when falsehood is accepted as the official truth, when we see the prophets silenced or even killed. We too stop short, our faces downcast; we resign to the fact that the new world proclaimed by Jesus would never be a reality and are convinced that evil people would be getting the upper hand. But as people of faith, should we just remain in counting on the exterior events or historical events about Jesus. We need to go beyond this to the Resurrection of Jesus which cannot be verified and proved scientifically. Aren't we victims of incomplete knowledge of Jesus which results in sadness? Without faith in the Resurrection, the life of humans will end in death and this is really a meaningless tragedy.

As the disciples in the Gospel finish their own story, the "stranger" begins His own. He invites them to look at the past again, this time in the light of the scripture. The stranger explains that Christ's death was an event which was essential for His glory; it was an achievement of His mission, not the collapse of it. The disciples invite Him to stay with them. At the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened. He is the Risen Jesus! Their hearts burn. Beyond helping them interpret the past, in their new experience of Him as Lord He gives them a new future. They can now return to Jerusalem even in the dark. They are bold enough to share the story with others.

Brothers and sisters, let us remember that Jesus meets us on our Emmaus road in the ordinary experiences of our lives and the places we retreat when life is too much for us. Jesus will always come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect Him. We meet the Risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times. Jesus, the Risen, desires that we walk with Him and with one another. Jesus waits to join us in our travels of life. We need to hear Jesus on a daily basis through faithful reading of, and meditation on, the Bible and experience Him through our participation in the Eucharistic celebration where Jesus gives Himself to us and through our personal and family prayers. We should be disposed to let our hearts burn as we listen to the Risen Lord in the scripture. The study of the scripture is one of the primary ways of meeting God. It helps us to have a deep, intimate, loving, caring, long term relationship with Jesus Christ. As the Gospel shows us today, we find Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When we gather every week to celebrate the Eucharist, we too listen to the word of God and break bread together. Jesus comes to us in word and Sacrament to give us new hope to face the future with faith in him. **Happy Easter!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart and Soul Singers Spring Concert: Will be held at *St. Malachy's Church* in Mayo on **Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm.** Refreshments will be served. For tickets call 819-986-1185. Tickets: **Pre sale** are \$5.00 at **door** \$10.00. **Free admission** - for children 12 and under.

Public Visits: Two religious communities within the Gatineau Diocese are offering guided tours of their residences on **Sunday, April 30th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.** **The theme of these visits is a look beyond the walls at a consecrated life.** Of particular interest to Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishioners is the residence of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux (the Order of Francina, Iresha and Doreen) located at Béthel House, 1 Donat St-Amour Street in the Masson Sector. The other residence, open to public view, is the main residence of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart located at 45 Prevost Street in the Hull Sector. The visits are free and all are welcome.

Spring Auction: At Our Lady of the Annunciation Church Centre, 189 Archambault St., Gatineau (Hull Sector) on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Doors open at 5:30 pm for viewing and bidding starting at 6:30 pm. Admission - \$2.00. Draws will be held for door prizes throughout the evening. For additional information call 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.

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, parish life began to evolve. The Holy Name Society was dedicated to the elimination of profanity and the promotion of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Holy Name Society sponsored the Catholic Boy Scout Troop. They also sponsored the very popular annual St. Patrick's concerts. Each concert consisted of a three-act play and Irish songs, ran for three evenings, and always sold out.

The Altar Society was a group of Parish women who were responsible for maintaining the priest's vestments, altar cloths and the altar boys' surplices. In later years the Altar Society became the Catholic Women's League.

In 1965, the Holy Name Society and the Catholic Women's League became known as the Parish Organization, which again changed name in 1976 to be known as the OLV Society. This latter organization remained active until a few years ago.

The 2nd Buckingham Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack, founded by Patrick Ryan existed from 1947 to 1973. Many young boys were privileged to have been part of these groups and learned many valuable life lessons and created great memories at the same time!

The Girl Guides and Brownies sponsored by the CWL began in 1959. This group played an active part in the community and in parish activities. The Guides and Brownies learned many practical skills that prepared them for adulthood.

OLV Parish Society was responsible for numerous events including Teas, Suppers, Dances, raffles and other fund-raising events. Society members visited the shut-ins at Christmas and brought them a small gift. OLV Society also sponsored the cereal bar drive.

We are thankful to all the members of these organizations for their dedication to OLV.