

	Food for Thought		
Reading I Responsorial Psalm Reading II Gospel	Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! 1 Peter 3.15-18 John 14.15-21		
	Jesus speaks about being still alive even after His death. Mostly we find Jesus to be alive for us in the love of others.		
	There is an energy of love that is connected to the energy of God, for God is love. This is the working of the Spirit of God alive in love, care, compassion, and in all other good works.		

MASSES						
Thursday	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	OLV	NO MASS			
Saturday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Malachy</b> @ 7:00 pm	Annie & Harold Burns by Agnes Laurin & Erma Smallian & Family John Sellers by Virginia & Family			
Sunday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV</b> @ 9:00 am	Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate Bride Martin by Nancy & Ron Lanthier Bernie McDonnell by Irene Cosgrove & Family Maurice Laurin by Mike & Lyse Legault			

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 13 - May 14, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$531.00	\$557.00
Papal Charities		30.00

### The Archbishop`s Monthly Prayer Intentions – May 2017

"Let us pray that our families be a visible sign of Your love in this world; grant spouses the grace to build up a true, patient and humble love. Do grow in the hearts of children and youth, trust in their parents and a desire to conform their lives to Your will."

**Social Reflection:** The family has always been the focus of faithful and deep love relationships. Parents decide to be faithful to their commitment to build love relationships ... make efforts and surpass themselves for everyone's self-fulfilment, tend to one another, share and be true to one self, help and support each other in happy days as well as in days of adversity, and, as an inescapable requirement, forgive each other... such deep desire brings us back to our own identity, to who we are: beings created in the image of God, out of love and for love.<sup>1</sup>

<u>An answer for our faith</u>: Pope Francis in "Amoris Laetitia" talks about love which becomes manifest and grows. "The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts". "In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry'. Three essential words! " "In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: 'May I?'; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you!'; and in our families when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry!', our family experiences peace and joy". <sup>2</sup> In our Christian families, do we put up words and acts which help such growth in love?

<u>Questioning ourselves Sunday, May 21, 2017</u>: This week, we take time to hold a family activity Is the image of this Advocate, this Spirit of Truth, this Paraclete, still telling?

<sup>1</sup> Inspired by the text intended for the 21st edition of Family Week in Quebec, 2016, Plein d'Espoir pour la famille, C'est notre mission..., Mgr André Gazaille, Conseil Évangélisation et Vie chrétienne, in cooperation with Carmen B. Lebel, in charge of family ministry in Nicolet. <sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, The Joy of Love, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016.

# OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

<u>Pravers and Sympathy:</u> Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Doherty, Eric (Buddy) Ryan and Norma Cullen. Our prayers and sympathy are with the families at this time.

**<u>Father away:</u>** Father Albanus will be away from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank Fathers Tony Ibeazor and Dan Hawkins for celebrating with us during this time.

<u>Office hours:</u> Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm.

<u>Cereal Bars</u>: There will be no collection in June. This will resume on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September. Thank you for all your donations for our school children.

## O' Neil Heritage Cemetery

The O'Neil Cemetery which is located on Church Street has been under the management of Our Lady of Victory parish since 1964. Responsibility for the management of the cemetery was transferred to OLV by Bishop Charbonneau on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1964 at the request of OLV wardens, who were dismayed by the condition of the graveyard and the wanton destruction of the monuments and tombstones. Many hours were spent by volunteers who did yeomen's work in a restoration project. The cemetery was designated a "Historical Site" by the Town of Buckingham on September 8<sup>th</sup> 1964.

However, the cemetery still belongs to the St-Grégoire parish, as the official land owner. Over the past few years, management of the site has become problematic, as students from the local High School continue to use it as a hangout and leave all kinds of garbage throughout the site. At one point, a bonfire was started, much to the chagrin of home owners close by.

In the past, OLV had the resources to manage and clean up the site on an as required basis, but this is no longer the case. Based on concerns regarding liability and safety, the OLV Wardens will be looking at options, including the return of the site to the St-Grégoire parish.

Parishioners wishing to provide input on this issue can contact the OLV Chairperson of the Fabrique, Bill Cameron, at 819-986-8901.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**<u>Relay for Life:</u>** Will be held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. If you would like to purchase a luminary for your loved one please see Monique Simpson after mass or give her a call at 819-986-3166. Please sponsor a walker. Thank you.



#### **Senior-Aware Conference**

Papineau Health and Social Services Network (PHSSN) is sponsoring a conference on Senior-Aware, in partnership with the local senior centre, Centre Action Générations des Aînés. The conference will be held at the Community Centre at 181 Joseph Street on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10:00 AM. The guest speakers are with the Gatineau Police. To register for the session, please call 819-281-4343, ext. 102.

# HISTORY OF OLV

Father Ernest Francis Bambrick, our first pastor, guided us through the early years of our parish life. In 1951 he was replaced by Father Wilfred Nevins. Father Nevins carried on the work of Father Bambrick as spiritual leader of our growing congregation and worked with us to attain our dream of a completed church.

In 1956 Father William Gerald Fogarty replaced Father Nevins. Father Fogarty's mandate was to plan and supervise the building of the "upstairs" church and enlarge the rectory. Under his guidance the church was completed and the first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1958. The church was blessed on June 21, 1959 by Archbishop M. J. Lemieux of Ottawa. Father Fogarty presided on this very special day. He would not get to enjoy this new church for long as shortly after this joyous occasion Father Fogarty would leave to become Pastor of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Hull.

Father Fogarty's replacement was Father D. D. MacDonald, who would be with us from 1959 to 1961. Father MacDonald, as well as those pastors who followed him, worked diligently to make the payments on the debt.

In 1962, Father A. B. Ferguson became our Parish Priest. In his years of dedication to our parish, he proved to be not only a devoted pastor, but also a very capable administrator. It was during Father Ferguson's term that OLV celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bishop Charbonneau, the first bishop of the newly formed diocese of Hull sent his representative, Monsignor W. G. Fogarty to attend the celebration.

Sadly Father Ferguson died in office here at OLV on October 31, 1971 at the age of 53. The Bishop celebrated the funeral Mass at OLV. Father Ferguson's body was buried in his family plot in Holyoke, Massachusetts.