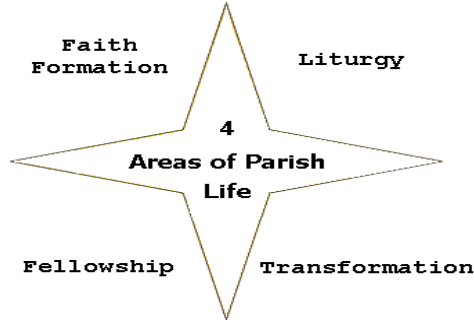




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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16 - 17, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Sept. 21 st	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate Alma Miller by Family and Friends
Saturday	Sept. 23 ^d	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Augustine Okafor by Barry & Joan Teske
Sunday	Sept. 24 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Tom & Isabel Laframboise Augustine Okafor by Ken & Monique Simpson Buddy Ryan by Friends of the Kitchen

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
September 9 - 10, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$630.00	\$204.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – September 2017

“Let us pray that our parishes, driven by a missionary spirit, foster testimonies of faith sharing and love.”

The commitment of Christ's disciples to the service of justice and solidarity leads them to a new understanding of faith. Have I thought of volunteering with the neglected, sick, poor, immigrant?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Forgiveness and mercy

Our scriptural readings today challenge us, as children of God, on the difficult issue of forgiveness. According to the scripture there has been a progressive evolution in understanding of the way to make up for the wrongs received and to discourage others from causing more. In ancient times, one would retaliate with the maximum possible violence, such that the wrong done was returned with added interest (Gen. 4:23-24). The book of Exodus shows some progress in the famous "*eye for eye, tooth for tooth... wound for wound, stripe for stripe*" (Ex.21:24). This basically calls for effort to see that punishment is according to justice; the principle that the punishment given should be proportional to the offence committed. Beyond these was the movement towards leniency as seen in the book of Leviticus 19:18: "*You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself....*" Today's first reading moves in the direction of this latest position.

The author, in the first reading, gives the advice which underlines the futility of vengeance. He reasons that when we give vent to our retaliatory instincts, our rage and grudges, we do not get any justice done; we simply make things worse. Nursing anger or cherishing resentment is harmful for our health; it disables us and makes us defenseless when we look for our own sins to be forgiven. We ought to go beyond simple justice and must open our hearts to sentiments of mercy. Forgiveness of offences, according to Ben Sira, is an indispensable condition to pray and obtain pardon from God. When one offends us, do we demand rough and complete justice or do we show mercy and forgiveness? In the Gospel, Jesus dwells on this too. As Matthew continues to deal with relations between Christians, he focuses on the need for forgiveness between members of the community in today's Gospel.

The rabbinical tradition of the time of Jesus insists on the need to establish peaceful relations between people and condemns vengeance, anger, grudges and advises reconciliation. But this view is qualified as the duty to forgive is limited to the people of Israel. Hence Peter's question to the Master who appears to have different views. Peter's "*seven times*" suggests forgiving *always* and *every time*. (Seven in the Bible represents *totality*). But Jesus' response goes beyond Peter's fears. Not just *always* but *more than always*, if that is possible. That is the implication of "*Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*" He uses this parable of the two debtors to stress that pardon has to be infinite and to emphasize the immense distance that there is between the heart of God and the human heart. There is no sin which God will not forgive; no guilt will be greater than His love. God's inexhaustible goodness is here contrasted with the meanness of human heart which is incapable of forgiving even the smallest offences. Therefore, the Christians, as children of God, must forgive offences with a heart similar to the heart of their Father who is in heaven. They ought to show a love that has no limits. Also, forgetfulness of our sins leads us to lack of compassion; remembering how our sins have gone unpunished by God should lead us to forgive others. We need to be constantly reminded that we live in the gracious forgiveness of God.

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Our Lady of Knock Shrine Committee: Meeting on Monday, September 18th at 1:00 pm in the sacristy.

OLV Christmas Tea: Thanks to Susan and Monique coming forward there will be a tea on Saturday, December 2. Now we need your help for the following: Collect **entrance fee** at the front door, **make sandwiches, wash dishes, setup of hall**, 4 people for the **food table** (price & collect money), **servers** – 2 men have come forward to help can we get 2 others? 2 people for our **bric-brac** table. **Our craft ladies** will also have a table for their wares. Please call the office & advise what position you would like to take.

For those who cannot attend but who wish to contribute towards offsetting the tea's expenses, please feel free to do so by contacting the Parish Secretary. More details will follow.

Community Get-together: As part of OLV's 75th Anniversary celebrations, a gathering of Parishioners and friends was held in the church basement last Saturday. A wonderful time was had by all. A special thank you to Phil Casey and his all-star band which included: François Plouffe, Denise Guenette, Gilbert French, Linus Weatherston and Pat Cullen. It was great to hear so many classic country tunes. It was a fitting way to celebrate 75 years as we are sure for many in attendance, the songs brought back fond memories of Parish get-togethers in the past.

As always the event would not be a success without our erstwhile volunteers who set up the hall, ordered and prepared the food and served the refreshments. Thanks to all who contributed. ***The 75th Anniversary Planning Committee***

COMMUNITY NEWS

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY: See bulletin board for more information.

A Special Invitation

In the 1980's and under the leadership of Fr. Don Jeffrey, a social action committee was formed with parishioners from both St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory. Presently called the Transformation Committee, members meet to discuss social issues within the community and find ways to involve other parishioners in social issues, such as: Development and Peace; La Mie de l'entraide (the local food bank); the Lions Club telethon in December; the Grande Guignolée des medias roadblocks in early December; and the Table de Bethlehem soup kitchen for school-aged children. The members believe they play an important role in our community and find its activities very rewarding.

The Transformation Committee members, along with Fr. Albanus, wish to thank **Jean Dunnigan** for her devotion to social action. **Jean** joined this Committee during its early stages and her experience while working at the Shepherds of Good Hope in Ottawa always provided the other members with a diverse perspective. **Jean** has recently moved to Ottawa to be closer to her family, and that has left the Committee with only three members – Shirley Plouffe, Diane Cameron and Linda Cameron – who would greatly appreciate hearing from other parishioners on this Committee. The next topic of discussion will be the Development and Peace Fall Campaign. ***Please consider joining this very worthwhile group. Anyone interested can call Shirley, Diane or Linda.***

HISTORY OF OLV

Following the departure of Father Donald Jeffrey in 1993, our parish would be led by a Pastoral team: Father Don MacLellan, Father Bob Smith, Sister Sheila and Sister Regina.

This team believed that parishioners should be involved in their parish. Various faith sessions were held in the evenings, with particular emphasis on better understanding our religion. A youth choir was formed. One memorable occasion was a children's Mass, which included puppets during the sermon!

Father Don was very knowledgeable when it came to computers and the OLV/St. Malachy parish office entered the electronic age with its first computer. Because of serious health challenges, Father Don was forced to leave in 1995.

The team was replaced by Father Lomer J. Rooney. Many will remember Father Lomer as a great speaker. His sermons were given in the center aisle of the church and usually contained a few jokes. Unfortunately, Father Lomer had to leave us that same year because of poor health.

Our Parish was to be without a permanent Pastor for the next two years. Priests, who were taking courses at St. Paul University, said Masses on the weekends. During this period, we were very fortunate to have two local priests, Father Yvan Robitaille and Father Andre Fortin, who rearranged their schedules on many occasions so that they could help us by presiding at funerals.