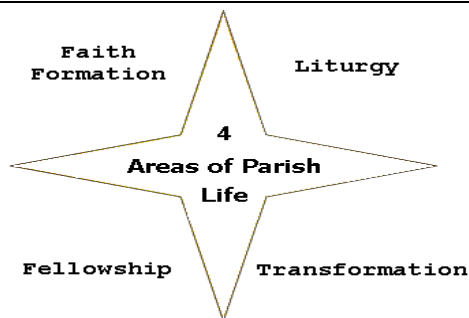




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**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 3 - 4, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Feb. 8 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Alma Miller by Family & Friends
Saturday	Feb. 10 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Pearl French by The Family
Sunday	Feb. 11 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bob Zinkie by Ginette Goulet Evelyn Robitaille by Family & Friends Tim Graham by Susan & Junior Lemieux Roger Laurin by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 27 - 28, 2018 - Sunday Collection	\$457.00	\$186.00
Jan. 27- 28, 2018 - Fuel	280.00	128.00

Bishop's Prayer Intention for February 2018

"Let us pray for consecrated persons and laypersons who become associates in a Religious or Secular Institute; that their missionary engagement reach out to the poor, the dropouts, the voiceless, and thus that their own life testimony be an inspiring model for young people in their vocational choice ."

Social Reflection: February is often called the "Month of Love." Of course, Valentine Day is very popular in our society. Love is at the core of any human and or religious commitment.

An Answer for Our Faith: In 1997 John Paul II initiated a day of Consecrated Life, celebrated every year on February 2, a day called in former times "Candlemas". Candles are used to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World. That day has a special import to "all those women and men in consecrated life who have given their lives in love to God". The various forms of consecrated life are landmarks to enjoy the various gifts of the Holy Spirit in our Church. Moreover, laypersons have been choosing for years to be associates of Secular Institutes and share the charism, the spirituality and the mission of the founder and thus live their vocation as a baptized person.

Action I may take: I inquire about religious congregations in my community. Do one of these have what I am looking for? I consider becoming an associate.

Obituary

It is with sadness, but also with hope, that The Diocese announce the passing of **Mr. Maurice Durocher, father of Archbishop Paul-André** at the age of 86.

Mr. Durocher died as a result of medical complications on January 26, 2018.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Lucille Duplantie, his seven children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two sisters and a brother and numerous relatives and close friends. We entrust him to the Lord's mercy and we keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Hawkesbury.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Suffering, Ministry and Prayer

It is a truism that there is a lot of suffering in our world. Often, we feel so distraught in the face of diseases, calamities, wars, disappointments, exploitation and sufferings in our world. It is even more disturbing when the upright seem to suffer a lot. Today's **first reading** calls us to reflect on this. Job was a very religious person, always just and well-behaved and yet he was struck by an endless sequence of calamities. The initial attitude of Job as shown in this passage was pessimistic. He had a pessimistic and cynical view of life as a chain of pain and suffering as seen in this saying of his: *'my eye will never again see good joy'* (7:7). He was not resigned; he did not suffer in silence but gave vent to his sorrow in front of God and courageously asked Him to explain the reason for his afflictions and calamities. Job's cry may frighten us and may sound like rebellion and blasphemy. However, it is really a deeply touching prayer. In the latter part of the book of Job, we know that he eventually succumbed himself, his suffering, his work and everything he had had and lost to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6). We are therefore called to avoid pessimistic attitude and embrace life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God. We are called to use our times, talents and lives as Jesus (Gospel) and Paul (second reading) did in their ministry. St. Paul tells us in **the second reading** that the best way to be of service to others is to announce the Gospel to them. The good news transforms the hearts of people, gives meaning to their lives, and imparts joy and deep peace. Those who preach the Gospel, he says, should get their living from the Gospel. But Paul also urges those engaged in fulltime evangelization to reflect on their style of life and take care so that no member of the community is scandalized by the way they use the resources entrusted to them.

Today's **Gospel** provides an answer to the problem of evil that we find in the first reading. The answer is: the evil that exists in the world can be defeated. Following the episode we read in the last Sunday's liturgy, St. Mark tells us of Jesus' first meeting with human suffering and misery. Jesus meets the mother-in-law of Simon Peter in bed with fever; at sunset they bring Him the sick and possessed; the following morning He set out on a journey of the neighboring towns for the people in need of His help. Jesus provides a reply to the desperate cry of Job: *it is no use blaming God for the sad condition and misery of people on earth. The only attitude we can adopt is to stand by the sufferers and fight evil with all our abilities* (Armellini, F Vol. B., p. 183). This is Jesus' attitude in all the encounters in today's Gospel. Jesus was much sought after wherever He went as people made increasing demands on His time. Yet in the thick of events, He would quietly steal away from the crowd to communicate with His heavenly Father in prayer. He could have slept late and prayed at home but He chose to leave the house to find a quiet place for prayer. It was these moments of intense communion with His Heavenly Father that provided Jesus with the necessary strength to carry out His ministry. Jesus in prayer was saturated with the thoughts, sentiments and glory of God. Hence, filled with grace and power, He had more than enough to pour out on all He met that day.

Brothers and sisters, we are here in this liturgy and we strive to enter into the same kind of communion with God as Jesus always did. By being open to whatever God wills for us each day, we place ourselves in a position where we are able to absorb the strength we will need. We always need to recharge our spiritual batteries, grow in intimacy with the Lord if we want to be effective witnesses for Jesus. When we pray well, we become absorbed in the presence of God and worship in spirit and truth. Like Jesus, we have to strongly believe in the power of prayer and give it quality time each day. True prayer is not a flight from the problems of life nor is it a simple-minded request for miracles. It is meeting with God and it enables us to see others as God sees them. With our strength renewed in prayer we have the task of repeating the gestures of Jesus: to get near those who have no strength to stand and help them out of the unhappy situation they are in. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Ministry listing: Please advise Monique if you are going to be away anytime in March and April as this listing is prepared about mid-February.

Ash Wednesday: Will be celebrated at OLV on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm.
and at St. Aloysius on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm.

St. Malachy Fundraiser – St. Malachy Fundraiser - A Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, at Ranch a Charley, 1361 Route 315, L'Ange Gardien, Quebec. Meal includes spaghetti, bun, specialty dessert, coffee and tea. ***Tickets will be on sale at the entrance of our Churches this weekend or contact Cheryl and Peter Cameron at 819 986-7828 or Leila Corrigan at 613-816-5168. Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday, February 7th.*** Please come and celebrate Valentine's Day and support our Parish community project.

Sacramental Preparation: Anyone wishing to enrol children or youth in sacramental preparation (**Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation**), please notify the Parish Administrator at 819-986-3763. ***You will be notified of an introductory meeting at a later date.***

Defibrillator Training OLV:

A Defibrillator was recently installed in the church basement on the wall between both bathrooms. The Defibrillator was purchased in recognition of a generous donation from the Estate of Buddy Ryan. While it is prudent to have such a medical device in the church, it is essential that we have individuals trained on how to use it. Therefore, the Parish is offering free training on the use of the equipment. Volunteers may register with the Parish Administrator at 819-986-3763.