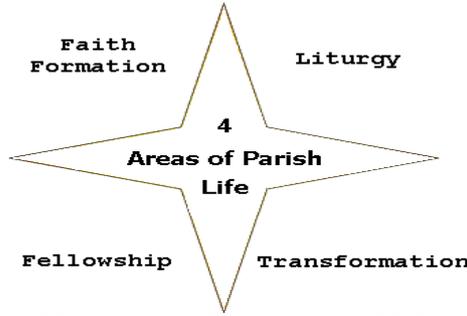




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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 14-15, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 19 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Beatrice Bonin & Raymond Peck by Debbie Dorey James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 21 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Esther and John Lavell by Greg & Pat Lavell
Sunday	Apr. 22 nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Evelyn Robitaille by Susan & Junior Lemieux Phyllis Gauthier by Madeleine Gauthier Paul Fortier by Family & Friends Kay & Hugh Lemieux by Terrie Lemieux Maurice Laurin by Linda & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

April 7 - April 8 - Sunday Collection

\$463.00

235.00

- Development & Peace

793.00

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop
April 2018**

'For all volunteers who devote themselves to our society and our Church, in the manner of Jesus that they flourish in their invaluable service to mankind and in solidarity with community organizations. We praise you Lord!'

Questions I ask: **VOLUNTEER WEEK April 15 to 21.** During this Volunteer Week, I take time to listen, to pay attention, to discuss with a person devoted to her or his volunteer work, and try to find in such commitment a sign of God's presence and action.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Faith in the Risen Lord 2

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Liturgy continues to present to us the message of the Resurrection of Christ. Today's readings challenge us to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of God's presence with us and around us as the Holy Spirit. The first reading is part of St. Peter's post – Resurrection speeches. Following the healing of the crippled man by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-10), the people are astounded and wonder if the apostles are healers with special and mysterious powers. In today's passage Peter explains that the healing is not a result of his power or holiness. What has happened, he says, is the work of Christ and evidence that Jesus is alive. He forcefully declares that the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges all to turn toward God so that their sins might be wiped away. The actions of the apostles embody the life and sentiments of Jesus, who while on earth, was always concerned with what was for the good of His fellow men and women, taught a way of life, cured the sick, gave food to the hungry and sought out the lost. Thus, if such things are being done in His Church with the same force and power, it means that Jesus is alive and continues to act through us and that His Spirit is still present in the world. The works the apostles do prove undoubtedly that Jesus is alive.

In the second reading, St John answers the doubts raised by the heretics of his time. He therefore asserts the fundamental Christian doctrines that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. He says that though we must admit our sinfulness, we nourish our hope with the knowledge that Jesus Christ, the upright, is with us. The gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to His apostles who were in the locked Upper Room. Jesus removes the doubts of His apostles about His Resurrection by inviting them to touch Him and also by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains to them how the prophecies have been fulfilled in Him and commissions them to bear witness to Him and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name after receiving the Holy Spirit. In this passage we find elements of wonder, fear and doubts as it is always in Jesus' apparitions after His Resurrection. When the Risen Jesus appears, He is never recognized immediately and those who see Him always have doubts (cf. Jn. 20:11-18; 21:1-14, Lk. 24:13-35, Mt.28:17). The apostles do not find it easy to believe. Their faith develops slowly and uneasily.

Today's gospel passage shows that the apostles are in a state of shock. The Good Friday happenings continue to hunt them. In that atmosphere of wonder, fear, doubt and gloom, Jesus makes an appearance. He breaks in with the words of peace: *Peace be with you!* The peace Jesus communicates is not an uneasy peace of coexistence with the demons of fear, doubt and anxiety. It is not the fragile peace that the world gives. It is the peace of the Resurrected Jesus who has convincingly conquered sin and death. By confronting His disciples with His physical self, He builds their shattered psyche by opening their minds to the sacred scriptures. It is this invincible peace of the Risen Lord that we are all invited to communicate to our world ridden by anxiety. The spiritual journey of the apostles towards faith is the image of what we also have to go through. We too pass through many doubts, uncertainties and fears before we can "see" the Risen Lord. Every time we gather together in prayer and listen to His word, He is among us. Gradually our eyes open up, and we discover that if we die with Him, we will enter with Him into the full life of God. Belief in the Lord's resurrection urges us to radically change our way of thinking and living. Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Spring Supper & Balloon Auction: Mark Friday, **May 18th** on your calendar for this event. More information will be coming shortly.

Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday, **June 2** from 9 am to 3 pm. Contact Monique at 819-986-3763 for drop off. **REMEMBER NO FURNITURE, CLOTHES, SHOES or LARGE OBJECTS. All monies raised go to the upkeep of our church.**

Family Gathering & Musical Afternoon: Please mark Saturday, **September 8** on your calendar. More information will be coming shortly for this event.

Heart and Soul Singers Support OLV: Heart and Soul singers have announced that the proceeds from their annual spring concert will be donated to OLV. Since their inception, OLV has partnered with the Heart and Soul Singers and is proud of its support for this wonderful community initiative. The concert will be held on Thursday, **May 3rd** at 7:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00. Children under 13 are free. Given the fund-raising nature of the initiative, parishioners are encouraged to support this concert. ***Tickets can be obtained from members of the choir, from the OLV wardens or at 819-986-1185.***

Card Party at Our Lady of Victory: On Tuesday, April 10th, Our Lady of Victory parish held its annual card party. The event was a great success with numerous visitors to our parish in attendance. As is the case with all these parish events, it takes volunteers and donors to ensure success.

Thanks to Nancy Lanthier for taking the lead in organizing the event, Susan Lemieux for coordinating the food and managing the kitchen. Thanks to Grace, Lois, Babe, Gail, Mona, Ethel, Nancy Pearson and Monique for their generous donations of baked goods, time and money.

A special thanks to Shirley Hotte for the beautiful painting. The raffle for the painting netted \$303.00 Thanks to Lyall, Shirley and Linda for the door prizes. ***Overall the event netted \$1,300.00. Once again, thanks to all.***

Local Food Bank: Appreciates your weekly offerings in aiding our people in the community.

Bread Bags: The school will take your bread bag donations until the end of the month. You have generously helped them out.

Egg Cartons: Please continue to donate these for the school. The Food Bank will advise us when they need more as they have a huge amount ahead.

Used Stamps: Please continue to donate these. Stamps can be placed in the plastic bag on the bulletin board or in the 2 boxes on the railing at the top of the stairs to the church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Auction: Our Lady of the Annunciation Church 189 Archambault Street, Gatineau (Hull Sector). **Date:** Tuesday, May 1. **Viewing:** 5:30 pm. **Auction:** 6:30pm. **Admission:** \$2.00 and **Door Prizes.** **CASH SALES ONLY.** More information contact: 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

Shut-Ins: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**