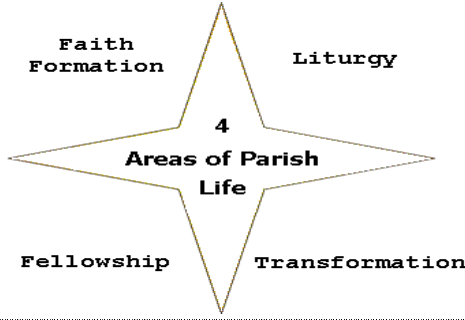




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**30th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27 - 28, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 1 st	OLV @ 10:00 am OLV @ 11:00 am	NO MASS Funeral for Peter Burke
Saturday	Nov. 3 rd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Catherine McFaul & Family
Sunday	Nov. 4 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Theresa Newton by Susan & Junior Lemieux Larry Cameron by PHSSN Rose Weatherdon by The Family Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Landry

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 20 - 21 - Sunday Collection	\$555.00	\$223.00
Oct. 20 - 21 - Propagation of the Faith	258.00	102.00



Christ, Us, Our Communities, Our Neighbourhoods

Today, you will receive a snapshot of our Parish, part one of the Synodal Process. The 3 pages of the Parish snapshot (Parish Life, the Mission of the Parish and Parish Resources) will be validated by you, our Parishioners, at our parish meetings scheduled for next weekend:

- November 3rd after 7:00 pm mass at St. Malachy
- November 4th after 9:00 am mass at Our Lady of Victory.

As part of this consultation process, we will be asking for your input on the snapshot. In addition, you will be asked to identify our parish strengths, our weaknesses or challenges as well as questions or concerns you have. The importance of this Synodal process cannot be understated and it is so very important that all Parishioners take part on this reflection on the future of our Parish and Diocese.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop October, 2018

“Let us pray for the bishops, gathered in Rome around Pope Francis from the 3rd to the 28th of October, for the Synod of bishops 2018: “Young people, faith and vocational discernment.” That any direction taken meet the challenges, the concerns and the dreams of young people and reach them in their current reality to foster a meaningful involvement in the Church.”

Question I ask myself: I get information on the existing resources in my diocese for people wanting to train or accompany young people. If possible, I register for training or share such information.

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

God: Our Light and Salvation

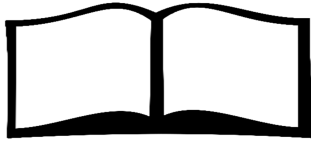
Today's readings describe the overflowing mercy and kindness of a loving, healing and forgiving God for His children and urge us to have a trusting faith in Him who can turn our blindness into sight. At baptism when we meet Christ we receive light. In baptism, the eyes of men and women are opened so that they could understand what it means to follow Christ. The **first reading** is from the prophet Jeremiah, one who is sometimes described as a prophet of doom: always announcing disasters and catastrophes. But in today's passage, he invites us to be cheerful and merry. He tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God has been healing the spiritual blindness of His chosen people. God has subjected His people to captivity and liberated them and brought them back to their homeland. The prophet imagines the remnant of Israel returning; among them are the 'blind', the lame, women with children and women in labor. With such a convoy, movement would be slow. The only one who can help and save them is the Lord. God is not like humans who admire the strong and the healthy and disregard the weak and defenseless. As a good Father, He does not leave anyone behind. These people who find it so hard to pull out of their sad condition, move toward liberation and set out on a long journey home. They represent all those whom God calls from the slavery of sin to new life. This first reading prepares us for the Gospel where Jesus was on a journey in the company of the lame and blind and especially the healing of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar.

In the **second reading**, the author explains to his brothers and sisters in the faith that Christ was a priest infinitely superior to those of the Old Covenant. Jesus, he says, was the perfect sacrifice for sins and the true High Priest of the New Testament, a position given to Him by His Father. He was also human as he underwent the experience of suffering and temptation; hence, He is sympathetic to us. The **Gospel** presents one of those episodes meant to nourish the faith of the early Christians: the healing of the blind Bartimaeus. St Mark the evangelist attaches great importance to the healing of blindness because this disease has for him an important symbolic meaning. Just as the blind and lame are God's concern in the first reading, Jesus is concerned with the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting faith in the healing power of Jesus. He shouted, 'Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me.' When Jesus invited him to come near, he threw aside his cloak. His encounter with Jesus gave him the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight and became a follower of Jesus. Bartimaeus of Jericho "represents all the disciples and all people who have not yet seen the light of Christ: the pagans whose eyes and hearts are not yet open to the gospel." "Like him, all these can be healed from their blindness. The way that leads to Christ always begins with a feeling of interior uneasiness. This forces the one who walks in the dark without knowing in which direction he or she is moving, to reflect on his or her sad condition and state. Meeting those who already know Jesus is a first step towards the light, but before reaching the Master, difficulties will have to be surmounted" (Armellini, F. Vol B, p. 314). In our spiritual blindness, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us giving us proper spiritual vision. In our journey to this enlightenment, anger, hatred, jealousy, prejudice, evil habits, additions etc., can be an obstacle on the way. We need to 'cry out' as Bartimaeus did. Like him we must seek Jesus with trusting faith in His goodness and mercy. We ought to approach Jesus that way and listen to His voice asking us 'what do you want me to do for you?' Finally, if we had the wonderful experience of opening our eyes to the light of the gospel, should we not lead others to Christ so that they too may be healed?

Happy Sunday!

THE BOOK OF LIFE

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with whom we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are therefore encouraged to keep them in our prayers and if possible offer Masses on their behalf.



In our two parishes, we have a tradition of leaving our **Book of Life** at the front of the church for the month of November. The **Book of Life** contains the names of deceased parishioners and relatives. Some blank pages can be found in the front for anyone who wants to add names and comments. It is our way of expressing our faith that the dead find peace with God and will be raised to life when the Lord Jesus comes in glory.

The families who lost someone in the past year will be invited to participate at **next weekend's celebrations** where there will be a short ceremony of lighting a candle from the Easter candle and remembering our deceased.

The **Book of Life** will be placed next to the Easter Candle which speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Masses at St. Aloysius: Thursday, November 1 at 9:15 a.m. (All Saint's Day)
Friday, November 2 at 9:15 a.m. (All Soul's Day)
12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Late Best Wishes: Our thoughts are with **Tom & Isabel Laframboise** as they celebrated their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on October 18, 2018. God Bless!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Final 2018 Event: Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Final event for the 2018 Season **October 28, 2018 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**. Wine and Cheese and Exhibit of Robert Emile Fortin and Lynne Zentner's art works at Kent and Mary Browne's Cottage at Long Lake.

All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Tickets: \$20/person and available by calling Brenda Miller at 819 986 -7358.