

Our Lady of the Visitation Church

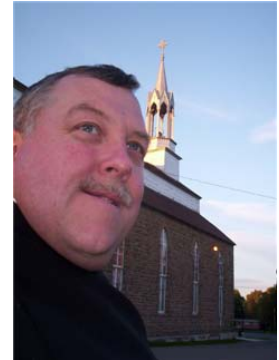
Newsletter - November 2011
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Pastor's Message



As the Christmas season approaches, it is a time to prioritize the year ahead - including faith, family, and friends. We have been blessed to have an active parish, a welcoming community, and a beautiful church and parish hall in which to gather and share. It's been a year of celebration and we hope that the coming year will continue to offer everyone the opportunity to reflect on their blessings. Be generous in spirit throughout the holiday season. Take the time to attend church and parish events, offer help to those in need in our community and beyond, volunteer, encourage the youth in their faith, and be gentle and loving.



Take it to prayer.

- Father Brian Hennessey

Mass Schedule

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.
Thursday - 9:00 a.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. (Children's Mass)
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

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Time and Talent

- Contributed by Father Brian

Thanks to all of the parishioners and guests who attended the OLV's "After-Mass Fall Fair" and "All Ministries Trade Show" following Masses on Sept. 17 and 18. There were over 70 people that signed up to volunteer in some way! The ministry leads have contacted most of the new volunteers but if you missed the event and would still like to volunteer, please Email the office at olvis@rogers.com.

We still require volunteers in the following areas, in particular:

- Youth Ministry
- Altar Servers
- Fundraising
- Event Support (Kitchen, Set-up, etc.)

A Busy Parish Hall! - Contributed by Marie Trojan

Our beautiful Parish Hall has hosted many successful events over the summer and early fall, including Oktoberfest, the Harvest Supper, two art shows, and many wedding receptions! We offer a personal touch for all events and thank everyone who supports us, by making a reservation, helping in the kitchen, cleaning up, or even recommending us to friends and family.



80th Birthday Celebration

In October, Kay J. celebrated her 80th birthday. Kay is an active parishioner of OLV, a tireless volunteer, and positive force in our community. Her energy is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you, Kay!



Catholic Women's League

- Contributed by Sandra Blais

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. We meet monthly and members are involved in events such as the December Bazaar as well as initiatives such as: Home Visits/Care Ministry for convalescing patients, celebrating Marian Feast Days and monitoring the Legislature pertaining to the CWL's current theme of Faith and Justice.

Pro-Life Action: The "40 Days of Life" is a worldwide campaign supported by our Archbishop and several of our ladies attended. Our ladies also attended the Annual Ecumenical Day of Sharing and Reflection arranged by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Ottawa. This event is a stepping stone to the World Day of Prayer celebrated in March each year. The theme for 2012 is "Let Justice Prevail" and the country highlighted will be Malaysia.

Our first CWL Sunday will be December 11th at 9 a.m. and at that time our members will assume the positions of Readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and greeters. We will acknowledge the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. in the Sacristy. **Please note our new time and location.**

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US.
Sandra Blais, President

- ◆ Offerings
- ◆ Baptism
- ◆ Confirmation
- ◆ First Communion
- ◆ Reconciliation
- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Funerals
- ◆ RCIA
- ◆ Cemetery
- ◆ Liturgy and Worship
- ◆ Announced Masses
- ◆ Prayer Group

Parish Services

We support our community with a complete set of services, including **weddings, baptisms, and funerals**, held at the beautiful Our Lady of the Visitation Church.

Our beautiful parish hall is an amazing facility to accommodate many of these events and our staff is open to all requests and can support your special requirements with the personal touches you need.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 19: René Cera Art Show
- ◆ November 20: Senior's Appreciation Dinner
- ◆ December 3 and 4: Bazaar & Bake Sale
- ◆ December 4: Three Choir Concert
- ◆ December 11: Children's Christmas Party
- ◆ December 18: Quilt Raffle Draw

For more details, visit:

www.olvis.ca

and

www.avisitationbanquetcentre.com

Bingo: Come and join the OLV bingo on Wednesdays starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre (4837 Albion Road). Proceeds support our parish activities!

René Cera



Visit

www.artshowrenecera.com

Christmas Season - Contributed by the Parish Council

The Christmas season is indeed approaching so please join us in the many events, such as the Bazaar and Bake Sale, the Three Choir Concert, Children’s Party, and the Raffle Draw.

We’ll list the Christmas Mass schedule in the next newsletter and on the Website.

We also require lots of help over the holiday season, including decorating the church, altar serving, donating to and preparing food hampers, donating poinsettias, and so on. Please visit the

Website for more information or contact the office if you can help!

Thanks to everyone who filled an Operation Christmas Child box this year - we reached our goal of 200 boxes! These gifts will truly make a difference in the life of each child that receives the items - and the love that each box represents.



Legacy and Pledge Campaign - Contributed by Marie Trojan

To date, parishioners and friends of the parish have donated over \$28,000 for 2011. That leaves \$22,000 to be raised by the end of this year. Work has begun on the paving, curbs and landscaping and we will do as much as funding allows us this year. Father Brian asks that you take it to prayer and be as generous as possible. Thank you for your continued support!

way to the Hall. We will start with the Founder’s Group for donations \$2,000 and over. What a wonderful way to be part of your parish’s great heritage!

Please visit www.olvis.ca for more details and make your contribution today! Thank you for your consideration to participate in the Pledge Campaign for your parish, and for your ongoing prayerful support and thoughtfulness.

Donation Plaques: This fall, we will start putting up the donor recognition plaques in the entrance

Youth Accomplishments - Various Contributors

Help us celebrate the accomplishments of the youth in our parish! Send in information and pictures about positive contributions (such as sports, hobbies, volunteering) for this new section of the newsletter.

Soccer: Courtney T-C (in red) coached her sister’s Gloucester Dragon’s U9 Soccer Team Australia to a Championship win this summer! Little sister Gwyneth and her team mates soaked Courtney as part of their deal if they won!

At 14 she is one of the youngest championship coaches to date and said it was like having 16 little sisters.



Book Your Next Event

- ◆ Wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, trade shows, seminars, community events
- ◆ Call (613) 822-1777
- ◆ Visit www.avisitationbanquetcentre.com





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Visit our Website

Staying in touch with our parishioners, supporters, and community members is important to us. We launched our Website - www.olvis.ca - in 2008, to broaden our reach and make it easier for everyone to find out what's going on at Our Lady of the Visitation.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DATE and TIME CHANGES, ENSURE YOU VISIT THE WEBSITE.

Please provide us feedback on what you'd like to see on the Website by contacting olvis@rogers.com.

To receive future issues of our newsletter, **join our E-mail list** by sending an Email to communications@olvis.ca today!

Heather Anderson, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor

Contact Us

Father Brian Hennessey, the many volunteers, and the friendly office staff are all available to answer your questions about our church, events, and the benefits of getting involved.

Please phone or Email olvis@rogers.com with newsletter contributions, suggestions, comments, or questions about OLV.

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Father Brian Hennessey, June Peter, Heather Anderson, Marie Trojan, Cathy Philpott, Sandra Blais

More Event Information ...

Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Catholic Women's League is looking for donations and participation from our members and parish at the Annual Parish Bazaar on December 3rd and 4th. (Set up time is Friday at 7PM in the church hall.)

Craft items, gently used, knitted, preserves, crochet, quilted, Christmas items, toys, and other would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on the Friday night. We will accept baked items the mornings of the Bazaar. Please contact Sandra Blais at jsblais@allstream.net to offer your donation and/or help.

Seniors' Appreciation and "Thank You to Our Families" Dinner

Come celebrate with your parish community as we enjoy a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings Sunday, November 20th at 5 pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, 6 to 10 years \$7.00 and 5 and under free.

Volunteers are needed including student hours to help serve and clean up. Set up will be after 11 am Mass on the 20th. We are also looking for entertainment.

Tickets are available by calling Gladys at 613-821-3434. Only 150 tickets will be printed so please reserve early. Seats will be assigned so make sure you know how many are coming. For more info contact Marie at 613-822-1777 or email: marie.trojan@sympatico.ca.

Changes to the Mass Prayers and Responses: We will be posting more information regarding upcoming changes to the Mass on the Website - and also reviewing some of the changes in the next newsletter!

Congratulations: While remaining as Pastor of OLV, the Archbishop has also appointed Fr. Brian as the Regional Vicar for Region 1. An R.V. works in collaboration with the Episcopal Vicar (Fr. Joe Muldoon). Fr. Brian will also sit on the Clergy Personnel Committee (an advisory group appointed by the Archbishop for clergy personnel appointments). Congratulations, Fr. Brian.