

Our Lady of the Visitation Church

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Pastor's Message

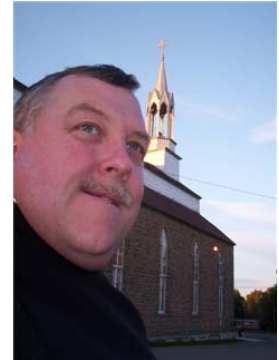


Actions speak louder than words. There is no truer statement and no truer example than being a volunteer. The only way we've accomplished what we have over the years - construction of the parish hall, renovations of the church, councils, coffee, auctions, harvest suppers - is through the dedicated volunteers at Our Lady of the Visitation.

Many volunteers go unnoticed and unrecognized - wanting to just do the right thing, lend a helping hand. Please remember to thank them along the way (including our Parish Council - see page 4) - and maybe offer to help - with your time and talent!!

Take it to prayer.

- Father Brian Hennessey



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Spirit of Volunteering - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, and in the past decade alone, the Knights world-wide have donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and nearly 400 million hours of volunteer service.

Within Our Lady of the Visitation, Parish members of the Knights of Columbus are committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defence of the priesthood. Over the last few years, members have worked to refurbish the church through the installation of new hardwood floors, placement of new pews, construction and installation of a new altar area/steps and staircase. Members have also devoted hours to the laying of patio stones for the new hall and performing finishing work within the hall. Members also support the parish priest by actively participating in various committees and ministries of the parish.

Their volunteer hours are not limited to the church. Members volunteer in the community. Some examples include support to Waupoos Farm by performing needed repairs from time to time and assisting with the opening through a BBQ each year, organizing and participating in an annual Christmas Hamper program, and participating in the St Mary's family fun fair and BBQ each spring.

The current Grand Knight, Pat Malloy, also founded the Canadian chapter of "Knights on Bikes" - a growing group of Knights dedicated to faith and volunteering - that also happen to be motorcycle enthusiasts (<http://www.knightsonbikes.ca/>)

If you want more information or you wish to join this great organization of Catholic men, just speak to any one of the gentlemen at church wearing a KofC nametag or visit http://olvis.ca/knights_of_columbus.html.



Knights of Columbus during Archbishop Prendergast's visit

Welcome!

Interested in becoming an altar server? It's a fun way to get involved at church.

See
http://olvis.ca/altar_servers.html
 or contact
communications@olvis.ca for
 more information.

First Communion: After hours of studying, listening and praying, over 40 children received their reconciliation and first communion. With the support of their parents, godparents, friends, and OLV parishioners, each is a gift to our church and we encourage them to take an active role - such as altar serving, youth choir, and other events.

RCIA: We are also pleased to welcome three adult members, as Roman Catholics, at the Easter Vigil. Their faith is strong and we thank them for reminding us all of the importance of faith in our lives.

Visit our Website for details on the newly-formed Christian Women's League (CWL) at OLV!

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.



- ◆ 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

- ◆ **Saturday, May 28:** Art Show - Rene Cera - and Jacquie Livingstone and Sylvia Pinard
- ◆ **Saturday, June 4:** Knights of Columbus 9th Annual Golf Tournament
- ◆ **Sunday, June 5:** OLV's 166th Anniversary, Parish Picnic and Honouring Father William (Bill) Lunney
- ◆ **Saturday, June 25:** BarBQ and Yard Sale
- ◆ **September 24:** Oktoberfest
- ◆ **October 16:** Harvest Supper
- ◆ **October 21-23:** William Buchanan Art Show
- ◆ **September/October:** Chess tournament, Volunteer Fun Fair

For more details, visit:

www.olvis.ca
 and
www.avisitationbanquetcentre.com



First Communion!

During the summer, please consider placing post-dated cheques in the offering to cover some of the weeks you may not be able to attend. †

Auction Raises \$5,000!



Thanks to our parishioners, auctioneers, volunteers, donors, and purchasers – for making our Annual Auction a great success! Over 100 items were auctioned off, raising over \$5,000 for our parish hall.

We hope to double the amount of items for next year – please contact Marie Trojan if you'd like to help with this fun event!

Auction Donors:

- Betty Gorman
 - Cheryl Bunda
 - Serpellini Family
 - Kelly Wong
 - Bachhubers
 - Don and Brenda Mason
 - Bob Gorman
 - Kelly's Clearance Centre
 - The Cutting Edge
 - Hashbrook and Rheal Paquette
 - Wallace Service Centre Ltd.
 - Kay Johnston
 - St. Mary Students and Families
 - Heather Anderson and family
 - Robinson Family
 - Clarke Family
 - Mr. and Mrs. Virgilio Martin
 - Zlepnig Family
 - Vintage Paving Incorporated
 - Joan Stewart
 - Metcalfe Golf & Country Club
 - Wallace Service Centre Ltd.
 - Julie Longman
 - Retah Jennings-Lalonde
 - Don and Brenda Mason
 - Sandra Blais
 - Jacquie Livingstone
 - Kerry Scullion & family
 - Mark and Laura Hache
 - First Choice Hair Cutters
 - Shelly Linthorne
 - Teresa and Marcel Lemire
 - Suzie Hinman
 - Trina Thompson
 - Colleen Nottell
 - Paula Cote & Family
 - Shirley and William Buchanan
 - Sundstrom Family
 - Hither Hills Campground
 - Marie Trojan
- (Our apologies if we have missed anyone)*

Legacy and Pledge Campaign

As you are probably aware, we are now 90% complete in phase 2 of our 3-phase construction schedule for your new Family Centre Parish Hall. The facility is fully functional and is being used for parish events as well as rentals. The remaining construction work involves landscaping, curbing and parking lot paving and will be financed through a Capital Pledge Campaign.

Historically significant and culturally dynamic, our Centre better enables OLV to remain a prominent centre of spirituality in Ottawa South. Your generosity can now be part of that legacy and we appreciate and thank you for previous donations.

As we move ahead to complete our final phase of construction, we are seeking your help to establish a solid revenue flow during our challenging three-year start-up period. Our parish goal for this 3 year campaign is to team together to achieve a Pledged Income of \$50,000 per annum over the next 36 months. Please visit www.olvis.ca for more details and **make your contribution today!** Thank you for your consideration to participate in the Capital Pledge Campaign for your parish, and for your ongoing prayerful support and thoughtfulness.

Introducing Waupoos Farm

"Everyone needs a vacation - but what about those who can't afford one?" A hidden jewel in our community, Waupoos Farm integrates prayer, work and play in activities while providing a safe and welcoming place where families in financial need can have an inexpensive vacation. The Knights of Columbus and many of our parishioners have been volunteers, host families, resident families, and donors at Waupoos. For more information, visit www.waupoos.com



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.

We encourage you to visit the Website today and browse the up-to-date information on upcoming and past events, updates on fundraising efforts,

summaries of parish services, and other updates.

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!

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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"Loved the first newsletter - keep me informed - I even forwarded it to family and friends"

Photo Gallery

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

PARISH COUNCIL

2010 - 2011



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