3rd Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2015

Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus saved the world from sin and death. As a redeemed people and followers of Jesus, we strive to live by his commandments - to love God and love our neighbor. However, Jesus understands our weaknesses, gives us the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and assures us that we will be forgiven if we repent.

Dear Parishioners: God be praised, we have a new Auxiliary Bishop! Bishop Joseph Dabrowski’s ordination was such a truly joyous occasion for so many communities within our diocese – his own religious order the Michaeelite Fathers, the vast Polish-Canadian community they serve, the Italian-speaking parishes the Bishop has personally served in – let’s pray that we are blessed with his presence & ministry for many years to come! (At the same time, please offer up some prayers for the many dioceses who are still waiting for their Ordinary Bishop to be named: I think of the poor folks up in Whitehorse who still await their shepherd!) The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as Good Shepherd Sunday – from the Reading of John’s Gospel that day – and has become the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our diocese will be ordaining four new priests: Frs. Mark Maloney, Stephen Marsh, Don Pumputis and Daniel Santos! Let’s join in a novena of prayer for them: please cut out and keep the “Prayer for Vocations” (below). We’ll include this prayer each day after Mass, so make sure your family at home is praying along as well – perhaps at meal times, or any point during the day. God has made us his priestly people, to make of our entire lives a sacrifice pleasing to him: may the Eucharist continue to gather & unite us in praise of our God and service to our neighbour. Congratulations to all our First Communicants & their families celebrating this weekend: may the Body & Blood of Christ continue to transform the People of God each day! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Matt

Remarks about Vocations by Pope Francis

“This I ask you: be shepherds with the ‘odor of the sheep.’ Make it real, as shepherds among your flock, fishers of men.”

“This is the prayer for vocations: “Lord, send us nuns and send us priests, defend them from idolatry, the idolatry of vanity, the idolatry of pride, the idolatry of power, the idolatry of money.” This prayer of ours is to prepare these hearts so that they are able to follow Jesus closely.”

“Every vocation...always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one’s life on Christ and on his Gospel.”

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community...Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they preserve and bear fruit.”

A Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The NET Team is Coming to our Parishes!!!

On Friday, May 1, our parish/school community will be hosting a National Evangelization Team (NET). The NET team will be spending the day with our youth in grades 5 - 8. Please keep your youth and the NET team in your prayers. In the evening from 7 - 8 pm at St. Boniface Church the NET team will be joining our parishes for a Holy Hour with the Praise & Worship! A social to follow. Please mark your calendars - join us for Holy Hour and meet this very musically gifted group of young people who minister to our youth!

The Praise & Worship! A social to follow.
**Prayer List**

*Please remember in your prayers* the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenessen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, Bill Brand, Katelyn Bedour, Barb Regier and Jasper Eilers.

**Spring Cleaning at St. Boniface Church**
The spring housecleaning of St. Boniface Church will be on **Monday, April 27** beginning at 9 am. It would be appreciated if we could have some volunteers to give a helping hand. We ask that you bring your own pail and cleaning cloths. Any time you can spare would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Card Party** - Tuesday, April 28 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

**Bake Sale & Coffee Sunday** - will be held on **Sunday, May 17** following the 11 am Mass. Your bake sale donation can be dropped off at the church hall prior to the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 16th OR prior to the 11 am Mass on Sunday, May 17th.

**Faith in Action Award**

Students graduating from St. Anne’s are invited to put their names forward to be considered for the St. Peter’s CWL Faith in Action Award. The criteria are - to be an active member of St. Peter’s (in St. Joseph) Church, and a good role model for youth, with involvement in the church and community. Letters stating how they are involved can be brought to the church or church office in an envelope labelled St. Peter’s CWL by May 24, 2015.

**2015 Appeal for St. Peter’s Seminary**

St. Peter’s Seminary was founded in 1912 and for over a century has provided education and formation for our servant-leaders; priests, permanent deacons, lay ministers, Catholic educators, and others. **Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and St. Peter’s Seminary is making an urgent appeal for your support. Your financial gifts and prayers will help ensure the future of St. Peter’s Seminary and the Church that she serves. Please open your heart to the messages from St. Peter’s Seminary and give as generously as you can. Whether or not you can give financially, please join us in praying for vocations and especially for our priests and deacons.

**Goderich Ultreya**

Our Goderich ultreya for April will be on **Sunday, April 26 at 7:30 pm (note time change)** at the Knights of Columbus Centre on Parson’s Court. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

**90th Birthday Celebration**

Everyone is invited to an Open House for Ursula Regier on the Occasion of her 90th Birthday. Join Ursula on **Saturday, April 25 between 1:00 - 4:00 pm** at the Dashwood Community Centre. Best wishes only.

**The New Evangelization Summit**

This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics - pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful - will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. The annual New Evangelization Summit will be held in Ottawa on April 24 & 25 and lived streamed to 11 host-sites. This simulcasting of the event will provide a way for Catholics from around North America to participate in the Summit. **In the Diocese of London we have 2 locations where the ‘live-streamed’ event will take place** - St. Anne’s in St. Thomas and St. John the Baptist in Amherstburg. For more info or to order tickets please visit www.newevangelization.ca. Seats are limited so please order as soon as possible so you won’t be disappointed.

**Theology on Tap**

**Kyle Geraghty - Hearing God in the Midst of a Noisy World** - Tuesday, April 21 at the Ironwood Golf and Country Club - Exeter. Kyle Geraghty is a Catholic teacher and recording artist (http://goo.gl/sDWH91). Kyle will reflect upon how and where God may be speaking to our afflictions, joys and hopes through modern culture and technology. This presentation will incorporate Kyle’s many musical gifts. This is the second of four Theology on Tap sessions that the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is hosting this spring.

**Girls’ Night Out**

**My Story and My Song** - Saturday, May 9 from 7 - 9 pm at the Zurich Mennonite Church. Enjoy a night of comedy, inspirational sharing and music. Guest Speakers - **Kelita Haverland** a 5 time Juno Award winning musician, shares her story, combining her musical and theatrical talent and **Trudy Metzger** out of her own painful experience, shares a message of hope and life, through Jesus. Refreshments following. Free Will Offering.

**Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the following exemplary models of Catholic service will be awarded with the Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award for 2015.

Donna Campbell, Volunteer – St. Aloysius School, Stratford
Lori Pipe, Volunteer – St. Ambrose Parish, Brussels
Eman (Mona) Gobrail, Educational Assistant – St. Boniface School, Zurich
Tony Pereira, Volunteer – St. Columban School
Anne Marie Fear, Volunteer – Sacred Heart, Wingham & St. Anne’s CSS, Clinton
Mike Weiler, Teacher – St. James School, Seaforth

The Board looks forward to recognizing the award recipients at its Catholic Education Week Mass on Monday, May 4, 2015 at St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin at 5:00 p.m. We are honoured to have Bishop Ronald Fabbro celebrate Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- **Men’s Ministry** - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, April 21 in St. Peter’s Hall at 7 pm
- **Knights of Columbus Meeting** - Wednesday, April 22 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Life in the Spirit Seminar** - Saturday, April 25 at St. Peter’s Church/Hall beginning with 5 pm Mass
- **Knights of Columbus Card Party** - Tuesday, April 28 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Men’s Ministry** - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, April 28 in St. Peter’s Hall at 7 pm
- **First Friday School Mass & NET Retreat** - Friday, May 1 at St. Boniface Church
- **Life in the Spirit Seminar** - Saturday, May 2 at St. Peter’s Church/Hall beginning with 5 pm Mass

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
**St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes**

**Weekend Masses**
- Sat 5:00 pm  St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
- Sun 9:00 am  St. Boniface
- 11:00 am  St. Peter

**Pastoral Staff:**
- **Pastor:** Fr. Matthew George
- **Secretary:** Lori LaPorte
- **Office Hours:**
  - Tuesday - Thursday
  - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
  - Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**MISSION STATEMENT**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

**Parish Organizations**

**Parish Advisory Council:** A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.

**Catholic Cemeteries:** We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.

**Other Organizations:** Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

**Website**

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures. www.bluewater.dionet.ca

**Contact Information**

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  - Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0
- **Phone:** 519 236-4191
- **E-mail:** bluewater@dol.ca

**Parish Council**

**Chair**
- Monique Hartman

**Vice-Chair**
- Brian DePaepe

- Rose Marie Rader
- Ken Forler
- Liz Masse

**Celebrating Our Faith**

**Baptism**

Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.

**Reconciliation**

God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm at St. Boniface or Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Peter’s or by appointment.

**Marriages**

The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.

**Bluewater Nursing Home**

A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

**Devotions**

- **St. Joseph and Saint André** - Saturday after the 9:00 am mass - St. Peter’s.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.

Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.