Easter Sunday - April 5, 2015

The three readings for today proclaim that Jesus rose from the dead. This event has consequences for all, for it is an historical event, a fulfillment of prophecy and an invitation for new life. In the end, our faith is an encounter with Jesus who rose from the dead. And that encounter heals us from our sins.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF April 6 - 12

MONDAY: April 6 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Eugene Roy)

TUESDAY: April 7
(We Pray for Rev. Jose Seminati)
St. Boniface Church- 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Int. of Harold & Doreen Dietrich - Angela Watson
+Kevin Dietrich - Kathryn Regier
+Lucienne Denomme - Mary Lou Denomme

WEDNESDAY: April 8
(We Pray for Rev. Paul Rocheleau)
Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
+Mary Dietrich - Marie Cyr
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
+Wayne Smith - Audrey Smith & Family
+Vincent Murray - Warren & Helen Regier
Int. of Jasper Eilers & Family
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family

THURSDAY: April 9
(We Pray for Ms. Natalie MacKay, Youth Ministry)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Velma Cantin - St. Peter's CWL
Int. of Jean Geoffrey - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: April 10
(We Pray for Ursuline Sisters of Agonizing Heart of Jesus)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
A Special Intention - A Parishioner
Int. of Allyson Cantin & Justin Mourits
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Evelyn Kamel Assad
- Staff & Students of St. Bonifie School

SATURDAY: April 11
(We Pray for Rev. Leo Walsh, C.S.B.)
St. Peter’s Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
+Miroslaw Kozlowski - Teresa Kozlowska
+Guenter Keller - St. Peter’s CWL
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: April 12
(We Pray for Rev. Marioraj Irudayam, O.F.M. Cap.)
St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

From Pope Francis' General Audience, Wednesday of Holy Week 2015

We know that the night is darkest before the day begins. However, precisely in the darkness, it is Christ that conquers and lights the fire of love. The stone of sorrow is overturned leaving space for hope. See the great mystery of Easter! On this holy night the Church gives us the light of the Risen One... the hope of one who opens himself to a present full of [promise for the] future: Christ has conquered death, and we with him. Our life does not end before the stone of the sepulcher! Our life goes beyond with the hope of Christ who has risen! — in fact, from that sepulcher. We are called as Christians to be watchmen of the morning, who are able to perceive the signs of the Risen One, as the women and the disciples did who went to the sepulcher at dawn on the first day of the week.

Dear brothers and sisters, in these days of the Holy Triduum, let us not limit ourselves to commemorating the Lord’s Passion, but let us enter in the mystery, let us make his sentiments are own, his attitudes, as the Apostle Paul invites us to do: "Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Then ours will be a “good Easter.”

From Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Message for Holy Week & Easter 2015

The Risen Jesus breathed upon the disciples and offered them peace. With him, we too are to breathe life into our relationships, our communities, our work and our world. The Spirit of peace and joy we offer does not prefer death. Invited, compelled by the Spirit, we seek and protect life. The Risen Christ is with us – in the womb; on the death bed; in the fields and houses of our Galilees, and beyond. The love that God calls us to offer is stronger than death; the life we share extends more deeply and far further than the grave.

"Choose life!" This is the "crucial" choice each of us must make. Out of this choice rises every Hallelujah! For in Christ, our hope lives. He is risen. Risen indeed.

Dear Parishioners: a blessed Easter to one and all! The Lord is truly risen! I greet all who have come to celebrate new life in Christ – our parish family, friends & neighbours; I thank all who have worked so hard to make our celebrations of Holy Week so joy-filled & moving for all who share in them. By the grace of God, we can rise from our graves, and be resurrection people now! May God the Father richly pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all who he has redeemed in Christ, this Easter day and every tomorrow. Alleluia! Fr. Matt

Reminder!!!
Our Saturday night Mass will move back St. Peter's Church on Saturday, April 18 at 5:00 pm.
Prayer List

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

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Tremblay, uncle of Carmel Sweeney who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Tuesday, April 7.

St. Boniface CWL Church Fundraiser

Bake Sale & 50/50 & Raffle Draws - will be held on Sunday, April 19 at St. Boniface Church. Tickets for the 50/50 & raffle draws will be available the weekend of April 11 & 12.

St. Peter’s CWL

Our next CWL meeting will be held at 8 pm on Tuesday April 14 at the home of Cathy LaPorte, 34684A Zurich-Hensall Rd. in St. Joseph. Hope to see you there.

Christian Men of Bluewater Ministry

Our next Men’s Ministry evening will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at St. Peter’s Church Hall beginning at 7 pm. All men are invited to come out and share some valuable time with other men from our faith community.

The Life in the Spirit

The Life in the Spirit is an opportunity to become more aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Have you ever received a gift from someone that changed your life? How did the giver know you needed that? Or surely you’ve had someone say something to you in regular conversation and you thought “that is exactly what I need to hear”. Coincidence or God-incident? Jesus wants to continue his mission through us! Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. To register for this awesome experience, please email: doubleportionpg@hotmail.com or phone the church office at 519-236-4191.

Ultreya

Attention all Cursillistas in North Middlesex & South Huron Counties! If you would be interested in attending a local Ultreya with Fr. Matthew George on a Friday night (week of the month to be determined), please send an email to mgeorge@dol.ca (or call St. Boniface at 519-236-4191) with “local Ultreya” in the subject line. Happy Easter & De Col-ores!

The Word Among Us

The Word Among Us Booklets for April and Living Faith Booklets for April, May & June are available in the entrances of the Churches. Cost: $2/each.

Memorial Donations for Easter Flowers

Thank-you to everyone who made donations towards our Easter Flowers in memory of the following:

- Louis & Marilee Ayotte – Loretta Ayotte
- Clare Masse, Eric Durand & Wayne Masse – Elaine & Don Beauchamp & Family
- Matthew Denomme – Mary Lou Denomme
- David Durand – Marilyn Durand & Family
- Alphonse Grenier & Our Baby Boy Gerard Grenier – Beatrice Grenier
- Greg Hartman – Steve & Anne Harburn & Family
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- Patrick O’Shea – Mike & Diane O’Shea
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- Deceased Members of the Smith & Bedard Family – Gord & Cecilia Smith
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- Victor Sweeney & Bill Flood fathers of Jerome & Carmel Sweeney
- Victor Overholt, Veronica Overholt & Stewart Tait – Brad & Pauline Tait
- Our Parents – Mark & Dianne Tucker
- Paul & Stephen Watson, Adam Morrissey, Noel & Rena LaPorte, Bill & Anne Marie Watson – Angela Watson & Family

Attention All Youth Age 16-21!

There is a COR weekend coming up on the weekend of April 17, 18, 19 at St. Patrick’s School in Dublin. This is a fun, exciting and spiritual co-ed weekend for all youth. It is a great weekend to meet other Catholic youth! Applications are available at the back of the church, St. Michael CSS, St. Anne’s CSS, or by contacting Betty and Jeff Visser (bvisser@ezlink.ca 519-348-9172.) The cost of the weekend is $60.00. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions please contact us and we will be happy to answer them!

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

This week at St. Annes we started our annual “Stuff that Bus” campaign in which we ask students to bring non-perishable food items to school to be given to our local St. Vincent dePaul. Our Chapel Series is in full swing as classes will participate in Christian workshops throughout the rest of the year focusing on prayer and service. Also, Me to We has started planning a colour run titled “Show Your True Colours-Run For Change” on May 30th to raise money for a clean water and health care facility in Ghana, more details still to come. The past weekend our Drama club presented at the Sears Drama Competition in Goderich and several student received rewards for their performance. Our badminton team competed at another tournament in Stratford in which they were very successful. We entered into Holy Week in prayer and were able to come together for our Holy Thursday Service. We wish you and your family a safe and Happy Easter as celebrate the risen Lord and the story of our salvation!

Ministers of Faith Lexi Smith and Yris Van Der Ploeg
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance......

- Men’s Ministry - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, April 7 in St. Peter’s Hall at 7 pm
- Youth Group - Friday, April 10 at the Zurich Bowling Lanes at 7 pm
- Life in the Spirit Seminar - Saturday, April 11 at St. Boniface Church beginning with 5 pm Mass
- St. Boniface CWL Fundraiser - Raffle Tickets available before & after Mass on April 11 & 12
- Last Saturday night Mass at St. Boniface - April 11
- Men’s Ministry - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, April 14 in St. Peter’s Hall at 7 pm
- Saturday night Mass moves back to St. Peter’s - April 18
- Life in the Spirit Seminar - Saturday, April 18 at St. Peter’s Church/Hall beginning with 5 pm Mass

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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.

Parish Council
Chair
Monique Hartman
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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.

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

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