The deepest hungers and yearnings of the human heart are satisfied when we turn to Christ. Jesus, the living bread came down from heaven, gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. This allows us to draw closer to him and receive the grace to live as his followers. It is Jesus who gives us a peace the world cannot give. He imbues our lives with meaning, and offers us the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven.

Dear Parishioners: I am crestfallen that I will be missing the Festival of Beans next week – the one time when it’s safe to walk the streets of Zurich, fercryinoutloud! It was simply the best smoked pork chop of my life last year, and I was especially looking forward to the choirs’ presentation under the direction of our own Aimee Rau. I trust that everyone will have a good time, and please consider attending the ecumenical prayer service Sunday afternoon: both our communities – Zurich & St. Joseph – were founded as an act of Christian faith, and we need to celebrate with our neighbours and sister churches every chance we get! From the sublime to the ridiculous, I bring your attention to the website for the “External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to Carter v. Canada” (http://ep-ce.ca/en/); this confusing title is the actual name of the group formulating the new law on euthanasia in Canada. As far as we know, this will be the only way that ordinary Canadians can make their voices heard: you must register with this site (which is extremely easy – I’ve already done it myself) if the Panel is to take your input on this life-and-death topic later on. I beg each adult disciple of Jesus – failing that, each citizen of this country that “recognizes the supremacy of God and the rule of Law”, as the Constitution asserts – not to neglect their duty to inform those who make laws in our name that we will be judged as a nation by the treatment of the least among us; that end-of-life care must represent our finest efforts to enter into the suffering of others, not mindlessly bringing about the death of the most vulnerable in society. We must plan how our parishes will be present in our conflicted world, with the healing pastoral presence of Christ: on Saturday, September 12th, Anne Shore (formerly of Assumption University, Windsor) will be offering orientation for our new Parish Pastoral Council, and to begin our process of crafting a pastoral plan for our communities. May God be with us as we break the Bread of Life in our liturgies and our lives. Please pray for me (and the Church in the North) as I journey to the Yukon from the 20th-31st. God bless you!

Fr. Matt

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Are you – or do you know someone who is – an adult thinking about getting baptized; a baptized non-Catholic looking to join the Church; an adult Catholic who has not been fully initiated (e.g., didn’t receive Confirmation); a child of catechetical age (i.e., over 7 years), looking to be initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Then R.C.I.A. is for you! The parish and wider Church journeys with all people who seek greater insight into their own lives of faith, and entrance or further development in the sacramental life. Please contact the office & arrange an interview with Fr. Matt to have your questions answered about taking the next step in faith.
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, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt and Veronica Bedard.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family **Remy William Theodore Soudant**, son of Mark & Candace who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Congratulations
Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to the following couples who were married at St. Peter’s Church this weekend: **Peter Gellatly & Natalie VanderBurgt** and **Rommert Steenbeek & Maria Bertens**.

St. Boniface CWL
The St. Boniface C.W.L. will be selling **Quilt and Cash draw tickets** before and after Mass which will be drawn on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at the Bean Festival. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Ladies if you would like to return your tickets or require more books please contact Janet at 519-236-4874. **This year at the Bean Festival we are offering a variety of baking.** Squares, cookies, tarts, loaves, muffins, cakes and pies are all welcome. Pie plates and boxes are available at the back of the Church for pickup. Thank-you for your support.

St. Peter’s CWL
Just a reminder - our CWL quilt **raffle is on September 6**. You can hand in sold tickets/money (put in an envelope) and put them in the bin at the front entranceway of the church. Also any unsold tickets should be returned before August 31.

Chalice Program
St. Peter’s Catholic Women’s League has a program that you can participate in to help with the purchase of chalices for St. Peter’s Church. Chalices borrowed when both species were introduced into the parishes have been returned to St. Boniface. The estimated cost to purchase four chalices is **$1500.00 US**.

A tax receipt will be issued for your donation of **$20.00 or more**. A plaque inscribed with the words - “This plaque attests to the generosity of the parishioners of our parishes and their involvement in the 2015 Chalice program” - will be displayed in St. Peter’s church.

To donate: Place your donation inside an envelope marked “Chalice Program” in the collection basket. Cheques can be made payable to “St. Peter’s Church”. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this program.

Vocations Fall Workshops
Fr. Patrick Beneteau from the Vocations Office is offering deanery-wide training sessions to establish parish-based vocation ministry. Under the patronage of St. Therese of Lisieux, this ministry will help foster a vocation culture in our parish communities. For a more detailed explanation of this ministry handouts can be found in the entrance of our churches. The following are training workshops in our area: **Huron-Perth**: Saturday, September 26 from 9 - 11 am at St. Joseph, Listowel; **Sarnia**: Tuesday, September 29 from 7 - 9 pm at Sacred Heart, Sarnia; **London**: Thursday, October 1 from 7 - 9 pm at St. John the Divine, London.

From Love is Our Mission, the WMF catechesis #88
There is no substitute for ordinary parishioners simply befriending and serving one another during the week, extending church beyond Sunday mornings. How lay people treat each other will determine whether a parish is fulfilling its mission in this way.. If our lifestyles are not based on communion and service, then we cannot flourish. We were made for one another, and to live as if that is not true is a sadness, a failure to fulfill the life-giving law of Christ.

Finances as of July 31, 2015

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- St. Peter’s CWL Penny Sale - Saturday, August 15 & Sunday, August 16
- Zurich Bean Festival - August 22/23 weekend
- Ecumenical Prayer Service - Bean Fest Sunday, August 23 @ 1 pm
- Coffee Sunday - Sunday, August 23 following the 11 am Mass at St. Peter’s
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
Mail: 22 Mary St., PO Box 81
Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0
Phone: 519 236-4191
E-mail: bluewater@dol.ca

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
Tuesday - Friday, September 22 -25, 2015
at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

PAPAL VISIT
September 26 - 27, 2015
www.worldmeeting2015.org

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.