19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2015

You may be tempted to believe that God is not always with us. Yet the opposite true. In the first reading Elijah discovered that the Lord was with him, and God strengthened him. Jesus assures us of his presence when he feeds us with the bread of life. As we grow in faith, we are invited to taste and see God’s goodness in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-AUGUST 10-16

MONDAY: August 10 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Thomas Blondin)

TUESDAY: August 11
(We Pray for Rev. Lawrence Brunet)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
+Rita Geoffrey - Virginia Denomme
+Michael Essery - Pat & Evelyn Regier
+Joan Kenny - Clarence & Joan Regier

WEDNESDAY: August 12
(We Pray for Deacon Alex Litt)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Int. of Rev. Mr. David Johnston
Int. of Tara Hartman - Kathryn Regier
+Alvin & Bob Regier - Sister Mary Regier

THURSDAY: August 13
(We Pray for Rev. Christopher Gevaert)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Fr. Gerard Bedard - Darl & Tillie Rau

FRIDAY: August 14
(We Pray for Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Karl & Mary Regier
- Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
Int. of John & Theresa Byrne - Angela Watson
Int. of Bill Brand - St. Boniface K of C

St. Peter’s Church - 3:30 pm
Wedding of Peter Gellatly & Natalie VanderBurgt

SATURDAY: August 15
(We Pray for Rev. Paul Mooney)

St. Peter’s Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8:00 - 8:45 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
+John LaPorte - John Paul & Barb Rau
+Isidore LaPorte - Phil & Patty LaPorte

St. Peter’s Church - 3:00 pm
Wedding of Rommert Steenbeek & Maria Bertens

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: August 16
(We Pray for Rev. William Capitano)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-AUGUST 3 - 9

MONDAY: August 3 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. John Callaghan, C.S.B.)

TUESDAY: August 4
(We Pray for Rev. Quentin Johnson, C.S.B.)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
+Chris Salvador - Alan & Marilyn Hern
+Bridge Groot - Shelley Wybo
Int. of Steve Harburn - Steve & Anne Harburn & Family

WEDNESDAY: August 5
(We Pray for Rev. Wieslaw Gutowski)

Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
+Lil Martens - Marie Cyr

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Int. of John & Theresa Byrne - Marjorie Meidinger
Int. of Nico VerWer - Ray & Janice Hartman
Int. of Fr. John Pluta - Kathryn Regier

THURSDAY: August 6
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew Durham)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Lee Regier - Theresa Regier

FRIDAY: August 7 - First Friday
(We Pray for Rev. Michael Bechard)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
12 Hour Adoration 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Int. of Bill & Toni Brand - Kathryn Regier
+Lee Regier - Sister Mary Regier
+Wayne Smith - Rita Dodge

SATURDAY: August 8
(We Pray for Ms. Jacqueline Simpson, Pastoral Worker)

St. Peter’s Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8:00 - 8:45 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
+Jack Pearson - His Friends
+Milvo Costanza - Pat Langford

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm
St. Andre Celebration - Litany & Anointing

SUNDAY: August 9
(We Pray for Ms. Karen Marsh,
Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2015

When the Israelites escaped Egypt and sought a new life, God gave them quail in the evening and manna in the mornings so they could be strong for their journey across the desert. Similarly, Jesus gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist so that we might have the strength and grace needed to persevere as we walk our pilgrim journey of faith on earth.
Dear Parishioners: there’s so much to learn! Perhaps I’ve been out of student mode too long, but the presentations this time around struck me as particularly difficult - we were not discussing light material by any means, and I was so impressed by the spirit of the people who really engaged with the Scriptures before them. (Turns out I was wrong about my Mom being more fun than Fr. Peter: you really can’t get away with much when your mother is sitting beside you for 3 lectures a day!) Speaking of our friend Fr. Peter, we all - except me, that is - will get a chance to see what he’s learned when he comes to visit: I will be going up to the Yukon for the last two weeks of August, & Fr. Peter will be filling in! (I pray that the notion of a two-week hitch will encourage him to not tell you everything he knows the first week!) One thing I was disappointed to learn was my thoughtlessness about the missionary Church in the north: shortly after I left the Diocese of Whitehorse, their bishop was moved & a priest was named Administrator: I’m almost too embarrassed to ask him if he’s had any break during these last three years - the coy manner in which he asked me for a second Sunday leads me to suspect the worst! I know that this development will no doubt put things back locally & mess up many important things that begin in September, but I trust your good nature that our parishes will be able to absorb this brief interruption. May all of us find time for the Kingdom of God among us! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Lau, Louise Menner, Reese Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt and Veronica Bedard.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Karl & Mary Regier on the Occasion of their “50th” Wedding Anniversary which they will celebrate with family and friends on August 8. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.

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 519-236-3474. 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

Our Annual “Penny Sale” will be held in the church hall following Mass on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16. Tickets are $2.00 per sheet (26 tickets). Door prize. 50/50 Draw. Hot dogs, cookies, juice and coffee. Parishioners are asked to donate a new or gently used item for this annual CWL fundraiser. Proceeds to the ongoing support of local and national charities. Donations can be dropped off at the St. Peter’s church hall: Sat. August 15 from Noon to 5 pm OR on Sun. August 16 from 10 am to Noon. Thanks for your support!

Office Closed

The office will be closed from August 3 - 10 and will re-open on Tuesday, August 11 at 8:30 am.

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, August 7 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

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 testifies 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.

Holy Land Olive Woodcrafts

On August 15/16 weekend there will be a display in the entrances of our Churches of Olive woodcrafts from the Holy Land. Please support the Christians in the Holy Land.

A Day of Prayer

with Stratford & District Right to Life

Stratford & District Right to Life are organizing a bus to the London Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of The Rosary in Merlin, on Tuesday August 18th 2015, for A Day of Prayer for Respect for Life from Conception till Natural Death. The bus leaves at 8.00 a.m. from St. Joseph’s parking lot and we will be back at 6.00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to spend some time with your children and grandchildren. Adult- $20, Students - $15, children under 10 - $10. (Father David Butler will be the Celebrant that day.) For more information and a seat on the bus call Elisabeth Dobbe 519-271-7233, before August 12th.

Breakfast in the Park

St. Joseph & Area Historical Society is hosting their annual “Breakfast in the Park” on Saturday, August 15th from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Memorial Park (corner of Zurich/Hensall Road and Bluewater Hwy.) Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. Fellowship and fun. Dedication of 1913 Great Lakes Storm plaque. Free will offering

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Update

The Canadian government expert panel on assisted suicide has launched its consultation website (http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca). EPC urges everyone to go to the consultation website and make your views known. Since the Supreme Court of Canada made its irresponsible assisted suicide decision on February 6 many supporters have stopped donating. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our appeal. Donations are still critically needed.

Coastal Community Activists to members of the Rainbow Network for Critical Care
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, August 7 at St. Boniface Church
- St. Andre Celebration - Litany & Anointing - Saturday, August 8 at the 5 pm Mass
- St. Peter’s CWL Penny Sale - Saturday, August 15 & Sunday, August 16
- Zurich Bean Festival - August 22/23 weekend

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Children's liturgy must be considered a privilege and a function 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 Organizations**

**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 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.

**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.

**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

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