1st Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2015

The first Sunday of Lent calls us to enter the desert with Jesus. The sacrifices we make can free us to come closer to Jesus and become better witnesses of the Good News. They can also help purify our hearts that we might be found worthy one day to enter into eternal life.

| MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
| February 23 - March 1 |
| MONDAY: February 23 - No Mass  
(We pray for Mr. Thomas Dula, Campus Minister) |
| TUESDAY: February 24  
(We Pray for Rev. Edward Brereton) |
| St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm - Teaching Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00 - 6:45 pm  
Stations of the Cross following Mass  
+Percy Bedard - Knights of Columbus  
+Mary Fitzgerald - Kathryn Regier  
+Isabelle Love - Clarence & Joan Regier |
| WEDNESDAY: February 25  
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.) |
| St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
+Kathy Ormiston - Mary Lou Denomme  
+(11th Ann.) Phil Overholt - Vonnie Overholt  
Int. of Joe & Joyce Essery - Ray & Janice Hartman |
| THURSDAY: February 26  
(We Pray for Ms. Maria Mollica, Youth Ministry) |
| Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm  
Int. of Patsy Rau - St. Peter's CWL  
Int. of Therese Stark - St. Boniface CWL  
+(Ann.) George Grenier Sr. - Lottie & Family |
| FRIDAY: February 27 - No Mass  
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Lam Tran) |
| SATURDAY: February 28  
(We Pray for Deacon Steve Cartier) |
| St. Peter’s Church - No Morning Mass  
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm |
| SUNDAY: March 1  
(We Pray for Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.) |
| St. Boniface Church—9:00 am  
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am  
St. Peter’s Church - 7 pm - Evening Prayer |

Everyone is Invited!!!

On Tuesday, February 24 during the 7:00 pm Mass Fr. Matt will be explaining the parts of the Mass during the Mass to the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families. All are invited to come and get refreshed on the reasons why we do what we do!

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 6 at St. Boniface Church beginning at 2 pm.

**Dear Parishioners:** welcome to Lent! May the Lord speak deeply to our hearts as we follow our Master more closely by way of **prayer, fasting & alms-giving.** (My thanks for all the kind words on my return from Italy: Fr. Peter sends his best & is counting the weeks until his return to the Diocese! If you want a laugh, google some pictures of the streets of Siena: any city that needs escalators in its own hills is no place for a vacation!) I’m pleased that we have worked out a schedule to have the **Stations of the Cross** celebrated at both parishes; **sung Evening Prayer on Sundays** will also alternate between St. Boniface & St. Peter’s, as we did in Advent: please consider adding this beautiful practice to your prayer journey this holy season. Development + Peace’s **Share lent Campaign** ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)) will shape our fasting & alms-giving: I especially want to focus on a Brazilian Bishop’s (one of D+P’s Solidarity Visitors to Canada – unfortunately, not for Ontario) letter who reflects on the hard truths of his hungry peoples’ lives, despite the fact that Brazil is now the world’s second largest food exporter. Whatever your observance, please keep in mind that we **keep all three practices together** – our prayer informs our over-consumptive lives, our fasting frees us to follow God alone, & both bear fruit in giving the proceeds to those in greater need. Next week (Thursday to Sunday) I will be serving on the **London Men’s Cursillo Weekend** ([https://sites.google.com/site/cursillolondon2/home](https://sites.google.com/site/cursillolondon2/home) for more information): please pray for all the candidates making the weekend and the team supporting them, that we will all have the courage to witness to the truth & beauty of our Catholic, Christian faith. Have a blessed Lent!  

**Fr. Matt**

**Have a Saint Choose You**

Our parishes will be focusing on the saints and the virtues of the Church beginning in Lent. The community of sisters that St. Maria Kowalska Faustina in Poland was a member of had the tradition of “having a saint choose you” for the year. They would do this on New Year’s Day. We will be doing this for the beginning of Lent. There are printed holy cards available to be selected randomly. This is for everyone, from babes in arms to the elderly. The cards have their names, their feast day, a picture / depiction of them, a short quote and an intention. You are encouraged to look up more information about the vitae and the saint who “chose you” and learn more of their lives. It would be good for families at suppertime or your daily family prayer time to ask the intercession of their particular saint. The Saint who has chosen you for a companion for the year— never leaves you when the year is over. She/ He stays with you forever and is there to welcome you into Eternity. Throughout the year try to learn as much as you can about the Saint who has chosen you. Place the note that you drew from the basket in a place where you will see it every day. Make it a habit to think of your saint, pray to your saint, and ask your saint to intercede for you. Make your saint your constant companion through the year to come. If you did not get to pick a vitae and a saint at the Ash Wednesday Masses or on the first Sunday of Lent — then you can drop by the office or pick one on the subsequent Sundays. All Holy Men and Women – PRAY FOR US!
Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lensen, Steven Wild-Denis, Emily DePaepe, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin and Bill Brand.

Knights of Columbus
Card Party - Tuesday, February 24 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church.

2014 Income Tax Receipts
Income Tax Receipts for donations made during the 2014 year are now ready for pick up at the back of the church.

Keys Found
A set of keys were found Saturday evening before the 5 pm Mass outside of St. Boniface Church. If you lost a set please contact the church office.

Holy Monday Retreat Day
There will be a Holy Monday Retreat Day for all Secondary and Post Secondary Students on Monday, March 30 beginning at 12:30 pm at Mary Immaculate concluding with Mass of Chrism at 7:00 pm. The Dominican Sisters of Nashville will facilitate this event. They will be leading students in a time of reflection and prayer exploring the readings of Holy Week and immerse them in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The day will conclude by joining Bishop Fabbro and the Diocesan Family at St. Peter's Cathedral for the Celebration of the Chrism Mass at 7:00 pm. Cost for the day is $10. Family members are invited to join us for dinner at 5:00 pm at a cost of $5 for each additional dinner. For more information or to register please contact the church office.

NET Ministries
Do Something Amazing! Come out to NET’s DSA Retreat at St George, London (1164 Commissioners Rd. W.) on March 13 and 14. Learn about what a year in the life of a Netter looks like, experience prayer, fellowship and discern where the Lord is calling you to Evangelize! For any questions or registration, contact Emma & John, NET Ministries Canada, at recruit@netcanada.ca or 613-841-4141. Retreat fee is $25. Bring a friend and both of you do not have to pay the $25 retreat fee. Attendance on both days is preferred but if you can’t attend both days let us know.

Attention All Youth Age 16-21!
There is a COR weekend coming up on the weekend of April 17, 18, 19/2015 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 will be 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!

50th Anniversary
Father John Pluta will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary in the priesthood. The set date for the celebration is Sunday, May 31. Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter’s Church, Goderich at 2 pm followed by a “Come & Go” Reception at the Columbus Center from 3 - 5 pm. Best wishes only.

Come Celebrate the
23rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Saturday, March 7, 2015, 9 am - 5:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18yrs) Music, Skits, Power-packed Talks. For Tickets (Adults $20/Youth $10) call: 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510 write: Renewal Ministries, 1 Clairtrell Road, Box CRM7, Toronto, ON M2N 7H6, email: LJHR@rogers.com, visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Come and See Discernment Retreat Weekend
Have you ever considered the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussion with priests, faculty and seminarians at St. Peter’s Seminary on March 6 - 8. This weekend is open to all single Catholic men 17 years and older. Take some time and hear the voice of God in your life. For more information contact Fr. Patrick Beneteau at pbeneteau@dol.ca

10 Day Tour of Fatima with Lourdes in France
September 25 - October 4, 2015 personally escorted by Fr. Graham Keep. Cost: $2,495 CAD per person. Contact Nexion Canada at 519-660-6966 for details or: travelmerchant@quadro.net. There will be a Presentation and Information Session on Sunday, March 1st following the 11 am Mass at St. Anne’s, 20 Morrison Dr., St. Thomas.

Theology on Tap
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is looking forward to hosting their first Theology on Tap / Agape Latte session! Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm “Catholic Parenting at the Speed of Life” at Foster’s Inn, 111 Downie Street, Stratford. Dan and Maria Keane will explore how to live the Catholic faith in the midst of the demands of modern family life. All Theology on Tap sessions are open to everyone. We look forward to welcoming you!

Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board’s Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards are presented annually to dedicated individuals who have demonstrated exemplary commitment and service to Catholic education by:
- Nurturing and celebrating our own and each other’s gifts, self-worth and potential in a Christ-centred environment
- Promoting social justice and awareness
- Parish involvement

Awards will be presented during the System Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in nominating someone, you may obtain a form at the back of the church or from the Board’s website at www.huronperthcatholic.ca.

Nominations close February 27, 2015. Please consider nominating a worthy individual for this award.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- Lenten Evening Prayer - Sunday, February 22 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Teaching Mass - Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- K of C Card Party - Tuesday, February 24 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface
- Lenten Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 1 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 4 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface
- World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 6 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church

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)
     9:00 am  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 com-
manded 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 prac-
tical 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.

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!  Ex-
périence 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
care of Jesus.

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