Dear Parishioners: A blessed & happy New Year to all! May the Lord fill us with his grace in 2015. My thanks to all who contributed in making our Christmas celebrations at both our parishes so excellent: well done! Welcome Fr. Pio Beorchia (from St. Peter’s Seminary), who’s presence allows me to take some time off & drive my mother to Florida this week. When I return, I hope to jump right into the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25th), with a noon-hour Bible study on the weekdays, and an ecumenical service at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on Sunday the 25th. The materials this year come from Brazil, and I am impressed with the candor the people who put the resources together used, in describing the reality of Brazil (e.g., violence against women & indigenous people, competition between Christian communities & churches, etc.). This year holds special promise for our Church as we strive for unity, for we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document on Ecumenism: our Bishops have produced a resource A Church in Dialogue: Towards the Restoration of Unity among Christians (found at our parish website) to help give some context and direction to our ecumenical efforts. Of special interest is their reference to the Joint Declaration on Grace & Justification, the landmark agreement between Catholics and Lutherans over the exact doctrines that started Martin Luther’s protest! I pray that our Catholic & Lutheran faith communities will find much to learn and share about, as we go over our history, our present situation, and our hope for the future. I leave you with some excerpts from Pope Francis’ Message for the World Day of Peace: The theme I have chosen for this year’s message is drawn from Saint Paul’s letter to Philemon, in which the Apostle asks his co-worker to welcome Onesimus, formerly Philemon’s slave, now a Christian and, therefore, according to Paul, worthy of being considered a brother... Conversion to Christ, the beginning of a life lived Christian discipleship, thus constitutes a new birth (cf. 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Pet 1:3) which generates fraternity as the fundamental bond of family life and the basis of life in society... But fraternity also embraces variety and differences between brothers and sisters, even though they are linked by birth and are of the same nature and dignity. As brothers and sisters, therefore, all people are in relation with others, from whom they differ, but with whom they share the same origin, nature and dignity. In this way, fraternity constitutes the network of relations essential for the building of the human family created by God... In her “proclamation of the truth of Christ’s love in society” (Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate no.5) the Church constantly engages in charitable activities inspired by the truth of the human person. She is charged with showing to all the path to conversion, which enables us to change the way we see our neighbours, to recognize in every other person a brother or sister in our human family, and to acknowledge his or her intrinsic dignity in truth and freedom... We know that God will ask each of us: What did you do for your brother? (cf. Gen 4:9-10). The globalization of indifference, which today burdens the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters, requires all of us to forge a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity capable of giving them new hope...
Volunteers needed!!!

We are looking for members to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for both St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Parishes. If you would be interested please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

The Word Among Us and Living Faith Booklets

The Word Among Us booklets for January and Living Faith Booklets for January, February & March are available in the entrances of the Churches. Cost: $2/each.

Offertory Envelopes for 2015

Your 2015 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your 2014 envelopes in 2015 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

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 live 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 information 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.

Veritas Series for Faith & Culture

How to Tell a Beautiful Story: The Tale of Joseph in the Qur’an - Thursday, January 22, 2015 with Dr. Ingrid Mattson. Sponsored by Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning. Lectures will begin at 7:30 pm and will be held at the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Avenue, London, ON. Free Parking and admission. Wheelchair accessible.

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board will be offering a series of Faith Formation Sessions. The School Board is committed to nurturing all persons to be leaders of faith and social justice. The faith formation series, For the Greater Glory of God, provides prayer, retreat and sacramental experiences. For more information about this Faith Formation Series please check the bulletin board or visit our website.

Your Mailing Address

It will soon be time to prepare income tax receipts for 2014. If you have moved in the last year, please contact the church office and provide us with current mailing address so we can bring our records up to date.

Stebenville for the High School Youth Conference

This coming year St. James/St. Patrick’s Youth Ministry is heading to Steubenville for the High School Youth Conference July 10 – 12, 2015. All are welcome. There is preregistration this time. Cost is $50.00 per person and you won’t be registered until the money is down. Contact person for registration is Colleen Cronin at firecracker2@hotmail.com or phone 519-345-1331. Deadline is the end of January.

Let it Grow-Fundraising Gala

The parish cluster of St. James, Seaforth, and St. Patrick’s, Dublin, is hosting a Black Tie Dinner and Auction in support of growing parish ministries. The Gala will be held on April 11, 2015. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, and entertainment. Tickets are being sold for $50 each, or a table of 8 for $350. For tickets, please contact Heather Schoonwerd at 519-348-8649, or Ange Poppe at 519-345-0318. Tickets will make a great Christmas gift!

Please Remember to Save Your…..

Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs or Doug Debus. St. Peter’s may drop off their pop cans at Mike Miller’s house.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876.

Campbell Soup Labels—St. Boniface School is still collecting Campbell soup labels. Please save your labels to help support our school. Labels can be left at either of our churches.

In the new year, may you be blessed with all the good things God has to give.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - January 18 - 24
- **School Mass** - Friday, January 23 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, January 27 following the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, February 6 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Brother Bob Bake Sale** - February 7 & 8 at St. Boniface Church following the Masses

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

### Weekend Masses

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### 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 10:30 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! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Saturday 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm 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.

### Contact Information

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519 236-4191

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### Webiste

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures. [www.bluewater.dionet.ca](http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca)

### Parish Council

- **Chair:** Monique Hartman
- **Vice-Chair:** Brian DePaepe
- Rose Marie Rader
- Ken Forler
- Liz Masse