4th Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2015

God has great mercy and deep love for us. Out of this love, God sent his son, Jesus, to redeem us by his blood, offering us the hope of eternal life. Our rescue from sin and death is sheer grace. This great gift from God merits a response of gratitude and a life of faith and good works.

Dear Parishioners: Am I deflated (emotionally, that is; not my lung)! My appointment this week was only with the Pre-op Clinic – the actual surgery is a no-date, pack-your-bags-tomorrow kind of thing. (If I disappear for a few days, you’ll know where I am!) Timing has never been my forte. On a more serious note, our housekeeper Pat Mero’s husband John has suddenly died. His funeral was today (Saturday) in Seaforth; please pray for the repose of his soul & the consolation of the family. Our Pope has a beautiful message for children (search “Speeches”; “2015”; “February 5” at www.vatican.va; we’ll print it in next week’s bulletin) that is equally valid for all believers: I pray that all our efforts – in pastoral planning, in the Life in the Spirit Seminar, etc. – will result in more disciples recognizing their treasure and unleashing their gifts for building up the Body of Christ.

The Life in the Spirit

The Life in the Spirit is an opportunity to examine and renew the vows of our Baptism and Confirmation so we can grow spiritually. While riding a bicycle, if we stop pedaling, we coast for awhile but eventually we would come to a stop and fall over. It is the same in the spiritual life, one who does not go forward eventually falls. Have you fallen or are you just coasting? May I suggest you pedal; it takes more effort than coasting but pedaling will bring you to new places, experiences and realizations! Lord help me go beyond myself.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, “Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.”

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!
To register please contact Lisa Caeiro at Lisa.Caeiro@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477.

To continue their “Crossing The Goal: Godly Man” program. The first meeting will be in St. Peter’s Sacristy beginning at 7 pm.

The Christian Men of Bluewater Ministry (C.M.O.B.) will be restarting on Tuesday, March 24 to continue their “Crossing The Goal: Godly Man” program. The first meeting will be in St. Peter’s Sacristy beginning at 7 pm.

It will be at 7:30 pm (also note time change) at the Knights of Columbus hall on Parson’s Court in Goderich. For further info or questions call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-2395-5261.

The March ultiyra in Goderich will be on Saturday, March 21 in the Wemple Building at King’s University College from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. To register please contact Lisa Caeiro at Lisa.Caeiro@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477.

Thurs, March 19 2015 Day of Confessions
This Sunday’s liturgy proclaims God’s saving love through the gift of his Son Jesus, who came so that all who believe in him may not perish but may have eternal life. This God who is rich in mercy has made us alive through Christ - for it is by grace that we have been saved. This grace moves us to let go of all that hinders our relationship with God and one another. God desires that we experience deeply that full life that he has come to offer and that we might know for ourselves the immeasurable richness of his love and mercy. On Wednesday, March 25, the whole Diocese of London will have the opportunity to experience God’s mercy compassion and reconciling love. Perhaps this is the occasion to let God, our Father, demonstrate his choice of you as his own, as his beloved one. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows: St. Boniface Church - 8 - 11 am, 1 - 5 & 7:30 - 9 pm.

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB will host the Seventh Annual Bishop’s Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities on Thursday, June 4 at the London Convention Centre. This year’s performers will be “The Leahys – In Song.” For years the members of The Leahy Family have played, danced and shared their music throughout the world, gaining critical acclaim and accolades for their musicality, talent and performance. Their songs are distinct and identifiable, their presentation uplifting and full of life. Bishop’s Dinner tickets are $125 per person and eligible for a $50 tax receipt. A table of ten is $1250. To order, call Mrs. Frances Barnard at 519-432-1824 or 1-888-548-9649 x2255, or email bishopsdinner@dol.ca. Funds raised will support St. Peter’s Seminary, which provides education and formation for the servant-leaders of our Church: priests, permanent deacons, lay ministers, and others.

Help support our seminarians at St. Peter’s Seminary Book Sale. Browse through Theology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Mysteries, and long lost vinyl LP’s while enjoying free coffee. There is something for everyone! Friday, March 27 - Saturday, March 28 from 1 - 5 pm in St. Peter’s Seminary Classroom 102.

Sr. Theresa Koernke, IHM, PhD has explored the Baptism, the celebration of the Eucharist and ministry of over 30 years. In this workshop, Sr. Koernke will help us to better understand the meaning behind how we celebrate while providing practical tools for living out the gospel. There is no fee for this gathering but RSVPs are requested for planning. Lunch will be provided. The event will be held on Saturday, March 21 in the Wemple Building at King’s University College from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. To register please contact Lisa Caeiro at Lisa.Caeiro@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477.

St. Peter’s Hall
Thank-you to our parishioners for taking time to come over to St. Peter’s Church hall last Sunday after Mass to see the renovations that have taken place to date and to vote on the stage. The results from the vote are 41 to remove the stage and 2 to keep the stage.

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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School
Greetings, the students of St. Anne’s had a very faithful and fulfilling week as we prepared for March Break. This week interim report cards went home and our Grade 10 students are still actively participating in a Literacy Blitz as the Literacy Test is quickly approaching. As for sports, our Junior and Senior badminton teams travelled to Goderich for their opening tournament of the year and everyone who went showed great skill and success for the rest of the season. This past Friday we were finally able to host our annual Winterfest which consisted of several games and activities in the snow along with our road hockey tournament that took place in the parking lot. All students who attended had a great time with friends while being outdoors. Also we wish our Boys Rugby team the best of luck as they packed their bags and boarded a plane to a sunny destination in Hawaii for a rugby tournament over the March Break. We also pray for a safe trip and bon voyage to our Modern Languages students who are headed to France and Spain. Hope you all have a great week and we will see you after the break.

Ministers of Faith, Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg
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Events at a glance.....

- **Lenten Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 15 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- **Lenten Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 22 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Knights of Columbus Card Party** - Tuesday, March 24 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Men’s Ministry** - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, March 24 in St. Peter’s Sacristy at 7 pm
- **All Day Confessions** - Wednesday, March 25 at St. Boniface Church - 8 - 11 am, 1 - 5 pm & 7:30 - 9 pm
- **Youth Group** - Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **1st Communion Retreat** - Saturday, March 28 beginning at 9 am at St. Boniface Church

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**St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes**

**Weekend Masses**
- Sat 5:00 pm  St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- Sun 9:00 am  St. Boniface
- Sun 11:00 am  St. Peter

**Parish 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.

**Contact Information**
- Mail: 22 Mary St., PO Box 81
- Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0
- Phone: 519 236-4191
- E-mail: bluewater@dol.ca

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

**Parish Council**
- Chair: Monique Hartman
- Vice-Chair: 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.