5th Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2015

Today we are called to remember God’s faithfulness to us, his people. Humankind has rejected and betrayed God throughout history, and continues to do so today. In spite of this, God has never abandoned us. He continues to call us to turn away from sin and receive new life and salvation through his Son, Jesus.

Dear Parishioners: It must be spring – Fr. Peter has already jogged thru some sets of the new 007 movie in Rome! Let’s hope they don’t edit him out of the film completely. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, the fulfillment of all our Lenten preparations. Please come early, as (barring rain or snow) we will be starting our processio with Palms from the School Gym (in Zurich) or the Parish Hall (in St. Joseph). Wear red if you can, to make this celebration more festive. Our Candidates for First Communion are being prepared to receive the Blessed Sacrament under both species: please consider (young & old) this fuller sign of celebration whenever you come to be nourished at the Altar of God. Resources from the Bishops of Canada & our diocese are available at the doors of the church. Maintaining the joyful spirit of Easter throughout the entire season will be helped by the presence of flowers for all 50 days: please consider making a donation in honour of a deceased loved one, whose names will be included in the Easter bulletin. A word of thanks & congratulations to Dianne Tucker, for getting her pictures of all the tombstones of St. Peter’s Cemetery up on the Internet! (Google “St. Peter’s RC Cemetery Huron County”) May we treasure our ancestors’ heritage of faith, and may we all be caught up in the joy of resurrected life! God bless.

Fr. Matt

Message of the Holy Father to Children

Back in February, Pope Francis made the following remarks to children during the 4th World Congress of Scholas Occurrentes (a school network) in Rome. The same holds true for adults as well! In each one of you there is a chest, a box, and inside there’s a treasure. Your job is to open the chest and pull out the treasure, make it grow, give it to others, and receive the treasure of others. We all have a treasure inside of us. If we keep it closed, it stays closed; if we share it with others, the treasure multiplies with the treasures that come from others. What I want to tell you is: do not hide the treasure which each one of you has. Sometimes it’s easy to find, sometimes you must go on treasure hunt, you don’t find it immediately. But once you find it, share it! Because, through sharing it, you receive from another and it multiplies. This is what I want to tell you, boys and girls: Go forward! What you do in the place where you are and inside there’s a treasure. Your job is to open the chest and find it, share it! Because, through sharing it, you receive from another and it multiplies. This is what I want to tell you, boys and girls: Go forward! What you do in the place where you are also helps us all to understand that life is a beautiful treasure, but it only makes sense when we give it. Thank-you!

Mass Notations

Please note the location for the Saturday morning Mass on March 28 has change. The Mass will be held at St. Boniface Church followed by a Retreat for our 1st Communion Families.

Easter Flowers

We will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. If you wish to make a donation in their memory place your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by March 31, 2015. The names of the deceased loves one will be published in our Easter bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 23 - 29

MONDAY: March 23 - No Mass
(We pray for Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception)

TUESDAY: March 24
(We Pray for Mrs. Shirley Markham, Parish Nurse)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Stations of the Cross to follow Mass
+(25th Ann.) Matthew Denomme - Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Katelyn Bedour & Family - Mary Lou Denomme
+Willie Overholt - Francis & Doreen Hartman

WEDNESDAY: March 25 - ALL DAY CONFESSIONS
(We Pray for Rev. Alan Momney)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(Confession times - 8 - 11 am, 1 - 5 pm & 7:30 - 9 pm)
+Leo Hoffman - George & Marg Suplat
+Jim Bedard - Steve & Pat Meidinger
+Josephine Denomme - Ursuala Regier

THURSDAY: March 26
(We Pray for Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minsiter)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Clem Regier - Pete & Bonnie Regier
Int. of Theresa Regier - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: March 27
(We Pray for Most Rev. Eugene LaRocque)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Stations of the Cross to follow Mass
Int. of Bill & Toni Brand - Kathryn Regier
+Bill Watson - Angela Watson
+Adam Morrissey - Lil LaPorte

SATURDAY: March 28
(We Pray for Brother Janusz Kolbusz, C.S.M.A.)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am***
+Jean Paul Cantin - Kathryn Regier
+Verona Asmus - Pat & Evelyn Regier
+Rose Regier - Clarence & Joan Regier
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: March 29
(We Pray for Mrs. Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minsiter)
St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 7 pm - Evening Prayer
**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-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, Bill Brand and Katelyn Bedour.

**2015 Day of Confessions**

In today’s gospel passage, Jesus speaks of the grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies only to yield an even greater abundance. As disciples of Christ, we too, must die and rise to a fuller life — dying to sin and rising to the abundant life of God’s grace. One of the means given to us to accomplish this dying to sin and rising to life in the Lord is through the celebration of the sacrament of penance. In three days time, on Wednesday, March 25, the whole diocese will have the opportunity to experience God’s mercy, compassion and reconciling through sharing in the sacrament of penance. 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. The website of the Diocese of London (www.dol.ca) offers a schedule of confession times for a number of different parishes in your area. You are urged to read the specially prepared brochure on the sacrament of penance attached to this Sunday’s Parish Bulletin. It is designed to help every Catholic celebrate the sacrament fully and prayerfully.

**Easter Food Drive**

Please drop off your non perishable items at the back of our Churches for the annual Blessings Food Drive by April 1, 2015. Thank you for your generous support.

**Knights of Columbus**

Card Party - Tuesday, March 24 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

**St. Boniface CWL**

Raffle & Bake Sale Fundraiser - will be held on Sunday, April 19 at St. Boniface Church. Tickets for the raffle will be available the weekend of April 11 & 12. If anyone would like to donate a new raffle item for the upcoming St. Boniface Church fundraiser please contact Janet at 519-236-4874.

**Christian Men of Bluewater Ministry**

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.

**Youth Group**

Thursday, March 26 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Father Matt teaches the youth about the Stations of the Cross.

**The Life in the Spirit**

The Life in the Spirit helps you journey with God and deepen your relationship with Him. If you could know God personally would you want to? Prayer is simply being present with God, this builds relationship. Think of an important relationship in your life. It’s being present and available to them. Is it worth the effort? *Lord, teach me how to pray.* If you have any questions and to register, you can contact the “Double Portions Prayer Group” by email: doubleportionpg@hotmail.com, or you can contact Lori LaPorte in the church office at 519-236-4191. Please register by April 6th.

**Attention All Youth Age 16-21!**

There is a COR weekend coming up on the weekend of April 17, 18, 19 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 are available at the back of the church, St. Michael CSS, St. Anne’s CSS, or by contacting Betty and Jeff Visser (bbisser@ezlink.ca 519-348-0172.) 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!

**Goderich Ultreya**

The March ultreya in Goderich will be on Sunday, March 29 (note the change to the fifth Sunday). 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 524-9400 or Marie at 395-5261.

**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 lived 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.

**Power and Purpose Adult Conference**

This year St. Patrick’s Dublin/St. James Seaforth Ministry is bringing a bus to an adult conference in Steubenville Ohio ‘Power and Purpose’ June 5-7. You must sign up through Franciscan University. You will also sign up under Karen Doyle’s group non AC rooms. Call Colleen 519-345-1331 to get on our bus. You must be registered with the conference before signing on the bus. Any questions regarding the conference, please feel free to contact Karen Doyle at 519-345-2972 x 26.

**2015 Anniversary Mass**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in southwestern Ontario will be held Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 2:30 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica in London, Ontario. Bishop Fabbro will preside at the Mass. All married couples are invited to attend. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of the Church to register. Please have your registration forms back to the parish office by April 27, 2015.

**St. Peter’s Seminary - Every Kind of Book Sale**

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.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- 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 - Thursday, March 26 beginning at 9 am at St. Boniface Church
- Lenten Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 29 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Men’s Ministry - Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, March 31 in St. Peter’s Sacristy at 7 pm

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Martin & Teresa Van Raa
519-237-3255
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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 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

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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 housebound 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.