5th Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2015

We must understand the importance of being firmly connected to Jesus Christ. This unity not only makes us true children of God, but it empowers us to bear the presence of Christ in the world - to carry on his mission in our words and deeds.

Dear Parishioners: Aha! Maybe I’m not an ogre after all – all this week I’ve been enjoying the smell of our freshly-cleaned church building in Zurich. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who spruced St. Boniface up! The school has wrapped up their very popular run of Shrek the Musical Junior, and Grades 5-8 have enjoyed a retreat day with the National Evangelization Team on Friday: congratulations and thanks to all the hard work that goes into mounting a production of that magnitude, and to our volunteer billets who opened their homes to the N.E.T. members! The week ahead holds a very important meeting for the parishes of our deanery: the Diocesan Taskforce on the Future of Pastoral Care will meet with our Pastoral Councils & Finance Committees to give some indication of how all our faith communities will function in the future, given the trends in priest personnel. The devastation that rocked Nepal is on everyone’s mind: Development and Peace (Caritas Canada) is already working with Caritas Nepal (see their update at www.devp.org) to quickly get aid to the people there. Your donation (this month) will be matched by the federal government, so please respond as soon as you can. The Life in the Spirit Seminar continues, with more learning about our faith, great prayer and discussion: join us following the Sunday Vigil Masses until Pentecost. My thanks to all who worked on the Vocations Day at the school – it was great to meet the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate from Cambridge – and for this coming week’s Marian celebration organized by the Rosary Apostolate. Our parishes will both celebrate our patronal feast days next month (June 5th St. Boniface & June 29th St. Peter's), so stay tuned for more info. Prune us, Lord, that we may bear more fruit! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

An invitation to All Parishioners:
Parish Pastoral Council Discernment Process

Parish Pastoral Councils are an essential element of parish leadership today. Bishop Fabbro has mandated that each parish or cluster of parishes have a Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council for our parish cluster of St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes will be in need of several new members in the fall of this year. As part of the formation process, all parishioners are invited to discern if they are being called, at this time, to participate in the leadership of their parish through membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. To assist us in learning more about this discernment process and the role of the Parish Pastoral Council, I have invited Connie Paré, Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of London to speak to us after all the Mass on the weekend of May 9 & 10. Connie will also be available after Mass to meet you and respond to any questions you may have.

St. Peter’s Seminary

Once every year, St. Peter’s Seminary makes an appeal to all parishioners in the Diocese of London. This year’s Appeal took place on April 25-26, to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Appeal brochures and donation envelopes were in our parish bulletins. If you did not get one but would like one, please contact the parish office. Please give as generously as you can in support of St. Peter’s Seminary. Whether or not you can give financially, please pray for vocations. On behalf of St. Peter’s Seminary, thank you for your vital and much appreciated support!

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Everyone is invited to our Mother’s Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Zurich Community Centre. Sponsored by St. Boniface Knights of Columbus.
The office will be closed on as I will be away at a meeting.

Weekend at St. Boniface Church.

Welcome to our parish family Congratulation and our prayerful wishes to Brian Thomson & Elena Lenssen who were married at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Catholic Education - Exploring Paths of Joy

Catholic Education Week 2015 begins on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children’s school and if possible, attend. You are also invited to attend our system-wide Catholic Education Week Eucharistic Celebration on Monday, May 4th at 5 PM at St. Patrick’s Church, Dublin. The celebrant will be The Most Rev. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly-funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. The theme for this year is Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy so please feel free to celebrate with joy the enduring gift of Catholic Education!

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, Bill Brand, Katelyn Bedour, Barb Regier and Jasper Eilers.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Adelyn Faye Regier, daughter of Ken & Lesa and William Ivan Bradney Lobb, son of William & Alicia who were baptized last weekend at St. Boniface Church.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Brian Thomson & Elena Lenssen who were married at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Wednesday, May 6 as I will be away at a meeting. Lori LaPorte

CWL Meeting - Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

Bake Sale & Coffee Sunday - will be held on Sunday, May 17 following the 11 am Mass. You can drop off your bake sale donation at the church hall on Saturday, May 16 from 4 to 5 pm OR on Sunday, May 17 from 10 to 11 am. Contact persons: Elaine Jeffrey & Lesley Jeffrey. Quilt Tickets are now ready to be picked up and will be on the table just inside the front door of the church. Please take a book to sell and lets have another good year.

CWL Regional Fun Night - Western Theme

Tuesday, May 19 in Parkhill - Happy Hour at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is $20. Email Kathleen Roulston at kathleen@hay.net or Dianne Tucker at mtucker27@aol.com to let them know if you are going.

Nepal Earthquake

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Nepal. On April 25th, the country experienced a destructive 7.8 magnitude earthquake. This natural disaster has caused over 4,000 deaths and 6,500 injuries, and many are still reported missing. The tremor was felt as far as India and triggered an avalanche on nearby Mount Everest. The amount of destruction is overwhelming, and those affected are struggling for food, water and shelter. Development and Peace is working with Caritas Nepal and others Caritas members to provide aid to the population. You can contribute to these much-needed relief efforts. Your contribution will be matched by the Canadian Government until May 25/15. If you would like to make a donation to the Nepal Earthquake Relief Efforts please make cheques payable to your parish and place in an envelope marked “Nepal Earthquake”. The money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese of London as soon as possible.

Faith in Action Award

Students graduating from St. Anne’s are invited to put their names forward to be considered for the St. Peter’s CWL Faith in Action Award. The criteria are - to be an active member of St. Peter’s (in St. Joseph) Church, and a good role model for youth, with involvement in the church and community. Letters stating how they are involved can be brought to the church or church office in an envelope labelled St. Peter’s CWL by May 24, 2015.

Theology on Tap/Agape Latte

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the Queen’s Inn in Stratford from 7 - 9 pm with guest speaker Fr. Rob Galea - Hope for a Challenged World. Fr. Rob Galea is a Catholic priest, recording artist (www.frrobgalea.com) and currently serves in Sandhurst Diocese, Australia. This is the third of four Theology on Tap session that the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is hosting this spring.

Girls’ Night Out

My Story and My Song - Saturday, May 9 from 7 - 9 pm at the Zurich Mennonite Church. Enjoy a night of comedy, inspirational sharing and music. Guest Speakers - Kelita Haverland a 5 time Juno Award winning musician, shares her story, combining her musical and theatrical talent and Trudy Metzger out of her own painful experience, shares a message of hope and life, through Jesus. Refreshments following. Free Will Offering.

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.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....
- Catholic Education Week - May 3 - 9
- Finance Meeting - Tuesday, May 5 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Parish Pastoral Council Discernment Process Guest Speaker Connie Pare at all Masses - May 9/10
- Youth Group Bake Sale - Sunday, May 10 after the 9 am Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 13 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Life in the Spirit Seminar - Saturday, May 16 at St. Peter’s Church/Hall beginning with 5 pm Mass
- St. Peter’s CWL Bake Sale & Coffee Sunday - Sunday, May 17 following the 11 am Mass
- CWL Regional Fun Night - Tuesday, May 19 in Parkhill

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
**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](http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca)

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**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 Council**

**Chair**
Monique Hartman

**Vice-Chair**
Brian DePaepe

- Rose Marie Rader
- Ken Forler
- Liz Masse

**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

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**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.

**Sacrifice 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.