Dear Parishioners: Sorry for the lengthy insert, but there is so much to cover, especially with this being a two-week version of the bulletin! Welcome to all our summertime residents, both American & Canadian: you are the warmth of summer for us! We are distributing and filling out the Give Us Time Campaign postcards, to be sent to our Justice Minister in Ottawa. Despite the Canadian Encyclopedia’s doubts & cynicism as to the effectiveness of any political inquiry in our nation, I firmly believe that the first goal of the campaign – a Royal Commission – is still the best way for Canadians to engage in a real conversation about the life-and-death issue of euthanasia. Clearly, the Supreme Court’s ruling is a cultural watershed moment: as we officially abandon the Judeo-Christian values that underlay the previous law’s prohibition against assisted suicide, and change the role of doctors – since the Hippocratic Oath bound healers to “abstain from doing harm” five centuries before the birth of Christ – we as a nation must find something to take their place. Partisan politics cannot fulfill this role, so please do whatever you can to further this crucial dialogue. It’s rare that we can enter into a truly historical moment: future generations of Canadians will live and die by the law that is made in our name, and we will be accountable to them and to God. Next Sunday (Pentecost), we’ll be celebrating Cemetery Sunday at the St. Boniface Church site at 2pm. Please consider attending this brief prayer service and social to mark our communion with the Dead of both our parishes. (Next year we’ll celebrate at St. Peter’s, and after that at the Bronson Line site, by which time some major improvements there will be completed.) I thank Anthony Hartman for his leadership of our Cemetery Committee, and all who serve in this life-affirming ministry. You see (below) an excerpt from the Ordo – the Liturgical Calendar – about Parish Feast Days: it’s funny how we as Catholics aren’t that good at celebrating our own patrons & history of our faith communities! We should mark both the feast days of St. Boniface & St. Peter, as well as the day that the two Church buildings were consecrated. I want us to pray a novena before each feast day, so please make use of the prayers below and pray for your neighbours! St. Boniface’s feast will be slightly changed – we’ll have the main Mass and celebration a day early (June 4th), to maximize the involvement of the families from St. Boniface School (June 5th being a P.D. day). Come join in the banquet! That evening (June 4th), we will also hold an information session on the World Meeting of Families set for September, with Pope Francis in Philadelphia. Anyone interested in either going to Philadelphia or organizing events here at home is welcome to attend. I humbly ask your prayers as I join (next week) with the priests of the diocese in the Annual Preached Retreat down at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley. May our priests and Church be renewed by this time of focused prayer and meditation. Come, Holy Spirit! Have a blessed two weeks.

Fr. Matt

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<td>The Anniversary of the Dedication (formerly called its Consecration) of the parish church and title or Patron of the Parish should be occasions of particular local celebration. These two days are observed as Solemnities, and take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time.</td>
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<td>Some ways of celebrating these events would include petitions in the intercessions at Morning and Evening Prayer; Mass with the entire community invited; banners and posters to decorate the church, inside and out; Evening Prayer I (evening before) will prepare the community for a fuller Eucharistic celebration and could be followed by an informal gathering for coffee and conversation; the previous Sunday’s bulletin could mention some true details of the Patron’s life and some of the ways he or she is a model for us in following Christ; some highlights of the parish history could be described in the bulletin issued before the dedication anniversary is celebrated.</td>
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**Novena Prayers for Parishes Patrons**

**St. Boniface**
O God, who filled St. Boniface with the spirit of the Apostles, continue to spread the Good News among all people this day. May your Church witness in word and deed to your glory, and, through the intercession of St. Boniface, ever grow in service to our neighbour. Amen.

*Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be.*

**St. Peter’s**
O Glorious Saint Peter, because of your vibrant and generous faith, sincere humility and flaming love our Lord honored you with singular privileges and especially leadership of the whole Church. Obtain for us the grace of a living faith, a sincere loyalty to the Church, acceptance of all her teaching, and obedience to all her precepts. Let us thus enjoy an undisturbed peace on earth and everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen

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**Feast Day Prayer: St. Boniface**
May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Feast Day Prayer: St. Peter’s**
O God, who gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to your blessed Apostle Peter and handed over to him the pontifical office of binding and loosing, grant, we pray, that through the help of his intercession we may be set free from the bonds of our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.