21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 21, 2016

Jesus teaches in the Gospel that we are to strive to enter through the narrow gate, that we might be judged worthy of sharing eternal life in heaven. By this, Jesus means we should endeavor to travel lightly, unencumbered by attachments to things of this world. This will allow us to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, and our feet planted on the path of salvation.

Dear Parishioners: Am I the only one who is a little creeped out that Jesus’ description of heaven sounds a lot like Beanfest? “Many will come, from east & west…” I pray that our entire life becomes a celebration worthy of the high destiny to which the Lord calls all of creation. Let’s celebrate the sacraments well, and invite all who should be at the feast of the Lord to take their place among us: is there anyone you know who is a candidate for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? (e.g., Someone seeking Baptism? A baptized Christian looking to become Catholic? An adult Catholic who hasn’t received all the Sacraments of Initiation like Confirmation or the Holy Eucharist?) Remember the Church defines – for the purposes of initiation – anyone of catechetical age as an adult. (That is, even in the case of a young person, they should receive all the Sacraments of Initiation together; we do not try to plug them into “the system” whereby cradle Catholics receive the different sacraments at particular years.) If you’ve put your email on our parish list, we’ll send you a Catholic Update on the R.C.I.A. (copies will be available at the door of the church), to help spur some thought & action on our whole parish becoming a place of initiation. Our Bishop has called for a special Mass to be offered in every parish for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and in reparation for the sins of our abusers. Talk about another journey of conversion! I pray that our parishes & families become places of safety, love & respect for all people. Perhaps this Mass will start some important conversations, changing our attitudes and behaviours. My Holy Land Pilgrimage in March 2017 is still moving ahead: information meetings are planned for Aug. 28th at St. Mary’s Tillsonburg and Sept. 18th here in Zurich. Do we see our lives as a journey toward our merciful Father? Let’s head for the narrow gate! God bless you & your family this week. Fr. Matt

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 22 - 28

MONDAY: August 22
(We pray for Deacon Rudy Terpstra)

TUESDAY: August 23 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Terence Runstedler)

WEDNESDAY: August 24 - No Mass
(We Pray for Deacon Leonard Tetreault)

THURSDAY: August 25
(We Pray for Seminarians of the Diocese of London)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+(8th Ann.) John Farwell - Cecelia Farwell

FRIDAY: August 26
(We Pray for Deacon Chris Masterson)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
+Paul & Stephen Watson - Angela Watson
+(6th Ann.) Adam Morrissey - Angela Watson
+Gerald Hartman - Ray & Janice Hartman

SATURDAY: August 27
(We Pray for Miss Katelyn Vermeiren, Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Int. of Shirley Bedard - Kathryn Regier
Int. of Barb Rau - Virginia Denomme
+Grace Masse - Theresa Salvador

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: August 28
(We Pray for Ms. Leanne Moran, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

Office Hours

Please join our community for an ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, August 28 at 1 pm at the main stage on Frederick Street (rain location will be the Old Town Hall). This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community in music and prayer. BYO lawn chairs or sit on the bleachers. All are welcome!

Come Worship with Us on Beanfest Sunday

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy

Questions of the Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Seeking humility

Reading I Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 (humility)

Reading II Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a (God the judge; Jesus the mediator)

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7–14 (a lesson in humility)

Key Passage Jesus said, “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13–14)

Adult: What concrete actions can you take in your community to help and improve the quality of life of the poor and homeless?

Youth: How has the desire for more things been a stumbling block to practicing generosity toward those in need?

Ways to be Merciful

Dig out your most attractive stationary and hand-write and actual letter to someone, as a means of demonstrating their importance to you.
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenissen, Steven Wild-Denys, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Theresa Davies, Patrick Mihm, Kyle Craner, Shirley Bedard and Barbara Rau.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the families of Joe Regier and Tenee Remyn, sister of Mary Jacobs who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank-you!

I would like to thank my fellow parishioners for all the support given to me during my time of surgery and recuperation. It is really comforting and healing to know that our parish family is constantly praying for me, having Masses said and sending me a good wishes. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thank-you, Shirley & Paul Bedard.

Pictures from St. Andre Corpus Blessing

Please visit our website www.bluewater.dionet.ca to see ceremony pictures from the St. Andre Corpus Blessing on August 7 at St. Peter’s. Individual blessing photos were taken and because of privacy issues will not be posted on the website. Individual photos are available by contacting the church office.

St. Boniface CWL

Bean Festival Raffle Tickets - if anyone needs any raffle tickets or wishes to purchase tickets please contact Debbie Pennings at 519-236-7750. A drum will be in the Narthex for all sold tickets. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. 1st Prize - $300, 2nd Prize - $200, 3rd Prize - $100.

Booth at Bean Festival - once again we will be running a booth to sell pies, baked goods and water. Please support us by making pies and/or baked goods and bringing them to the booth on Saturday, August 27. There will be pie plates and boxes and other disposable plates for baked goods which you can pick up at the back of the church.

Holy Land Pilgrimage March 14-26, 2017

Come walk in the footsteps of Jesus! Fr. Matt George & Joan Bolt invite you to join in a journey of faith through the land of the Gospels. Information meetings will be held Sunday, August 28th 3-4:30 pm at St. Mary’s in Tillsonburg and Sunday, September 18th 3-4:30 pm at St. Boniface Church. For more information, contact Joan Bolt (519) 471-6373 or jbolt@execulink.com

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in the Diocese of London

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine will be holding special Shrine Days from September 12 - 15 from 11 am - 3 pm. There is plenty of parking, picnic tables and is wheelchair accessible. During this Holy Year of Mercy be sure to pass through The Holy Door. Visit www.olorshrine.ca/shrine_days/ for more information.

Thinking of the Sisterhood?

Daughters of St. Paul are offering 2016 Vocation Retreats September 2-3 (Toronto-Midland) ages 16-33 and October 1-3 (Toronto) ages 18-33. For more information please visit DaughtersOfStPaul.org or email srhelenaburns@gmail.com.

Theology of the Body (TOB) is the Answer

TOB training for teens, young adults, parents, catechists, All! Theology of the Body IS the New Evangelization and...the New Catechesis! Weekends in September 2016: 9-11 & 16-18. Doors open Friday 5:15 pm-9 pm / Saturday & Sunday 9:30 am - 4 pm. Location is Holy Family Church in Whitby, ON. Tickets: $40 ($60 couples/families) for 2 weekend course (not same talks each weekend). Kids & teens under 18 are free. For tickets call 905-665-6470 or email youthministry@holofamilywhitby.ca. Theology of the Body Resources are available on site for purchase! No text required for course. BYOB = Bring Your Own Bible.

An Evening of Praise and Worship

Come as You Are - August 27 beginning at 7:30 pm led by Soul Purpose. Hosted by Jeff & Linda Vanwyk, 78509 Tipperary Line, Bayfield. All proceeds from freewill offering will be donated to Room to Grow.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Variety Showcase

Hosted by Zurich Mennonite Church on Friday, September 23 at the Bluewater Complex. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Dinner, Entertainment and a Silent Auction. Tickets: $25.00. For tickets contact Cecilia Smith at 519-236-4188.

News Briefs from the August 2016

Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

Blue Water Rest Home and the West Huron Care Centre are making news on the web and social media. The Home just launched a refreshed website at www.bwrh.ca which simplifies the presentation of information about the West Huron Care Centre and makes it easier to find all the services we now have available. As part of the brand extension of the Home on line, we are now on "Facebook" (@whccbwrh) and “Twitter” (@whccbwrh). Follow the West Huron Care Centre/Blue Water Rest Home for the latest news and views. This allows us to communicate with our audiences on a more timely basis. Response from the community to our posts and images has been very favourable so far, and we look forward to developing our on-line presence further as a meaningful method of connecting to the people we serve. On September 11, 2016, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., we will be celebrating “Grandparents Day” at Blue Water Rest Home, as well as the Grand Opening of a new patio: “Glen and Donna’s Garden”, generously funded by Glen and Donna Thiel. Also during the ceremonies, set to start at 3:00 p.m. we will be announcing the names of generous donors to the Home over the previous year. Please RSVP to the Home at: Tel: 519-236-4373 ext. 622, or e-mail: bwrh.info@bluewaterresthome.com.
Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Olive Woods from the Holy Land Display - August 20 & 21 after all Masses
- Zurich Bean Festival - August 27/28 weekend
- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, September 2 at St. Boniface Church
- Coffee Social - September 3 & 4 following all Masses
- First Day of School - Tuesday, September 6
- Our Lady of Sorrows Special Mass - Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
**Contact Information**

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**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

**Weekend Masses**

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

**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

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

**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 after the 12:00 pm Mass and Devotions on Tuesdays at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Boniface 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 - Tuesday after the 12:00 pm mass - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother 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.