Whether we are at a social event or striving in our daily lives to attain the kingdom of God, it is best not to place ourselves above others. In the kingdom of God, rank or prestige carries no meaning; we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same God.

Dear Parishioners: Happy Beanfest! We thank the Lord for making a beautiful, bean-positive universe, for filling us with every bean blessing – may we be worthy of this truly marvelous bit of creation. (I know there’s nothing more dangerous & unstable than a hill of beans, but perhaps the powers-that-be will consider it, if for nothing more than a majestic backdrop for visitors’ photos.) Another gift from God we can be thankful for is our own Lori LaPorte, parish secretary extraordinaire! (A recent diocesan ruling has decreed that the formerly annual report must be done on a monthly basis, now that we are carrying over funds – like our Refugee Support – from one year to the next: Lori has already re-done all of last year & has brought us up-to-date for this year! Well done!) We can all take great pride in Lori’s efforts on behalf of our parishes – we are well served by her kind professionalism. The Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland was a delight to take part in: a great Mass with our Bishops, the church full of people from across the Diocese, and we all went through the Holy Door. (Please see the pictures – we hope to make the Diocese’ wonderful resource on prayer & the history of the Martyrs also available – on our parish website.) In Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus discerns what is going on in the banquet he is sharing: discernment is a major term (used 50 times!) in the Pope’s recent teaching on Family & Love. The latest Catholic Update gives an excellent summary of the papal document and a good foundation for parish-wide marriage preparation & development. (If you’re not getting the Updates emailed to you, please contact the Office & we’ll add you to our list; if you aren’t using email, please pick up a printed copy at the church doors.) I hope that this major teaching of the Holy Father marks all our lives and becomes the hallmark of our parishes: look for more information to follow on how all family life can become our witness & evangelization. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, September 2 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.
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, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Theresa Davies, Patrick Mihm, Kyle Craner, Shirley Bedard and Barbara Rau.

Prayer Service

Please join our community for an ecumenical prayer services on **Sunday, August 28th at 1:00 pm** conducted from the 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. Bring your family and friends out to this unique opportunity. BYO lawn chairs or sit on the bleachers.

Coffee Sunday

Everyone is invited to join in our Coffee Socials next weekend **September 3 & 4** following all the Masses.

Special Mass

On Thursday, September 15, the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, each parish cluster in the Diocese will hold a Mass for prayer for the healing and reconciliation for victims of sexual abuse, their families and our communities, and for reparation for the sins of abusers. As Bishop Fabbro said in his June letter, “We must always be vigilant, so that the abuse of minors will never happen again...Policies can do only so much; prayer and atonement can do so much more.” Please join us at **7:00 pm on Thursday, September 15 at St. Boniface Church** for this special Mass.

Student Registration

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board reminds parents that schools will be able to register students during the week of **August 29 to September 2, 2016 or on the first day of school Tuesday, September 6, 2016**, if students have not already done so.

St. Boniface School, Zurich 519-236-4335
St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School, Clinton 519-482-5454

For more information go to www.huronperthcatholic.ca

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Are you – or do you know someone who is – an adult thinking about getting baptized; a baptized non-Catholic looking to join the Church; an adult Catholic who has not been fully initiated (e.g., didn’t receive Confirmation); a child of catechetical age (i.e., over 7 years), looking to be initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Then R.C.I.A. is for you! The parish and wider Church journeys with all people who seek greater insight into their own lives of faith, and entrance or further development in the sacramental life. Please contact the office & arrange an interview with Fr. Matt to have your questions answered about taking the next step in faith.

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. An **information meeting** will be held **Sunday, September 18th 3-4:30 pm** at St. Boniface Church. For more information, contact Joan Bolt (519) 471-6373 or jbolt@execulink.com.

REBOOT Live!

Visitation Parish, Comber will host international speaker Christ Stefanick and international songwriter Sarah Kroger for REBOOT Live! on **October 5, 2016 from 7 - 9:30 pm**. Tickets are $25 with proceeds going towards the Turn-The-Tide Initiative. To purchase tickets for yourself or your parish community, contact Visitation Parish at 519-687-3118 or visitation@dol.ca directly online.

You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 30th - October 2nd, call (519) 243-0687, email: retrouvail-leondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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, teachers, catechists, All! Theology of the Body IS the New Evangelization and...the New Catechesis! **2 Weekends in September 2016: 9-11 & 16-18.**

Doors open Friday 5:15 pm-9pm / 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@holyfamilywhitby.ca. Theology of the Body Resources are available on site for purchase! No text required for course. BYOB = Bring Your Own Bible.

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.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Zurich Bean Festival Ecumenical Prayer Service - Sunday, August 28 at 1 pm on main stage on Frederick Street
- 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
St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

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

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.

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.