MASSE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 - 20

MONDAY: December 14
(We pray for Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister)

TUESDAY: December 15
(We Pray for Rev. Jan Pochwala)

St. Peter's Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+Bettie-Lou Cantin - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Janice Johnston - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family

WEDNESDAY: December 16
(We Pray for Rev. Brian McDonald)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
For Vocations & Right to Life - St. Boniface CWL
For Deceased Members of the Masse & Regier Families
- Lucille Masse
A Special Intention - Lucille Masse

THURSDAY: December 17
(We Pray for Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
For Deceased Members of the Meidinger & Denomme
Families - Virginia Denomme
+(2nd Ann.) Tony Rau - Patsy Rau
Int. of Tillie & Darl Rau - Jean Geoffrey & Patsy Rau

FRIDAY: December 18
(We Pray for Rev. Eugene Bugala)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
+Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey
- Angela Watson
For the Deceased Members of the LaPorte & Watson
Families- Angela Watson
+Ivan Meidinger & Michael Jaster
- Marjorie Meidinger & Family

SATURDAY: December 19
(We Pray for Rev. Maurice Charbonneau)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
Int. of Fr. Matt - Darl & Tillie Rau
For the Deceased Members of the Overholt & Ducharme
Families - Vonnie Overholt
+Idi Gander - Joe & Martha Risi & Family

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: December 20
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew George)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am
St. Boniface Church - 7 pm
Sung Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2015
Jesus uses words that are analogous to human relationships to describe God’s relationship to us; he calls him “Father” and us “sons and daughters.” When Jesus uses such words and images, it is important to remember that God’s love surpasses all love found in human relationships. God loves us unconditionally, with total giving of self, and desires nothing more than for us to be in love with him and to love others as a sign of that love.

Dear Parishioners: What a blessed Advent, when our families gather to tell the ancient stories: of the Word made flesh, of when it used to snow in winter. I thank God for the Year of Mercy our Pope has begun, and all the efforts around the world our Church has undertaken, to be renewed in mercy and offer God's love more freely to our neighbours. (My thanks to everyone who participated in our mini-mission at the noon Masses or evening presentations: I believe we are starting to ask the right questions about God’s mercy – and ourselves – in this holy Jubilee.) Advent offers some special experiences like sung Evening Prayer or the Living Nativity (both on Sunday night) at the ballpark that give us a moment to reflect on the marvels God has done in Christ. People are asking how I’m doing: my bark (cough) sounds worse than it actually is: my cold is officially done, now I’m just dealing with my chronic sinusitis (and according to EverydayHealth.com, I don’t pose that much threat). Please don’t hesitate to receive the Precious Blood just because I’m coughing; it’s still statistically safer than hand-to-hand contact! Perhaps you've heard in the news that we have our first (at least in my memory) priest convicted of theft: it was interesting to see the parallels in Fr. Robert Couture’s defence to what Senator Duffy said about a lack of general good financial practice. Thanks to our volunteer collection counters, Lori our parish secretary, the oversight by our Finance Committee & our various diocesan protocols (e.g., 6 Month Reports, Annual Reports, regular Audits each time a new pastor is assigned or every 5 years, etc.), you can have every assurance that your donations are counted (& sealed) immediately following the Sunday Masses by at least two unrelated counters; the deposit is made each Monday morning; each cheque is signed by two people, and each of our parishes only have a general (chequing) account and a building account. I am very pleased & proud that Fr. Graham brought our parishes into line with the Diocese’ best practices. We must be good stewards of God’s gifts & the trust people have in us, but more to the point we must be marked by the simplicity of a true disciple: as John the Baptist insists, any resource beyond our true needs actually belongs to our brothers and sisters. May God find a home in the simplicity of our lives! God bless. Fr. Matt

Happy Birthday Fr. Matt!!!
Happy Birthday wishes go out to Fr. Matt who is celebrating a birthday this Saturday, December 19.
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-Deny, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, and Steve Brock.

Prayers & Sympathy
Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Idi Gander, sister of Joe Risi who died in Switzerland last week. May she rest in peace.

1st Reconciliation
Our Grade 2 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation this Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

A Message from your Finance Committee
Our Parishes appreciate and depend on your generosity especially at Christmas time for the financial needs for the mission of the Church. Last year both St. Peter’s and St. Boniface ended up in a deficit. Currently St. Peter’s has a small surplus of $2,097 and St. Boniface is in a deficit of $8,044. We are going to need a little more help than normal to balance our budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you!

The Finance Committee

Donations for 2015
Please have all donations for 2015 into the church office no later then Thursday, December 31 at 10:00 am to ensure that your donations are included on your 2015 income tax receipt. Any donations received after 10:00 am on December 31 can only be included on your 2016 income tax receipt.

Offertory Envelopes for 2016
If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2016 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Bulletin News for the Weeks of December 20 - January 2
Please have any bulletin news from December 20 - January 2 to the Church Office no later then Wednesday, December 16 at noon as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin next week.

Decorating at St. Boniface Church
We are looking for volunteers to help with Christmas decorating at St. Boniface Church after the 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 20. During this busy Christmas season what a great gift it is to give of your time.

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Monday, December 14 at 8 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall.

Annual Live Nativity
The Live Nativity will be held at the Zurich Pavilion Park on Sunday, December 13 at 7 pm (it is a story of the birth of Christ along with live animals). Followed by Christmas carols, bonfire and hot chocolate. Everyone welcome!

Handel’s Messiah
With Chor Amica Gerald Fagan & The Bach Festival Orchestra on Sunday, December 20 at 3 pm at the Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church (264 Main Street S.) Exeter. Tickets $20/each. Local box office 519-235-2565 ext. 223 or www.ticketscene.ca

Have a Rosary - Need a Rosary?
There is a box at the back of our Churches containing several rosaries. If you wish a rosary, please feel free to take whichever one you like. If you have extra rosaries at home which you are not using, please put them in the box. At the end of the year, if there is a large number, we will send them to the missions.

Please Remember to Save Your…..
Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs or Doug Debus. St. Peter’s may drop off their pop cans at Mike Miller’s house.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876. There are child size shawls also available.

Campbell Soup Labels—St. Boniface School is still collecting Campbell soup labels. Please save your labels to help support our school. Labels can be left at either of our churches.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance......
- 1st Reconciliation - Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 13 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 20 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve - December 24 5 pm St. Boniface; 7 pm St. Peter’s; Midnight Mass at St. Boniface
Christmas Day - Dec 25 - 11 am St. Peter’s; 1 pm BWRH
New Year’s Eve - Dec 31 - 5 pm St. Boniface
New Year’s Day - Jan 1 - 9 am St. Peter’s; 11 am BWRH

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEM-BERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions - Home
Decks - Siding - Roofing
519-236-4720

Big Bill’s Storage
HEATED – SECURED
RV’s, Trailers, Automobiles & Boats
Dashwood - Grand Bend Area
519 - 878 - 9123 or 519 - 235 - 2802
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

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.