1st Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016
Throughout our Judeo-Christian history, people have cried out to God for help, and the Lord has protected us, provided for us, and helped us to grow into a mature relationship with him. We know as Jesus knows, that we are to call upon the Lord for help, but not to test him, as the devil sometimes tempts us to do.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - 21**

**MONDAY: February 15**
(We pray for Rev. Philip Joseph)

**TUESDAY: February 16**
(We Pray for Rev. Clare Coleman)

St. Peter’s Church
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass followed by Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre & Sacrament of Reconciliation
+(7th Ann.) Dennis Ducharme - Greg & Jan Denomme
+(15th Ann.) Delores & (14th Ann.) Joe Stanton
- Greg & Jan Denomme

**WEDNESDAY: February 17**
(We Pray for Rev. Adriano Barbiero, C.S.)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help”
+Maria Kenda - The Kenda Family
+Leo Meidinger - Lucille Masse
+Cecile Meidinger - Phil & Linda Regier

**THURSDAY: February 18**
(We Pray for Deacon Jose Viveiros)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Lee & Rose Regier - Pete & Bonnie Regier
+(23rd Ann.) George Grenier Sr. - Lottie Grenier & Family

**FRIDAY: February 19**
(We Pray for Rev. Ross Bartley)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
Int. of Doug & Mary-Margaret Denomme - Angela Watson
+Maria Mathonia - George Mathonia & Family
Int. of Larry & Barb Regier & Family - Mary Lou Denomme

**SATURDAY: February 20**
(We Pray for Rev. Mark Poulin)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+Jean Paul Cantin - Kathryn Regier
+Denny Overholt - Pat & Evelyn Regier
+Rose Overholt - Steve & Pat Meidinger

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: February 21**
(We Pray for Rev. Mark Maloney)

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

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Dear Parishioners: a chance for peace in Syria!
God be praised for this latest development: may this man-made disaster draw to a swift end! (Kind of puts our little struggle with winter in context, no? Remember folks, a real winter – with a frozen Lake Huron – would mean less snow-maggedons like the squalls we are experiencing. Let’s resolve not to bother God with our weather/sports/traffic/lottery-related prayers this Lent.)

Resources for this holy season are available online (at our website), in this bulletin (Sharelent mini-magazine), or our Canadian Bishops’ pamphlet at the doors of the church; consider joining in The Stations of the Cross at St. Peter’s on Tuesdays or Fridays at St. Boniface. My thanks for the special efforts that went into our Ash Wednesday and World Day of the Sick celebrations: our liturgical ministries (Music, Sacristans, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers) gave us beautiful islands of calm during our snowstorms. All our preparations for Easter are meant to help us renew our Baptism, and live the resurrection of Christ: may we who already receive Jesus in the Eucharist (and those preparing for their first time) learn that we do not live by the bread of this world, but by the very Bread of Life! To our incurable romantics this Valentine’s Day, not to worry: you’ll get over yourselves eventually! To everyone celebrating Family Day, may we all be re-committed to serving our brothers & sisters – & our world – with deep love and gratitude. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

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**Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace 2016 Share Lent Campaign**

A Message from Bishop Fabbro: The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) is the development arm of the Catholic Church in Canada. It is through this campaign and your generosity that D&P, on behalf of Canadian Catholics, contributes to projects that alleviate poverty in developing countries and offers educational opportunities to Catholics here at home.

I invite you to visit the D&P website at www.devp.org to learn more about the focus of the 2016 Share Lent campaign, Create a Climate of Change. As your bishop, I ask that you generously donate to the Share Lent Campaign in your parish in order that D&P can continue to support projects that will better the lives of people in different parts of the world.

This year, I also invite you to consider becoming a year-round contributor to the work of D&P by pledging a monthly contribution. Brochures are available through the Share Lent link from the D&P website.

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**Stations of the Cross during Lent**

**Tuesday mornings** at 11:30 am followed by Mass & Devotions to St. Joseph’s & St. Andre at St. Peter’s

**Friday mornings** following the 9:15 am Mass at St. Boniface
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reece Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, Steve Brock and Nicole Brideau.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Tess? Marie McDougall, daughter of Matthew and Lisa who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Maria Mathonia, wife of George who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, February 17 at 8 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall.

St. Boniface CWL

General Meeting - Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm with rosary then meeting to follow. There will be a presentation on Blessed Oscar Romero. Come out and learn about this remarkable man. Loretta & Doreen’s group will be hosting the meeting.

C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program

The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Share Lent

A Climate of Change pilgrimage starts in Haiti

This year for Share Lent, Development and Peace invites you to join a Climate of Change pilgrimage. Together we will journey through Lent with people whose lives are being changed with your support. Found in this weekend’s bulletin is a copy of the Mini-magazine. This is your pilgrimage guide. In Week 1 we meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefitting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens. “I have a husband and two children. Thanks to this job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family, send my children to school and complete a few projects.”

Mass of Chrism Retreat Day

Monday, March 21 the Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach Team invites all Secondary and Post Secondary students to join us at the Mass of Chrism Retreat Day. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will be leading students in a time of reflection and prayer, exploring the readings of Holy Week and immersing them in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Retreat will run from 1 - 4 pm, with dinner at 5 pm at Mary Immaculate, London. The day will conclude by joining Bishop Fabbro and the Diocesan family at St. Peter’s Cathedral at 7 pm for the Celebration of the Mass of Chrism.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 16.

2015 Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for donations made during the 2015 year are now ready for pick up at the back of the church.

Theology on Tap

Come out to Theology on Tap - Thursday, February 18 at The Annex Room in Stratford. The evening begins at 7:00 pm and finishes by 9:00 pm. It is a great night...all are welcome.

Ultreya

Our February ultreya in Goderich is being cancelled. We will have the March ultreya on Sunday, March 20 due to the fourth Sunday of March falling on Easter Sunday. Keep warm. See you in March......Eileen 519-524-9400 and Marie 519-395-5261.

2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come Celebrate the 24th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5 from 9 am - 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Including Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets ($20 for adults, $15 for youth) can be purchased online at http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Pilgrimage of Italy

Join Fr. Graham Keep on a Jubilee Year of Mercy and Rome’s Holy Doors, Pilgrimage of Italy, September 23 to October 2, 2016. Presentation and information session on February 21 following the 11 am Mass downstairs at Holy Angels Church, 502 Talbot St., St. Thomas.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Questions of the Week

“Salvation through Faith”

Reading I Deuteronomy 26:4–10 (thanksgiving for the Lord’s goodness)

Reading II Romans 10:8–13 (the faith of the Christian)


Key Passage For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Adult: What are some of the ways in which you can show the mercy of Christ to your friends and family this Lent?

Youth: When have you shown mercy to a friend or classmate who is hurting?

Ways to be Merciful

“Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy: “Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!” (Psalm 141:3)

“Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.”
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....
- C.M.O.B Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, February 16 at St. Peter’s church at 7 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, February 21 at St. Peter’s at 7:00 pm
- K of C Card Party - Tuesday, February 23 at St. Boniface Church at 7:00 pm
- C.M.O.B Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, February 23 at St. Peter’s church at 7 pm
- Teaching Mass - Wednesday, February 24 at St. Boniface Church at 7:00 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, February 28 at St. Boniface at 7:00 pm

Save the Date!!!
David Johnston’s Priestly Ordination - Sat., April 23, 2016
SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council
Cynthia Forler
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Kathryn Regier
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Marg Suplat