3rd Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2016

To many people think the experience Moses had was a once-in-a-lifetime event. The truth is that every moment is a holy moment, as God is always at work in our lives. The challenge is to continue to grow in our faith and love for the Lord, so that we may recognize the many and varied ways he is present with us. If we do this, we cooperate with the Lord’s grace and help build up his kingdom on earth.

Dear Parishioners: Thanks be to God, at last we know that our people from Syria – the Muhammed family – will be in Toronto today (Sunday) a little after 3PM. I would like to compliment Heather Klopp & Pauline Overholt-Tait for their leadership in seeing this day arrive, and the countless volunteers who have worked, donated or gathered supplies to make everything ready. May this family – and all our families – be blessed as we work together to integrate these refugees from war. Our Study Group on Laudato Si has had its first meeting, and all signs are positive as we begin a campaign of adult faith formation. I’m pleased to announce the Tuesday Morning Group at St. Peter’s will be starting the Little Rock Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke: if you are interested, please contact the Office so we can get the commentary (I just found out my version is officially old! Little Rock uses The New Collegeville Commentary, so I am looking forward to being updated in that regard) and program outline to you. Please continue in your Lenten observances of prayer, fasting & alms-giving; people are responding well to The Stations of the Cross & Sung Evening Prayer; I have a few Air Miles donation cards, which help support MaterCare International, a Canadian charity which works for women suffering from obstetric fistula, after un-assisted, complicated births in the Developing World. Their founder (Dr. R.L. Walley from Newfoundland) & staff travel the globe, building training hospitals & education centres, and greatly appreciate the gift of Air Mile points. Have you been following the Development + Peace Lifestyle Awareness Calendar? There are so many creative things we can do! Next week I will be at the London Men’s Cursillo Weekend, so Fr. Louis Mousseau OFM Cap. will be reintroducing to our parishes: welcome home, Fr. Louis! Please pray for all the candidates & team members, that we will grow together in faith, hope & love. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

All Day Confessions
Pope Francis has described confession as an encounter with Jesus whose “mercy motivates us to do better.” On Wednesday, March 9 we will have the opportunity to experience this encounter with Christ in the sacrament of penance. Please remember that on March 9 the sacrament of penance will be available throughout the entire day in every parish in the diocese. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows: St. Boniface from 8 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm; and 7:30 - 9 pm.

Mass of Chrism Retreat Day
This annual retreat for secondary and post secondary aged students will once again be offered on the afternoon and evening of Holy Monday. The DLYMO has invited the Nashville Dominicans of St. Cecilia to once again and lead this time of prayer and reflection. We will gather at Mary Immaculate Parish in London at 1 pm and transfer to the Cathedral at approximately 5:45 pm. To register visit: www.dol.ca Family & Youth > Youth Ministry > Events.

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12 Hour Adoration
There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, March 4 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 Lensen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, Steve Brock and Nicole Brideau.

Thank-you!!
Blessing thanks both St. Peter’s and St. Boniface Church and School for caring and helping us all year long. God Bless each of you. Norma

C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program
The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Share Lent Pilgrimage
Building community in Indonesia
The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word kampung has come to mean “slum” in the local language, but is original definition is “community”. Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in kampung, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. “My home is my heaven,” he says, “because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the kampung.”

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.liftjesus-higher-rally.org

Come and See Weekend: March 4-6
St. Peter’s Seminary, London invites men 17-45 years old to a discernment retreat for considering a call to the priesthood. The weekend offers a firsthand experience of seminarian life, provides spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. For more information or to register, please contact vocations@dol.ca or 1-888-548-9649

2016 Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in southwestern Ontario will be held Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 2:30 pm, at Visitation Parish in Comber, Ontario. Bishop Fabbro will preside at the Mass. All married couples are invited to attend. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of Church to register. Please have your registration forms back to the parish office by April 25, 2016.

Where is Christ in your life now?
Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and every one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live as a Catholic Christian in normal everyday life and bring His presence and message to our homes and communities.

When: Men’s: March 3 - 6
Women’s: March 10 - 13
Where: Michaelite House, London, ON
Cost: $200 (funding available to those unable to meet this expense)
Contact: Tom & Laurie Diemand 519-595-4806 or tidiemand@gmail.com

You’re Invited!!!
To hear about plans for the New Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) Medical Centre and learn how you can help make it become reality. Where - Zurich Community Centre, When - Thursday, March 10, 2016, Time - 7 pm until 9 pm.

Men’s Breakfast
All men are invited to a Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am at the Zurich Mennonite Church. $7 for all you can eat. Guest speaker is Fr. Matt George. Please call Jack Baker at 519-236-4845 if you would like to attend.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Questions of the Week
“Tempered with Humility”

Reading I Exodus 3:1–8b, 13–15 (the call of Moses)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12 (against overconfidence)
Gospel Luke 13:1–19 (calls to penance; parables of the reign of God)
Key Passage “The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.” (Luke 13:19b)
Adult: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care?
Youth: As you continue to grow how is God growing in and with you?

Ways to be Merciful
“Learn to say this prayer: “Dear Lord, bless (annoying person’s name) and have mercy on me!”
Plan a mini pilgrimage to a local shrine: make an effort along the way to live corporal work of mercy of “welcoming the stranger” as Christ.”
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, February 28 at St. Boniface at 7:00 pm
- **C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program** - Tuesday, March 1 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- **12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, March 4 at St. Boniface Church from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 4
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 6 at St. Peter’s at 7:00 pm
- **C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program** - Tuesday, March 8 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- **All Day Confessions** - Wednesday, March 9

**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.
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

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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)

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.