3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24, 2016

Today’s reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body. We have a sacred duty an solemn obligation to use the unique gifts and talents God has given us to further the work and mission of the Church. Mindful of this, let us share our gifts generously so many others might come to know Jesus.

Dear Parishioners: What an eventful week! We have been praying our way through the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, responding to the Holy Father’s call to make the visible unity of all Churches a priority in our lives (please consider attending the Service today (Sunday) at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, at 4PM). I was also able to attend the Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario annual conference at the Carmelite Centre in Niagara Falls – what a remarkable bunch of people they are, doing great work with our young folks! Their theme – again from Pope Francis – was “Muddy and Stirred Up”: they certainly stirred up my spirits with their joy & faithful service. Friday was a meeting of the deanery with regard to the future re-organization of parishes: hopefully, we will have agreed on a common approach to all bringing the process to our people, so that each community gets the same message & can start the conversation with confidence. As soon as we can arrange a local information session, we’ll announce a date. It’s not too early to think about Lent! (I’ve heard that the Pope is considering fixing a date for Easter, to draw us closer to the Orthodox Catholics of the world: God willing, it will be later in the year than this year’s version!) Consider how you will pray, fast & give alms now, that we can be up to speed for Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Remember we welcome the return of Deacon David next weekend: please continue to support him in your prayers as he approaches ordination to the Priesthood this spring. May we all be blessed as we each proclaim “a year of the Lord’s favour” this week!

Fr. Matt

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, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, and Steve Brock.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Sofia Magdalena Ann Thomson, daughter of Brian & Elena who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Reny Denomme, brother of Pat & Steve Meidinger who died this past week. May he rest in peace.
Attention St. Peter's!!!
The front step railings at St. Peter's are in sad state of disrepair, and are not considered safe at this time. We have blocked off the steps. Please use the east disability entrance for the time being. We will get the railings replaced as soon as possible.

St. Boniface K of C
Card Party - Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

St. Boniface CWL
Brother Bob Bake Sale - St. Boniface CWL is looking for donations for the Brother Bob Bake Sale to be held on February 14. If anyone has anything they would like to donate please contact Debbie Pennings at 519-236-7750. All proceeds will be sent to the Canadian Jesuits for the continuation of Brother Bob’s Works.

C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program
The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Reader/Commentator & Eucharistic Minister Schedules for St. Boniface
New schedules for Readers/Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers for February - March have been emailed out. If you don’t have email hard copies are available in the entrance of the church.

ENCOR
Sunday, Feb. 7th at St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall, 1 pm – 5 pm. Encor is for all youth who’ve made COR weekend in the past. Bring your toboggan as the snow hill is right there. Chili will be served around 4 o’clock. Contact Paul & Angela Gras if you need any more information. (519-273-6397).

Prayer for Christian Unity
Christ the King University Parish will be hosting a Service of Prayer to celebrate and pray for full, visible communion amongst the Christian Churches. on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7 pm in The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount (Mount St. Joseph). Songs from the ecumenical community of Taize (France) will provide the foundation for the evening. All are encouraged to attend. Bishop Fabbro, CSB will offer words of welcome.

Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 12th annual Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards which recognize exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic – employees, parents volunteers, priests and parishioners. The award recipients will be recognized at our Catholic Education Week Mass to be held on Monday, May 2, 2016. Nominations forms are available in each school, parish, and posted on the Board’s website at www.huronperthcatholic.ca. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 5, 2016. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

The Goderich ultreya this month is on Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Centre on Parson’s Court. For further information call Eileen at 519-424-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Campaign for Additional Signatures
From Bishop Fabbro: This past October 29, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) launched a joint Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. This Declaration has the support and signatures of Catholic, Orthodox Evangelical, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders, and there is now a concerted effort to obtain signatures from a wide spectrum of Canadians who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration. I encourage you to please consider signing the joint Declaration. The Declaration and signatory option (in French and English) can be accessed online at www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca. Please be advised, all signatory names are published and made public on this website.

A Catholic Response to Physician Assisted Death—What is wrong with Euthanasia?
Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be making a presentation on the Catholic response to physician-assisted death in light of the ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada and the pending legislation expected to be tabled in 2016.

Where: St. Joseph’s Church Hall, 96 Huron St., Stratford
When: February 17, 2016, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
For further information please contact ednabrake59@hotmail.com : 519-276-1045 or lorrainehertel@gmail.com: 519-271-3076

Prayer for Christian Unity

Questions of the Week
Reading I Nehemiah 8:2b–4a, 5–6, 8–10 (Ezra reads the Law)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 (analog of the body)
Key Passage “Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.” (Luke 4:17b–18a)
Adult: What can you do this week as a volunteer to help the poor in your community?
Youth: This week, what are some ways you could bring good news of God’s loving compassion to someone who is hurting?
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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, January 26 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- K of C Card Party - Tuesday, January 26 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, February 2 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, February 3 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, January 5 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Ash Wednesday - February 10 - St. Boniface @ 9:15 am; BWRH @ 3:30 pm; St. Peter’s @ 7:00 pm
- World Day of the Sick - Thursday, February 11

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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.

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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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.