MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4 - 10

MONDAY: January 4
(We pray for Rev. Frank Leslie)

TUESDAY: January 5 - No Mass
(We Pray for Deacon Gaston Mabaya)

WEDNESDAY: January 6 - No Mass
(We Pray for Deacon Gary Flewelling)

THURSDAY: January 7
(We Pray for Rev. Lawrence Pare)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
“Communion Service”

FRIDAY: January 8 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Michael O’Brien)

SATURDAY: January 9
(We Pray for Sister Anica Cikojevic, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: January 10
(We Pray for Rev. Jozef Denys)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2016

Matthew the Evangelist introduces us to the “wise men from the East” (2:1), men from the East who have traditionally been given the names Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar. Regardless of the lack of historical proof concerning the Epiphany visitors, their story has much to teach people of faith. These men followed their hearts’ desires. As Pope Francis said in his 2015 Epiphany homily, the Wise Men were not “content with a life of mediocrity, ... playing it safe”, they were not “deceived by appearances, by what the world considers great, wise and powerful.” Pope Francis would go on to say that the Wise Men “teach us how not to fall into the snares of darkness ... to defend ourselves from the shadows ... By this holy cunning they guarded our faith.” For this reason Pope Francis would conclude by calling the Wise Men our “wise companions” with whom we walk on the path seeking light as they guard, and teach us to guard, our faith.

In the new year, may you be blessed
with all the good things God has to give.

Jubilee of Mercy
Calendar of Events

January 1, 2016 - World Day of Peace
February 2, 2016 - Jubilee of Consecrated Life
March 9, 2016 - All Day Confessions
April 24, 2016 - Jubilee for Young People, aged 13 - 16 years
June 3, 2016 - Jubilee for Priests
June 12, 2016 - Jubilee for those who are ill
September 4, 2016 - Jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy
September 25, 2016 - Jubilee for catechists
October 8 - 9, 2016 - Marian Jubilee
November 20, 2016 - Closing of the Holy Door
of St. Peter’s Basilica and the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy

Thank-You!!!

A big thank-you goes out to those who helped with the decorating of our Church for Christmas. Thanks to Mary Ducharme, Kathryn Regier, Laura Ann Overholt, Rose Rader, Loretta Ayotte, Karen Mathonia and Karl & Erin Regier and family. Thanks for sharing your time and talents at this busy time of the year. It’s a real reflection of the true Christmas spirit of giving.     Doug & Julie Debus

The NET Team is Coming to our Parishes!!!
On Friday, January 15, our parish/school community will be hosting a National Evangelization Team (NET). The NET team will be spending the day with our youth in grades 5 - 8. Please keep our youth and the NET team in your prayers.
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.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Ducharme, who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Offertory Envelopes for 2016

Your 2016 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2016 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

Your Mailing Address

It will soon be time to prepare income tax receipts for 2015. If you have moved in the last year, please contact the church office and provide us with current mailing address so we can bring our records up to date.

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

The next C.M.O.B. “Crossing the Goal” program will start on Tuesday, January 5th beginning at 7 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy and continue for the next three Tuesday’s in January.

Retrouvaille Weekend: January 15-17

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Troubled Marriage, is a program designed to support marriages in crisis and can be of assistance to couples who have separated, but are willing to work on their relationship to help repair the difficulties that exist. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be held on January 15 - 17 at the Michaeline House Retreat Centre. You can register online at www.retrouveille.org or contact londonstthomashastretrouveille@gmail.com or (519)243-0687 for more information. To learn more about Retrouvaille Weekends, visit the Calendar of Events at www.dol.ca.

Trip to the Holy Land – March 3-13 2016

Join the team of Fr. Tony Laforet and Joan Bolt for this Journey of Faith. There are several spots still available. Anyone interested in travelling with this group please contact Joan Bolt (1-800-530-4667) as soon as possible for details.

MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:

JANUARY 16, 2016 WITH
PATRICK SULLIVAN
Author, Speaker, EWTN

The Men of Faith conference provides a venue for like-minded men to come together to strengthen their faith and to discuss challenges of being a man living out his faith in today’s society. Dynamic speakers are invited to speak, each session followed by Q&A’s to spark discussion. Comradeship and masculine fellowship are encouraged through frequent breaks and a lunch enjoyed by all participants. Read More About Patrick at: https://evango.net/about/

COST: $30/adult, $25/student
(Includes lunch, coffee, refreshments, reading materials)
LOCATION: St Michael’s Parish 511 Cheapstone Street, London, ON N5Y3X5

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. If there is a large number rosaries, 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 box 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......
- C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, January 5 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- Appreciation Social - Saturday, January 9 at St. Boniface Church following the 5 pm Mass (postponed)
- C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, January 12 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- NET Retreat - Friday, January 15 at St. Boniface Church
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 17 - 23
- C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program - Tuesday, January 19 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- K of C General Meeting & Ladies Night - Thursday, January 21 at St. Boniface Church

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.

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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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.