12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 19, 2016

The Messiah was expected to free the Jewish people from oppression, and restore the freedom and holiness of their nation. Jesus instead reveals that the Messiah will suffer, die and be raised from the dead, and that true discipleship requires self-denial and sacrifice. Understanding this, let us take up our cross each day and follow Jesus.

Dear Parishioners: So much happens in June! As we gear up for our patronal Feast of St. Peter (on the 29th; our prayer Novena begins this Tuesday), many parish families will be celebrating the scholastic achievements of our students. We pray a blessed Father’s Day to all our families & a blessing on every Dad. My friend Fr. Chris Gillespie tells me that he won’t be attending our regular Embro Highland Games on July 1st (Go Bluewater Tug O’ War!), so it looks like I will be joining our 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Goderich’s Canada Day Parade. Make sure you take advantage of every opportunity to celebrate the blessings we enjoy as citizens of the free world. Our little world has been rocked by the tragic shooting at the gay club in Orlando; let’s pray & work for the healing of our society, that all people will be blessed with peace. (Our Bible Study Group had some pointed questions about the Church’s teaching on homosexuality, which I hope to feature on our parish website: stay tuned for more info.) I had (what I thought was) a strange request to attend the Our Lady of Guadalupe (in Winds- sor) KofC Council’s Mass & BBQ next Saturday: they kindly pointed out that since I was their official chaplain while I was there, my presence is sort-of expected(!). Fr. Paul Mooney has agreed to cover the vigil Mass for me on the 25th, so I’ll be able to go. (Fr. Paul is celebrating his 60th Anniversary of Priesthood, so please give him your congratulations when you see him!) Now this also means, of course, that I am trusting all the good people who will be there to sing our National Anthem in both Official Languages! As I’m unaware of Fr. Paul’s facility with French, it will take leadership from the pews to do justice for our great nation. (Please don’t let your former Cub Scout of the Year down! Thank you.) Perhaps you’ve seen (at St. Boniface) the Jubilee of Mercy processional cross a parishioner has made at my request: I saw in the news our Holy Father following one in a procession through the streets of Rome & thought one would help us in all our events for the Jubilee; I’ll bring it to St. Peter’s for the next couple of weeks. The Lord invites us to take up our cross and follow him. God bless!

Fr. Matt
Happy Father’s Day

To all who share
In this vocation!!!

Prayer List

Remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Steve Brock, Peter Bedard, Fr. Martin Nyland and Theresa Davies.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Nolan Ryan McFalls, son of Jason & Nicole who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Peter Perri

St. Boniface CWL

On Tuesday, June 21 the St. Boniface CWL will be having its final meeting until the fall. Come out and help us welcome our guest speakers. Carrah Templeman, an optometrist who works in Exeter and Mitchell, will be sharing her experiences of her recent missions in Guatemala. Also Mark Hartman, who has been accepted for a year of formation with the Companions of the Cross near Ottawa, will tell us a little bit about his upcoming year. After the speakers we will enjoy some strawberry treats followed by the business portion of the meeting. Hope to see you there.

CWL day, at Our Lady of The Rosary Shrine at St. Patrick’s Church, Merlin, ON.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel CWL, would be pleased if you would join us on this day of retreat. The bus will leave OLMC parking lot at 8:00 am. Arriving at Merlin at 9:30 am for meet and greet, followed by reflective time with readings and prayers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. At 11:00 am, entering the Holy Doors and Mass, followed with the Angelus. Bring your own lunch. At 1:00 pm the Rosary will conclude our day at the Shrine. We will make a stop at Parks Blueberries on the way home. Cost is $15.00 when you reserve your seat with Barb McCann at 519-294-6508 or by email at barbarajanemccann@gmail.com

Today You can give to the Priest Pension Collection

This weekend all parishes and Catholic communities in the diocese are holding a special collection to support the needs of retired priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated and in need of supplementary assistance. As the number of retired priests increases every year, the Priests’ Pension Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet future needs. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say “thank you” to our retired priests by giving to the Priests’ Pension Plan. Your donation shares the same love and generosity that diocesan priests have shown us for generations.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 4 - Friday, July 8 at the Zurich Mennonite Church. Times: drop off at 8:45 am and pick up is at noon. This year VBS will be welcoming children entering JK (this is a year earlier than previous years) and students up to Grade 6. Parents can register their children online at www.zurichvbs.ca. We are also looking for volunteers. If you can help please contact April Eilers at 519-236-9921.

News Briefs from the June 2016 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

On May 17th, the Healthcare Inspiration Awards were held at Hessenland Country Inn. 68 people attended as 17 individuals and teams were honoured for their significant contributions in the healthcare sector, and one student was awarded a scholarship. Blue Water Rest Home’s winners present at the ceremony included Sandra Desjardines, Brenda Sheppard, Katherine McEwen, Jill Geiger, Patty Groot, Shelly Miller and Lorri Behnish. The event was organized by the Health Human Resources subcommittee of the Huron Perth Area Provider Table, and the committee’s members include Angie Dunn and Patty Groot. Community Gardens at the West Huron Care Centre are in the final stages of being prepared. The raised beds are installed at the north entrance to Bircheswood Apartments and outside Maplewoods Apartments. The Gardens were constructed with a grant from the “New Horizons for Seniors” program from the federal government. The Gardens at Bircheswood will be used for intergenerational programs by Seniors from the apartments and children from the West Huron Early Childhood Learning Centre as a way to demonstrate how well these groups interact. Blue Water Rest Home is introducing courses in “Mental Health First Aid” for the region. Nurse Clinician, Sherry Selves, has successfully completed the “Train the Trainer” curriculum and will be offering the MHFA Canada course in July, August, and September/October at the West Huron Care Centre. The intent of the training is to allow individuals to recognize when someone is in potential mental health distress, de-escalate potential mental health crises and ensure that those in need are directed to resources to assist them through their short and long-term goals. Brochures are being sent to healthcare and social service providers to inform them of the course dates and times.

Thinking of the Sisterhood?

Young women 18-35….you are invited to Pizza & Prayer with the Nuns on Friday, June 24 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Evening Prayer, supper, board games or badminton, lectio divina. Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media, 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto. RSVP: Sr. Helena srhelena@burns@gmail.com

Room2Grow

Happy Father’s Day! Remember to bring your filled Room2Grow baby bottles. We will count and roll the money. Any donation of $20 will receive a tax receipt. We have been blessed beyond our imagination. So many young people have been helped with this mission. Thank you for your continued support over the years. This mission is following Jesus’ message of Mark 16, verse 15 “He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” We show them that Jesus gives us unconditional love. Thank-you.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance:

- Presentation of St. Peter’s CWL Pins - Sunday, June 19 at 11 am Mass
- St. Peter’s Novena Begins - Tuesday, June 21
- Coffee Social - June 25/26 following the Masses at St. Peter’s Church for the Feast of St. Peter’s
- Grad Mass - Monday, June 27 at 5:30 pm at St. Boniface
- Year End School Mass - Wednesday, June 29 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface
- Sung Evening Prayer - Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church - Feast of Saints Peter & Paul
- First Friday Mass & Adoration - Mass at 9:15 am, Adoration 8 am - 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Vacation Bible School - July 4 - 8 at the Zurichennonite Church from 8:45 - noon

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.

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.