4th Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2016

Jesus, through his suffering and death upon the cross, won forgiveness for our sins and reconciled us to God the Father. He calls us to go forth to share God’s love and forgiveness with others by seeking to foster unity, peace and healing in our workplaces, local community, among our friends and family, and in our homes.

Dear Parishioners: let's welcome Fr. Louis home! (I'm writing this from the Chapel at the Michaelite House, where I see some beautiful light-purple tulips before the statue of Our Lady - so I realize I’m missing a pink Sunday with you! I guess there’s never a good weekend to be away. Please pray for our team, the candidates making the weekend & all the Cursillo people working behind the scenes to make it all possible.) As we intensify our lenten observances of prayer, fasting & alms-giving, I invite you to cap it all off with celebrating Reconciliation this Wednesday, in any church, with every priest, all day long. Something new (to me) is the suggestion from the Diocese that we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - and thus prayerful people present - while confessions are being heard; please consider signing up for a time slot & praying for our penitents & confessors, that God will continue to reconcile the world in Christ! Development + Peace is bringing a Solidarity Speaker to us this Tuesday at King's College: I am very impressed with his involvement in Community Radio, both “on the ground” in Haiti & at the international level. May we all continue to broadcast Good News! (Anyone want to carpool? Please call the Office.) Thursday sees the Stations of the Cross prayed with our Youth Group at St. Boniface; come pray with us! The Our Common Home Discussion Group continues this Friday at 11AM, at the Public Library in Zurich: I am so impressed both by the Holy Father’s document & the insights from the group members! (It’s not too late to get in on that conversation, if you wish.) this week ahead, let’s all walk a little lighter on our holy & blessed earth. God bless!

All Day Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

In three days, on Wednesday, March 9 all Catholics throughout the Diocese of London will have the opportunity to share in God’s healing and forgiveness. We need to ask for the grace to abandon all that keeps us from living a full relationship with Christ. We need to allow the Lord to wash away our sins in his forgiving love and mercy and to make us whole once again. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

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At the same time we will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex of St. Boniface Church.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Monday, March 21
Christ Mass – St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica, London – 7 pm

Holy Thursday, March 24
St. Boniface Church – 7 pm with Adoration till midnight

Good Friday, March 25
St. Boniface Church – 11 am; St. Peter’s Church – 3 pm
St. Boniface Church – 7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26 – St. Peter’s Church – 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday, March 27 – St. Boniface-9 am; St. Peter’s-11 am
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, Steve Brock and Nicole Brideau.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Audrey Smith who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Easter Food Drive

Both St. Boniface & St. Peter’s CWL will be collecting items for Blessings Food Bank. List of items needed: canned fruit, apple sauce, cookies, crackers, coffee, peanut free school snacks, diapers size 5-6. These or other items of you choice can be left in the boxes at the back of the churches. **Please have your donations to the churches by Sunday, March 20.**

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, March 9 at 8 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Eucharistic Minister Training

There will be training for all Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church.

Share Lent Pilgrimage

**Helping nuns serve their people in Bethlehem**

Now our pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Land. Development and Peace is supporting Salesian nuns in the Cremisan Valley in Bethlehem in their struggle to remain close to their people. Their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children has been threatened by the construction of a separation wall which will cut them off from the people they serve. Your support helps to provide them with crucial legal support to fight the construction in the courts. **Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection. Please be generous!**

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.

2016 Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in southwestern Ontario will be held on **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.**

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: 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 tdiemand@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*

*“A Generous Spirit”*

Reading I Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 (rites at Gilgal)

Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (a new creation)


Key Passage “Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” (Luke 15:31–32)

Adult: Like the younger son, when have you been lost and were found by the merciful and compassionate Father who loves you?

Youth: What are some ways people have been merciful and forgiving toward you? How can you practice forgiving others?

Ways to be Merciful

“Do something kind and helpful for someone who you don’t get along with, or who has wronged you.”

“Be mindful of your behavior online. Is that post designed to improve your image...and leave others feeling bad? Are you hammering people in order to serve your anger and humiliate others?”
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance:

- **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
- **School Mass** - Friday, March 11 at St. Boniface at 9:15 am
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 13 at St. Boniface at 7:00 pm
- **Eucharistic Minister Training** - Thursday, March 17 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 20 at St. Peter’s 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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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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.