Dear Parishioners: welcome Fr. David Johnston! What a treat to have you here among us – God bless you for your courageous response to serve God’s holy People as a priest of Jesus Christ. (I’m sending my greetings from deep inside the COR Retreat in Dublin; please pray for all our young people making the retreat & all those working the weekend for our high school-aged youth.) My thanks go out to all who have been so kind in marking my 20th Anniversary of Ordination: so many well-wishers, cards & gifts, Mass intentions, everyone at the potluck dinner, the Social Committee for their thoughtful oversight – it was a lot of fun! We are finally winding down our Laudato Si Study Group: I thank all the participants, and hope that we can put together the fruit of our reflections & make them available to the wider parish. While the Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues to move along, I would still like to offer some other opportunity for Adult Faith Development: surely between our Pope’s massive teaching on Family Life or the chasm of euthanasia ahead of us as a nation, there is no end of subject matter available. (Speaking of physician-assisted suicide – what an assault on truth to call this medical assistance in dying – I recently met with the Riding Office staff of our Huron-Bruce MP. According to them, “If it’s not on paper, it doesn’t exist”. I know that our Bishop has wisely moved to curtail petitions & the like from our churches, but I think in this life-and-death situation, some sort of exception should be made. I will speak with him and see if we can’t set up letter-writing stations at our parishes in the weeks ahead.) You’ll see two editions of our Jubilee of Mercy Faith-sharing Questions in next week’s bulletin: I am hoping that we will use this resource each week to prayerfully anticipate the Sunday Readings, both as individuals or for any groups that meet during the week. May brings many blessings, including Catholic Education Week: please consider attending our schoolboard-wide Mass with the Bishop in Dublin on Monday, St. Anne’s School Mass on Tuesday, or St. Boniface’ School Marian Celebration Wednesday. There’s so much life going on! May our Blessed Mother Mary – Cause of our joy! – be our guide in these Spirit-filled days of Easter. Have a blessed week! – Fr. Matt

Parish Wide Email
We are trying to compose a parish wide email list so we can email Catholic Update on a monthly basis. Please send your email address to bluewater@dol.ca.

St. Boniface K of C
Mother’s Day Breakfast - The K of C are holding a Mother’s Day Breakfast at the arena on Sunday, May 8 from 10 am -12 pm. Cost is $7/adult, $5/youth ages 6-14, children 5 and under free. Family rate is $25 for larger families with children under 16. Everyone is welcome!

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, May 18 at 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church.

St. Boniface CWL
Thank-you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Spring Bazaar. Thanks to those who donated prizes, to those who bought tickets and to the ladies who worked so hard to prepare for the bazaar.
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 and Steve Brock.

12 Hour Adoration
There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, May 6 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

“Give a Gift that Keeps on Giving”
May is Leave a Legacy month in Canada, when we are encouraged to leave gifts to charity through a will or another instrument of giving. This is a means by which you can “outlive your life” according to Max Lucado, a bestselling Christian author from Texas. That simple but profound statement describes how a bequest or any form of meaningful legacy can make a lasting impact. The most common form of a bequest is a will. What is surprising is that only an estimated 30% of Canadians have made an up-to-date, legal will. Without such a document, people cannot stipulate how assets will go after their death to their chosen beneficiaries, with the result that assets are distributed under provincial laws, rather than according to the wishes of the deceased or in the interests of family. Please check the bulletin during the month of May for more information on “Types of Bequests”, “Other Ways to Give” and “Charitable Donations - Top Tax Tips”.

Opening Doors of Mercy
Catholic Education Week 2016 begins on Sunday, May 1. Everyone is cordially invited to join the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board on Monday, May 2 at St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin at 5 pm for a special Mass to celebrate and recognize the Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award recipients. We are honoured to have His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Dabrowski celebrate the Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out.

St. Patrick’s/St. James Youth Ministry
We, the ministry of St. Patrick’s, Dublin/St. James, Seaforth would like to invite all teens grade 8 and up to a special evening. We are so blessed to have two young couples sharing why it is important for them to live according to the teaching of the church in regards to purity. They would like to share with you how God has enriched and blessed their lives. Please come and join us Friday, May 6 at 7 pm at St. Patrick’s Church, Dublin. There is no cost and we will be serving snacks. Karen Doyle - Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy
The moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions will be presented at St. Joseph Catholic High School Auditorium in St. Thomas on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. The event is sponsored by St. Annes Parish and Holy Angels Parish. Admission is $20. For tickets and additional information, contact St. Annes Parish Office at 519-631-3640. Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.com.

Eighth Annual Bishop’s Dinner
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, will host the Eighth Annual Bishop’s Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at the London Convention Centre. This year’s musical performers will be an ensemble of the Ama- bile Choir. Tickets are $125 per person and eligible for a $50 tax receipt. If you purchase a full table of ten the price is $975. To order, call Mrs. Frances Barnard at 519-432-1824 or 1-888-548-9649 extension 255, or email bishopsdinner@dol.ca. Reserve your seats or table today as tickets are selling fast. Funds raised will support the mission of St. Peter’s Seminary to provide education and formation for priests, permanent deacons, lay ministers and many others.

Permanent Diaconate Inquiry Sessions
At the following Inquiry Sessions, the Diocese of London Per- manent Diaconate Formation & Study Program will invite inquiries from men considering a call to the permanent diacono- nate:

- Thursday, May 19 from 7:30 – 10 pm: St. Agnes, Chatham
- Sunday, May 29 from 1:30 – 4 pm: St. George, London
If you are interested in applying for admission to the Pro- gram, you MUST attend one of the Inquiry Sessions with your wife, if possible, and register as an Inquirer.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Questions of the Week
6th Sunday of Easter - Keeping Jesus’ Word

Reading I Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 (letter of the Apostles to the Gentiles)
Reading II Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23 (the new Jerusa- lem)
Gospel John 14:23–29 (last discourse; faithfulness to God’s word)
Key Passage Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (John 14:23)
Adult: How does the merciful and compassionate Jesus dwell with you in your home? How do you show this compassion and mercy to your family?
Youth: How do you experience Jesus and his Father being at home with you and your family?

7th Sunday of Easter - Prayer for Others

Reading I Acts 7:55–60 (Stephen’s martyrdom)
Reading II Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20 (blessed are those who follow the Lamb)
Gospel John 17:20–26 (prayer for all believers)
Key Passage Jesus prayed, “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.” (John 18:20–21)
Adult: This week, what are some of the most important things to ask of God?
Youth: God is always faithful. How can you be faithful to God and your friends this week?

Ways to be Merciful
“If you can’t sit down beside a homeless person to talk for a while today, at least send a donation to a ministry that does do this.”
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Catholic Education Week - May 1 - 7
- Catholic Education Week Mass - Monday, May 2 at St. Patrick’s in Dublin at 5 pm
- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, May 6 at St. Boniface Church
- Youth Group - Friday, May 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm - YMCA Swim - Goderich
- Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 8
- K of C Mother’s Day Breakfast - Sunday, May 8 at the Bluewater Community Centre from 10 am - 12 pm
- Pentecost Sunday - Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, May 15 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

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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.
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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.