MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

MONDAY:  November 30
(We pray for Deacon John Shia)

TUESDAY:  December 1
(We Pray for Rev. Louis Moussea, O.F.M. Cap)

- St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
  “Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
  Sacrament of Reconciliation
  +Georgette Firlotte - Her Children & Grandchildren
  +Desmond Firlotte - His Children & Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY:  December 2
(We Pray for Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Director/Youth)

- Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
  +Bill Watson - Tom & Mary Lynn Thompson

- St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
  “Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
  Int. of Ralph Mathonia - Ray & Karen Mathonia & Family
  +Glen Overholt - Leroy Bedour
  +Jim Bedard - Cecelia Farwell

THURSDAY:  December 3
(We Pray for Rev. Robert Champagne)

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
  +Olivia Bedard - Lottie Grenier

FRIDAY:  December 4
(We Pray for Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - First Friday
  “12 Hour Adoration 8 am - 8 pm”
  +Jaclyn VanEsbroeck-Simon - Alan & Marilyn Hern
  Int. of Grace Hartman & Eoin Ginty
  - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
  +Lil Martens-The HP Catholic District School Board

SATURDAY:  December 5
(We Pray for Rev. Dwayne Adam)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
  Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
  +Irene Hartman - Pat & Evelyn Regier
  +Victor Hartman - Clarence & Joan Regier
  +Leo Hoffman - Karl & Mary Regier

- St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
  Wedding of Eoin Ginty & Grace Hartman

- St. Peter’s Church - 3:00 pm
  Wedding of Brent Ducharme & Brittany Meidinger

- St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY:  December 6
(We Pray for Mr. Evan Thompson, Youth Minister)

- St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
- St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am
- St. Boniface Church - 7 pm
  Sung Evening Prayer & Advent Mission

1st Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2015
When we reach out in kindness to our family, friends and foes, we express the redemptive love of Jesus and experience, through the Holy Spirit, an increase of the Lord’s love in our hearts. This allows us to more fully understand his profound mercy.

Dear Parishioners: A blessed Advent to one and all! For the glories of Christmas, I love the spirit of this season: our whole (Western) world is waiting! There is such openness and anticipation in everyone we meet: I pray that the Spirit we carry within ourselves will find the opportunity to witness to the hope that is ours.

Come, Lord Jesus! Let’s nourish our spirits well, with regular moments of prayer at home (see the insert) and at our parish (Evening Prayer and Advent Mission). The Pope has asked us to begin our Year of Mercy on the Immaculate Conception (December 8th - our diocesan patronal feast day - how wonderful!): what better way to celebrate mercy than an diocesan All Day Confession December 9th. Every priest in every Church, all day long. Wherever you are that day, please consider going to confession - we will be a healthier, happier community when our sins are forgiven. Our young people are just bringing their preparations to an end for First Reconciliation: pray for our candidates, that they and their families may be faithful to a reconciled life in Christ. Jesus invites us to “stand before the Son of Man” - how will our spirits stand this Advent? Be blessed.

Fr. Matt

Light Up for Christ
Please join the Knights of Columbus and Light Up for Christ at St. Boniface Church on Tuesday, December 1st at 7 pm.

Advent Parish Mission
Please join us as we begin The Year of Mercy with our Advent Parish Mission. We will begin our Parish Mission on Sunday, December 6 with Sung Evening Prayer & Mission Presentation at St. Boniface Church. On Monday and Tuesday we will continue with Evening Prayer & Advent Mission at 7 pm at St. Boniface. We will have Special Daily Mass & Luncheon on Monday and Tuesday at St. Peter’s Church at noon. We will conclude our Advent Parish Mission with All Day Confessions on Wednesday, December 9 at St. Boniface Church.

Sunday Missals 2016
New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2016 are available at both St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Churches. Cost: $5/each.

Advent Candles
Advent Candles are available in the church office. Cost:$10/set.
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 Auzriel, Lucius, Aislynn and Lochlan children of Joel & Tammy Bendig who were baptized last weekend at St. Boniface Church.

Youth Group

Carolling with St. Nick at the Rest Home - Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Bluewater Resthome. Bring your Santa hats & instruments & big voices. Parents welcome!

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, December 4 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, December 9 we will have the opportunity to experience God’s mercy and compassion and reconciling love. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows; St. Boniface Church 8 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm; 7:30 - 9 pm.

1st Reconciliation

Our Grade 2 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Boniface CWL

St. Boniface CWL will be collecting for Blessing Christmas Food Hampers. They are in need of canned apple juice, fancy crackers, candies, chocolates, Christmas cookies (store bought), or personal hygiene products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste. We will collect until December 11.

Reader/Commentator & Eucharistic Minister

Schedules for St. Boniface

New schedules for Reader/Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers from December - February have been emailed out. If you don’t have email hard copies are available n the entrance of the church.

Offertory Envelopes for 2016

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2016 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Advent Memorial Donations

Once again this year we are offering a way for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! We will be accepting donations for both parishes for flowers throughout the Christmas Season to be donated in memory of your loved one. If you wish to make a cash donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by Friday, December 11, 2015. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Volunteers Needed

Plans are being made for the annual Live Nativity at the Zurich Pavilion (Park) at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 13th, but help is needed to make it happen! For more info call Stu Blyde at 519-236-7195 as soon as possible.

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 basket 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. Please Note: Prayer Shawls are on display in the entrance of St. Peter’s.

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.

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. At the end of the year, if there is a large number, we will send them to the missions.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....
- 1st Sunday of Advent - Sunday, November 29
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, November 29 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Light up for Christ - Tuesday, December 1 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, December 2 following the 7 pm Mass
- St. Peter’s CWL Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 2 in the Parish Hall
- St. Boniface CWL Christmas Dinner - Thursday, December 3 in the Narthex

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.
St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

Weekend Masses
Sat  5:00 pm   St. Peter  (mid April to mid October)
     9:00 am  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.