32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 6, 2016

Our hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and who remains faithful to those who believe. For those who believe in Jesus and persevere in faith with the help of God’s grace, the trails of this world will ultimately pass away. As Jesus’ disciples, we will one day come to share eternal life in heaven.

Dear Parishioners: welcome Fr. Paul Duplessie O.F.M. Cap.! Father’s presence is a double-blessing, as he’s here at the behest of his brother Capuchin Fr. Louis Mousseau, who asked that — although he himself couldn’t make it this time — for us to keep him in mind next time we need help. What a good priest & loyal son of our parishes! I am sorry to see the Jubilee of Mercy go! (It’s unfortunate the timing of this COR weekend meant that we couldn’t have a Holy Hour on the last First Friday of the Jubilee year, but our Pilgrimage to the Cathedral & the Holy Door should make up for that!) Please consider joining us for Mass next Saturday at 11:30am at the Cathedral, or if you are able, walk (a 20min easy stroll, according to one local source; 14mins if you believe in Google) from the parking lot of Catholic Central High School, on the corner of Dundas & Colborne. Bring something to share & we’ll have a pot luck lunch in Room 105 at the Cathedral Parish Centre — we’ll provide enough hot apple cider to drown a horse. I’m really pleased to see the practice of praying for our Confirmation Candidates on a weekly basis come back: in the past, I’m told, people would pick a name and pray for that particular Candidate all week. Please do so! I don’t mean to second-guess our preacher, but today’s Gospel Reading has mistakenly been used to at times to suggest the superiority of the celibate life over plain ol’ Marriage: please check our parish website (Homily Connections) for what I believe to be the most inspiring quotation in the whole Catechism is! We are celebrating Bible Sunday the weekend of the 19/20th with special guest Fr. Peter Keller (so I can be present at the Zurich Mennonite Church for their service & discussion to follow. Have you read the Holy Father’s statement from Sweden, with the World Lutheran Federation? I am believing God will bless all Christian Churches with greater unity as we look back over 500yrs of discord and 50yrs of ecumenical efforts. Will your focus be the former or the latter?). Make sure every person in Grade 4 knows they will get a free Bible that day! (God bless our CWL & KofC Councils for their generous support.) Some parishioners have approached me about their allergic reaction to the scent of scent by people sitting near them. Please be mindful of others & use scented products sparingly. I’m reminded of studies that show that as we age and lose our keen sense of smell, people generally over-apply their products, because we can no longer smell ourselves. (This was an excellent article in last week’s Sunday Toronto Star how dogs are so superior to us in this department, and how we can practice to be more dog-like when smelling! I of course had to give my copy to Fr. Chris ‘Sniffs’ Gillespie, for obvious reasons.) The other alternative is for people to change where they sit in church, and you know that’s not going to happen: we will sit there, smiling and resenting our neighbours until Christ returns in glory. Please everyone, let’s go easy on the scents (COR kids with all their body-sprays need to hear this message too!) God Bless. Fr. Matt

Bulletin News & Office Hours

Please have all bulletin news to the church office by Wednesday, November 9 at 9 am as the office will be closed Thursday & Friday November 10 & 11.

Children’s Choir - Christmas Morning

We are looking for any children & high school volunteers to help with the Children’s Choir on Christmas morning at St. Peter’s at 11 am. Please contact Sandra Regier at 519-236-7599.
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, JoycE Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Theresa Davies, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard and Barbara Rau.

CWL Right to Life Memberships

Right to Life Memberships will be collected the weekends of November 5/6 and 12/13 at the back of both churches. Cost: $20/family.

St. Peter’s CWL

CWL Meeting - Tuesday, November 8th in the parish hall at 7 pm.

CMOB

The CMOB meetings will resume on Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 7:00 in St. Peter’s Church Hall. The program will run for 5 weeks ending on Dec. 6th. The five episodes will be the continuation of the Crossing the Goal program the “Shocking Claims of Jesus”. Topics for discussion are as follows:

Nov. 8th - “The Sword”; Nov. 15th - “Eat My Flesh”; Nov. 22nd - “Light of the World”; Nov. 29th - “All Authority”; Dec. 6th, “Overcome the World”

All men are welcomed to attend these meetings. If you have any questions please contact Ken Mungar at 519 319 5267, or Mark Tucker at 519 319 5267

Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage to St. Peter’s Cathedral

Pope Francis invites all Catholics to be renewed in God’s grace during this special Jubilee. Join us Saturday, November 12 for an optional walk from CCH (450 Dundas Street, London) at 11 am to the Cathedral for Mass at 11:30 am and a Picnic/Potluck lunch to follow. Priest Confessors will be available. Please register at 519-236-4191 or blue-water@dol.ca.

Jessica’s House

Everyone is invited to an information presentation for the Exeter Hospital Hospice Project “Jessica’s House”. Members of the foundation will be at St. Boniface Church on Wednesday, November 16 after the 7:00 pm Mass to present the plans and progress of this important project. All Parishioners from both St. Peter’s and St. Boniface Churches are encouraged to attend. Donations can be made at this time.

November is the Month of Remembrance

The “Book of Life” will be on the altar at St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Parishes throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones and friends in the Book. At each Mass in November, these names will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Close the Holy Door

During this Year of Mercy, St. Patrick’s Church and Shrine, Merlin has had the special honour of having the Holy Door. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph will be coming to St. Patrick’s 10:00 am Sunday mass on November 13 to CLOSE THE HOLY DOOR. For more information check the website: www.olrshrine.ca.

Burial of Liturgical Items

From time to time rosaries are irreparable, ritual texts are out of date, statues are broken, etc. Out of respect for the manner in which they led us closer to God and to recognize their holiness, we bury them, in a similar way with which we bury a body. The Catholic cemeteries of our diocese are willing to bury these items on our behalf. To facilitate this, we ask that if you have any religious items that need to be buried please drop them off at the church office by Tuesday, November 15.

Remembrance Day Service

The St. Joseph & Area Historical Society will host a Remembrance Day Service on Friday, November 11 at 11 am in the St. Joseph Memorial Park.

Festival of Praise

You have been hearing about THE FESTIVAL OF PRAISE coming up on Friday, November 25 at St. Michaels Highschool in Stratford. This is an initiative to offer a night of faith and fun for all Huron/Perth county youth. We hope you are spreading the word to all the young people you care about. If you would like to support this project financially, you can make a check out to Family Foundations Institute- Festival of Praise. There will be some young people here next weekend to hand out invitations, tell you more about this effort, and accept donations as well. Please pray for the success of this event as there are not that many opportunities in our area to offer our young people a chance to "encounter" Jesus outside of mass with their friends. Any and all opportunities to support our young people in their faith development are precious!

Harkening to the Voices of the Lost Ones:
Evangelizing in Today’s Culture

Sacred Heart Parish, Parkhill invites you to an evening with Doctor Bernadine Ketelaars on Wednesday, November 23. One of the hot topics in Church discussions, is the decline in Church attendance and the need for this to be addressed. Dr. Ketelaars conducted a study to listen to the stories of the “lost” so that we might learn from these stories and become more effective evangelizers. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm at the North Middlesex Community Centre, Parkhill. Tickets: $20 adults, $10 students. For information or tickets contact Julie de Gouw at jdepougou@isp.ca or 519-232-4224.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Questions of the Week

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Overcoming difficulties

Reading I Malachi 3:19–20a (messenger of the covenant)

Reading II 2 Thessalonians 3:7–12 (qualifications of various ministers)

Gospel Luke 21:5–19 (the cataclysm to come)

Key Passage Jesus said, “You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” (Luke 21:17–19)

Adult: When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?

Youth: How does it feel when your friends put you down for what you believe?
Events at a glance....

- CWL Right to Life Memberships - November 5/6 and 12/13 weekends
- CMOB - Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- Remembrance Day - School Mass - Friday, November 11 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage to St. Peter’s Cathedral - Saturday, November 12
- CMOB - Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- Jessica’s House Presentation - Wednesday, November 16 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Bible Sunday - November 19/20 at all Masses
St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

Weekend Masses
- Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- Sat 9:00 am St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
- Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
- Sun 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 the 9:00 am mass.
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

Parish Office & School Contact Information
Parish Office:
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- bluewater@dol.ca

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- Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
- 519-236-4335
- stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
- 353 Ontario St., Box 490
- Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
- 519-482-5454

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 at St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass at 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.