Dear Parishioners: We’re back into the swing of things! Our first Mass with the students of St. Boniface School means that life has gone back to normal, after our sweltering summer. God bless all our students, teachers and staff this coming year with peace and joy as we all live and grow together. The priests of the Deanery had a very enjoyable meeting & dinner with students and teachers yesterday. Many items were discussed, like the upcoming Sacramental Study Days (October 24-26) about our updated Safe Environment Policy, supporting vocations (5 new seminarians for our Diocese, 18 new seminarians for the Diocese of Peter’s from across Canada, 3 men at the newly-opened Dorm House in discernment – including our own Michael Hartman) updating the corporate rules of the Seminary (it will no longer be owned by the Diocese but by its own corporation), and organizing a campaign to support its renovation – this to be the provincial level in the Euthanasia issue, as we prepare to defend the rights of conscience (for all who refuse to kill those who suffer; and (happily) to see if we cannot make a diocesan pilgrimage (like the one we just celebrated at Midland) into an annual event. There was no real news on the organization of parishes into Family Groups for 2023, except that the Bishop is hearing complaints that some people haven’t heard this was going on! (Now every parish has been asked to report on our efforts to talk to our communities about the whole idea: please help spread the word!) The Sacraments of Initiation are calling us to renew them: our Renewal of Commitment is Wed. the 22nd: all the R.C.I.A. candidates (I’m meeting from are other parishes! If you know of someone locally, please have them contact me, as the program is about to begin in our neighbouring parishes, and we would like to work together as a group.) A note on Mass Intentions: please consider allowing your intentions to be celebrated at other parishes. Having multiple (our diocesan maximum is 3) intentions allows for sending on the extra stipends (the presider keeps one for himself) to support the work of the Church. Any intentions that need not be celebrated locally can be forwarded to the Diocese for support of the Missions: can you imagine – in many places throughout the world, Mass stipends provide food & shelter for the clergy! The Parable of the Prodigal Son (& Father!?) is cause for great rejoicing all over the world. May we all be able to share our life in Christ this week! God bless you. Fr. Matt

Office Hours
The office will be closed on Thursday, September 12th.

St. Boniface CWL
St. Boniface CWL will be meeting for a pot luck get together on September 20th in the church hall. At this time we will be presenting pins to our 65, 60 and 40 year members. Please join us and help celebrate the long term commitment of these wonderful ladies. Bring one of your most favourite dishes to share. Patti and Carmel’s group are in charge of the meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

St. Peter’s CWL
Pot Luck Suppers: Welcome back from our busy summer season. Our Pot Luck Supper will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, social at 6:00, supper at 6:30. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and receive community service hours. If interested please contact Katie Mass at katie_malthonia16@hotmail.com.

St. Boniface Children’s Liturgy
We are doing the Acts. If you are interested please contact Margaret Smith at 519-473-6737 or jbolt@execulink.com to sign up so we can order the materials needed. The Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 at St. Peter’s Parish Hall and will run for approximately 8 - 10 weeks. Date to start will depend on when the material arrives.

Confirmation Parent’s Meeting
There will be an important meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for all parents with students in Grades 7 & 8 who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to prepare their children for this sacrament are asked to please contact the Church office as soon as possible.

Flowers/Potted Plants at St. Peter’s
Plants don’t live through the week at St. Peter’s! If you could help by bringing flowers or potted plants on a weekend and make our church more beautiful it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Joan Bolt at 519-296-4786 if you have a particular weekend in mind and together we can glorify God and bring more life to our celebrations.

Thank-you-all
Thank you to the person who made the knotted rosaries and provided the extra rosaries that were in the boxes at St. Peter’s Church. In the spring we had lots of rosaries in the boxes/basket at both our parishes but most of the rosaries have been picked up by people who needed them. If you have extra rosaries at home which you are not using, please put them in the box/basket for others to take.

St. Peter’s Church Finances as of August 31, 2016

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Weekend Masses
Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
11:00 am St. Peter

St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

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 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.

Baptism
Please contact the office as you wait 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.

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