25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 18, 2016

As disciples of Christ, we are called to love above all things. As disciples, our focus should not be on the material and passing things of this world, for true freedom is found in loving God and committing oneself to the Gospel message. When we keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, our priorities shift, freeing us to live according to his teaching and help build up God’s kingdom on earth.

MSS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19 - 25

MONDAY: September 19
(We pray for Rev. Warehouse Chudy, C.S.M.A.)

TUESDAY: September 20
(We pray for Rev. Joseph Yongchun Son)

St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Ivan Sims - Anna Marie Patterson
Int. of Dick & Barb Rau - Anthony & Cathy LaPorte

WEDNESDAY: September 21
(We pray for Rev. Ignatius Saucier)
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Andrew”

THURSDAY: September 22
(We pray for Miss Caitlyn Bonday, Youth Ministry)
Blue Water Rest Home - 3:30 pm
Int. of Keith & Ann Anderson - Virginia Denomme
+ Darl Rau - Jean Geoffrey & Family

FRIDAY: September 23
(We pray for Rev. Daniel Morand)
St. Boniface Church - No Mass

SATURDAY: September 24
(We pray for Ms. Melissa Pagoe-Nichols, Campus Minister/ Pastoral Counsellor)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+ Ron Monette - Ursula Monette’s family
+ Leo Meidinger - Steve & Pat Meidinger
+ Cecile Meidinger - Gerard & Rosemary Duxchame

St. Peter’s Church - 2 pm
Wedding of Christian Deelin & Pamela Brandon
St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: September 25
(We pray for Declan Callaghan)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

Office Hours
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Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for the return of “Nights for Sleepin” at St. John’s Loka! It is always a highlight of the season (or more appropriately of my body heat; one or the other) as a result. I love the energy of this time of year: at the Finance Cmt., meeting, St. Boniface Building Cmt., chair Doug D. was able to give us an update of many smaller items the Committee has been working on (see next week’s bulletin for a summary). The Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario will be hosting their first Full Family Faith Day at Mitchell’s Park (unfortunately, I will be gone on my summer holidays) on Saturday, October 1st. Besides Mass with Bishop Dabrowski, the events, meal & entertainment will make for an excellent day! The Foundation represents the people (and money) that make all our major youth programs like the G8 Fest, Stepping Stones & Catholic Christian Leadership Camp possible. Please be as generous in your support as you are able for their good work. Confirmation Preparation begins with our Parent Meeting this coming Wednesday: join me in praying for all our young families who are on the journey of Christian Initiation. For a first-time effort, we had a wonderful turn-out for the Mass for Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse this past Thursday. For all who attended and all who worked behind the scenes, Thank You! Building on Thursday Letter (which was the basis of my homily) on our parish website, under the “Sunday Homily Connections & Feedback” section. Please feel free to comment! For this Sunday’s Gospel reading is Fr. Moe Charbonneau’s favourite! (Especially as it appeared in the previous edition of the Lectionary — “Dig? Beg?”) Perhaps if we placed the Kingdom of God first in our lives, we would have a funnier take on life to inspire us.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy

Questions of the Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Thrice the rich and poor
Reading 1: Amos 6:1-6, 7-8 (third verse)
Reading 1: Timothy 6:11-16 (the good fight of faith)
Epistle: Philippians 4:6-7, 9-11 (let your mercies abound...)
Key Passage: “There was a rich man and at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table.” (Luke 16:19-23)

Adult: What actions can you do to show compassionate care for the poor?

Youth: How do you relate or fail to relate toward people who are poor? What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

Ways to be Merciful

“When conversations dwell into “the dark joy” of gossip, help change the subject.”

A prayer for St. Peter’s Library

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Rau, Jolene Callaghan, Dr. John Callaghan, Joe Begger, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Theresa Daves, Patrick Mitham, Kyle Cranner, Shirley Bedard and Barbara Rau.

Congratulations to our prayerful wishes to Jeffrey Gibson & Amanda Masse who were married at St. Peter’s this weekend.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. Boniface & St. Peter’s CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to Blessings. There will be a box in the narthex/entrance of the church to collect the items. Please have your donations present at the church by Monday, October 3. Thanks for your support in helping to ensure everyone has a “Happy Thanksgiving”.

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, September 21 following the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

St. Boniface CWL Reminder - Our Pot Luck Supper will be on Tuesday, September 20 at 6 pm in the Church Hall.

Fall Bazaar - We are looking for new donations for our upcoming Fall Bazaar held on Saturday, October 8th. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Pennings at 519-236-7790. Please have your donation to the church by Friday, October 21st.

Confirmation Parent’s Meeting

There will be several Parent’s Meetings on Wednesday, September 21st at St. Boniface Church following the 7:00 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. If you are unable to attend please contact Michael Wathan at 519-236-4402.

Knights of Columbus Feast Day

Monday, October 3rd

The 1st Annual Country Harvest Festival

This year our Annual Appeal, our largest single fundraiser in support of St. Peter’s Seminary, began on the 4th Sunday of Easter (April 17). This support will enable the mission of St. Peter’s, of educating and providing faith formation to those deacons-to-be, to proclaim Christ’s message of love, forgiveness, and hope to our world that in so much need of this message. The Appeal continues until the end of the year, and it is never too late to give. If you need a return form/envelope, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Frances Barnard at St. Peter’s Seminary Foundation directly at 519-432-1824 x325.

Holy Land Pilgrimage March 14-26, 2017

Come with the footprints of Jesus! Fr. Matt (George & Joan Bolt invite you to join in a journey of faith through the land of the Gospels. An information meeting will be held Sunday, August 28th at 7:00 pm, followed by a 10 - 10:30 pm meal & entertainment, also at the church. Please book this on your calendar and plan to attend!!

The Alzheimer’s Coffee Break

The Alzheimer’s Coffee Break will be held at the Blue Water Rest Home on Tuesday, September 20th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Two volunteers are needed to help out.

News Briefs from the September 2016 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting

Blue Water Rest Home was visited by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as part of the annual Resident Quality Inspection (RQI). This particular visit took the form of a “minor” inspection, since Blue Water is considered a low risk Home. The inspection went very well, with only small issues to be addressed – far fewer than last year. The Inspectors were supportive, objective and complimentary; they observed our protocols and policy. As well, our home is very happy and that the Home was in great shape. As part of our Wellness programs, we have been successful in hiring a new Footcare specialist. Judy Noble will start on Monday, September 12, at the West Huron Care Centre. For more information, or to make an appointment, please call 519-236-4731. If you email: A.groot@bluewaterresthome.com

Blue Water Rest Home is hosting an Alzheimer Society of Huron County “Coffee Break”. Please join us on September 20 at 2:30 pm to have a coffee or tea and once again support a great cause.
Every Sunday at both the Catholic Women’s Club of Bayfield and the Catholic Men’s Club of Bayfield. Pat Bedard Construction
Reno’s - Additions Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

- Parent Meeting for Confirmation Students - Wednesday, September 21 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of Animals - Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Parent Meeting for 1st Communion Students - Wednesday, October 5 following the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, October 7 at St. Boniface Church
- Rite of Enrolment for all Confirmation Students - October 8 & 9 at all Masses

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)
Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
11:00 am St. Peter

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.

Bayfield Garage
519-560-2558
Don McConnell, Owner
Bayfield - Front End - Suspension - Mufflers - Front Wheel Drive

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 (NIV, Catholic edition)

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 St. 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.

Contact Information
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Websites
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.
http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca

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