Dear Parishioners: welcome Fr. Peter! Thank you for covering the Sunday Masses so I can participate in COR 30 with our young people. (It really does take a whole village to raise a child!) Spring must be officially here, because my Mom is coming back from Florida this week – she is looking forward to our Palm Sunday Procession (I kid you not – she asked if we were having one!), so everyone please come early next week – and wear red to make it more festive! – as we can begin Holy Week on the right foot. The Raising of Lazarus is such a rich part of John’s gospel that I cannot know what Fr. Peter will preach on, but I would like to continue the thread of my remarks from the previous weeks, especially with regard to the relationship of Faith & Science, God’s freedom & ours: please check your email for a Catholic Update on the subject. (If you’re not on our list, please contact the Office.) Mark your calendar for extra prayer on April 8th, as our 1st Communion Candidates and their families spend the day on retreat: these young people need our support as they prepare to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Over the past few days, I have met with our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, our Lectors & Commentators, our Sacristans and (soon) Altar Servers. Please thank all these volunteers who enhance our celebrations whenever you get the chance! Today is Solidarity Sunday, so we bring our Development + Peace Share lent Campaign to a close. I thank all of you for your thoughtful (& fruitful!) fasting this Holy Season, & thank Kathy Regier for organizing the campaign, including the presentation of symbols at the Masses this weekend. D+P helps us live in a larger reality, bringing hope & health to so many around the world: please be generous! Have you contacted your M.P.P. about protecting the rights of conscientious objectors when it comes to Medical Assistance in Dying? (how I loathe even typing this Orwellian misnomer!)? Our province – alone among every jurisdiction that has adopted euthanasia – is going to compel everyone in the healthcare system to participate in the intentional taking of human life: please join our bishops’ prophetic stand against this great injustice (more information is available at the CCCB website http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/ and http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/). Thanks to our CWL & KofC Councils for hosting a viewing of The Euthanasia Deception movie this Tuesday at 7pm at St. Boniface Church: the more we can educate ourselves about this issue, the better. God calls Lazarus – and us – to life: may we rise from our little graves this week! Fr. Matt

Calling All Confirmandi

Gearing up for Holy Week - Thursday, April 6 from 6 - 8 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall. Potluck Dinner - Fun & Games. Bring your favourite foods to share with your friends.

St. Andre 100 Years Website
http://standre100.weebly.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2 - 9

MONDAY: April 3
(We pray for Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister)

TUESDAY: April 4
(We Pray for Rev. John Johnson)

St. Peter’s Church
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass followed by Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre and Sacrament of Reconciliation
+(Ann.) Jean-Paul Cantin
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Int. of Pam Langan & Family
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family

WEDNESDAY: April 5 - ALL DAY CONFESSIONS
(We Pray for Ms. Simone Seres, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 8:00 am***
Followed by All Day Confessions and Adoration
+Frances Ayotte - Sharon Rau & Family
+Lee Regier - Steve & Pat Meidinger
Int. of Jerry Durand - Jim Burke

THURSDAY: April 6
(We Pray for Rev. Eugene Roy)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Communion Service

FRIDAY: April 7 - First Friday
(We Pray for Rev. Jose Seminati)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
Int. of Brother Michael
- Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
Int. of Fr. Louis Mousseau
- Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
+Cornelis de Koning - Staff & Students of St. Boniface School

SATURDAY: April 8
(We Pray for Rev. Paul Rocheleau)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
Int. of Karl Regier - Clare & Mary Faye Regier
Int. of Tillie Rau - Doug & Julie Debus
In. of Tom Devereaux - Kathryn Regier

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: April 9
(We Pray for Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm Sungen Evening Prayer
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, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Ed Smith, Madeline Denommé, Ken Mittelholtz, Alex Malcolm, Bernie Denommé, Ted Soudant, Jerome Durand and Marie Cyr.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the families of Valerie (Cantin) Schutz, sister-in-law of Velma Cantin and Larry Langan, husband of Pam who died this past week. May they rest in peace.

St. Boniface CWL

Easter Food Collection - During this Lenten season the St. Boniface CWL is collecting food items for blessings. There will be a box in the Narthex for your donations. These items will be brought to Blessings on April 10 in time to be distributed for Easter.

Gift Bags for The Women’s Shelter - St. Boniface CWL is collecting gift bags for women and children to be donated to area shelters. Suggested items include for women - toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, make up pads, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, brush or comb, feminine hygiene products and for children - diapers, wipes, socks, shampoo, toothbrush, bar soap, hair brush or comb, individually packaged snacks (no nuts). There will be a box in the Narthex. The last day to donate will be April 23.

St. Peter’s CWL

CWL Meeting - Tuesday, April 11 at St. Peter’s Parish Hall at 7 pm. Please join us as we organize events for the coming year.

Spring Food Drive - Blessing Food Bank is in desperate need of apple juice, canned fruit and jam. A box will be at the back of the church for donations.

Parish Mission - Fr. Ben - Seaforth/Dublin

All are welcome to the parish cluster of St. James (Seaforth) and St. Patrick (Dublin) Sunday April 2 - Wednesday April 5. Each evening will begin at 7:30pm.

Sunday - Topic - THE MYSTERY OF FAITH - THE MASS will be held at St. James in Seaforth

Monday - FORGIVENESS - confessions are available with several priests - held at St. Patrick in Dublin

Tuesday - EUCHARIST - St. James in Seaforth

Wednesday- MARY, THE NEW TESTAMENT & THE HISTORY OF THE OF THE CHURCH - St. Patrick in Dublin - free will offering will be taken and reception to follow the mission talk Come listen to Fr. Ben Luedtke, an inspirational speaker who was ordained by Saint Pope John Paul and who spent several years working with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Ben is a much sought after speaker, spiritual director and confessor. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to hear this dynamic and motivational speaker. You can find more about Fr. Ben on youtube and godblessya.com Contact Lindsay Sills lindsay.sills@yahoo.ca 519-527-1841 or Christine Mills bcjkmills@gmail.com for more information

All Day Confessions

During Lent, we focus on God’s call to return to him with all our hearts, and in a special way have an opportunity to act on our hunger for personal change and spiritual renewal. Throughout the Diocese of London on Wednesday, April 5, every priest in every parish will be available throughout the day to celebrate the sacrament of penance. Preparation for, and celebration of, confession enables us to set aside our disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, and to be reconciled with our God, whose mercy is immeasurable. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Locally, our confession times on April 5 are: St. Boniface Church - Mass at 8:00 am followed by all day Adoration; Confessions - 8:30 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm; 6 - 9 pm. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers a schedule of confession times for other parishes, as well as much information about the sacrament of penance.

Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 13th annual Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards which recognize exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic – employees, parents volunteers, priests and parishioners. The award recipients will be recognized at our Catholic Education Week Mass to be held on Monday, May 1, 2017. Nominations forms are available in each school, parish, and posted on the Board’s website at www.huronperthcatholic.ca. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 13, 2017. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

Our Syrian Refugee Family Update

HAPPY 1ST ANNIVERSARY! It has been an incredible year for the El Muhammed family. The father, Rustem has been employed at McCann’s Redi-Mix for over a year. His pride and joy is his first car, which he cleaned everyday when he first received it. He is a really great father and friend. When Rustem was laid off, Felek started working part-time cleaning offices. She was so proud to contribute to the family. She is still working part-time after school. (If anyone can drive her to Hensall/Exeter occasionally please email Pauline 4taits@hay.net for details). She is still taking English lessons. She was so proud to get her beginner drivers license recently as well. She is a wonderful cook and is always making us dishes to enjoy with them or take home. The children took skating lessons this winter and really enjoyed it. Aras is hoping to play hockey next year! He is looking forward to soccer and baseball again this year. Lilas is registered for soccer at the school, loves to swim and is enjoying her organ as well. Both are ready for a game of Crokinole to anyone who stop by! They want to express their gratitude to everyone in giving them a new life in Canada. They are so happy to live in Zurich and want to stay in this community. They said, “their home is your home and we are always welcome for one of Felek’s special Syrian coffee.” From all of us in The Refugee Sponsorship Committee, Thank you so very much, What a gift to share with others. A special blessing to all of you who put your faith into action. (Matthew 25:35-36 “When I was hungry you gave me to eat...”
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **All Day Confessions with Adoration** - Wednesday, April 5 at St. Boniface Church - Mass at 8 am; Confessions 8:30 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm and 6 - 9 pm
- **Confirmandi students** - Gearing up for Holy Week - Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday School Mass** - Friday, April 7 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am
- **First Communion Retreat** - Saturday, April 8 at St. Boniface Church beginning with Mass at 9:00 am

**Holy Week Mass Times**

- **Holy Monday, April 10**
  - Chrism Mass - St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica, London - 7 pm
- **Holy Thursday, April 13**
  - St. Peter’s Church - 7 pm with Adoration till midnight
- **Good Friday, April 14**
  - St. Boniface Church - 11 am; St. Peter’s Church - 3 pm
- **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**
  - St. Boniface Church - 9 pm
- **Easter Sunday, April 16**
  - St. Boniface Church - 9 am; St. Peter’s - 11 am
Weekend Masses

Sat  5:00 pm  St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
      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 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.

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.