2nd Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2017

If Easter needs an exclamation point, Divine Mercy Sunday provides it. The death and resurrection of Jesus reveal the depths of God’s mercy toward us. For by his death, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and by rising, restored our life. In gratitude for all that we have received from God, let us go forth and treat one another with kindness and mercy.

Dear Parishioners: Happy Easter! What a blessing to live in the Resurrection now, with the light of Christ in our lives. Thanks to all who laboured so mightily to make our Holy Week & Triduum celebrations so memorable: our Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers/Greeters and especially our Confirmandi who were present throughout! I also extend those thanks to our families celebrating Baptism, First Communion & Marriage – by your presence you are helping us celebrate the mighty deeds the Lord has done, reminding us all of God’s goodness to all his creatures. With Easter being a movable feast, Land Sunday often gets thrown under the bus: instead, we’ll celebrate a Blessing of Seeds at Francis & Doreen Hartman’s Farm this coming Wednesday at noon. Please bring a representative amount (e.g., a bag, a skid) of seeds & together we’ll ask God’s blessing for all our crops. (We’ll arrange a blessing at a garden in St. Joseph (tba) for next Sunday for any unable to attend Wednesday’s gathering.) Easter Water is another sign of the Resurrection: please help yourself to some blessed water from the cisterns at the front of the church & make liberal use of it at home. Jared Ducharme of St. Boniface has been awarded the Huron-Perth Catholic District Schoolboard Trustees’ Leadership Award! Congratulations to Jared & his whole family: thank you for your service both here in the Parish & at St. Boniface School. I pray that all of us will be able in some fashion to celebrate the excellence that goes on every day in our Catholic Schools when Catholic Education Week rolls around May 1st. The Diocesan CWL Convention is this week, & I look forward to re-connecting with CWL’ers, to discussing resolutions & learning about Autism: please pray for the League & all they do within our parishes. With the recent massive arrest of local people involved in Human Trafficking, I am especially looking forward to our up-coming Adult Faith Development Series. Topics will include: Human Dignity & related issues; Life issues – from Stem Cell & Surrogacy to Euthanasia; Scripture; Catholic traditions & Sacramentals; Ecumenism; Faith & Politics. Keep this Thursday evening (& the following weeks) open! The Risen Lord is coming to our locked rooms, to our fears & misunderstandings: may the light of Easter dispel the darkness of our lives! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

Thank-you!
The family of Catherine LaBonty would like to express their thanks to everyone who attended Catherine’s funeral. It was nice to see the support of our Canadian family and friends.

The LaBonty Family

Adult Faith Development Series
Our Adult Faith Development Series will begin this Thursday, April 27th at 7 pm at St. Boniface. Please mark your calendars!

Bible Study Group at St. Peter’s
Our Bible Study Group at St. Peter’s will be starting up again on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Please contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321 or by email mkmungar@hay.net if you are interested.

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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, Madeline Denomme, Ken Mittelholtz, Alex Malcolm, Bernie Denomme, Ted Soudant, Jerome Durand and Marie Cyr.

Congratulations!!!
Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Eryk Burns and Jillianne Reinseth who were married at St. Peter’s this weekend.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24 - 30

MONDAY: April 24
(We pray for Rev. David Butler)

TUESDAY: April 25 - NO MASS
(We Pray for Rev. Zvonimir Kutlesa, O.F.M.)

WEDNESDAY: April 26
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew KucharSKI)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+Leo & Cecile Meidinger - Their Family
+Isidore LaPorte - Francis & Doreen Hartman
+Margaret Ducharme - Phil & Linda Regier

THURSDAY: April 27
(We pray for Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+(Ann.) Lloyd Denomme - Virgina Denomme
+Catherine LaBonty - Jean Geoffrey

FRIDAY: April 28
(We Pray for Rev. Bogdan Molenda, S.Chr.)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
+Theodorus Vink - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
+Jim Shea - Clarence & Joan Regier
+Joseph (Sonny) Siemon - Mary Lou Denomme

SATURDAY: April 29
(We Pray for Rev. Peter Keller)
St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: April 30
(We Pray for Rev. Benjamin Huyge)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
St. Boniface CWL

On April 30, 2017, before and after mass, the CWL will be in the Narthex collecting signatures on a petition addressed to the Parliament of Canada requesting that hospice palliative care be included as a defined medical service covered under the Canada Health Act. Please take a minute to sign the petition as we work together in promoting the dignity and sanctity of all human life.

On Thursday, May 4, 2017 St. Boniface CWL invites all parishioners to join in a nationwide day of prayer for palliative care “12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care”. The day will begin at the church at 8:00 am with a 30 minute prayer service which will include the rosary and a time for quiet prayer. Parishioners will be asked to sign up for an hour of prayer anytime during the day. The prayers can be said at home or at church. There will be a sheet in the Narthex where you will be able to sign letting us know you will be offering one hour in prayer anytime that day for palliative care or email layotte@ezlink.ca to get your name added to the list. We are hoping for at least 12 people on the list but would love to have 100. “Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer.” Pope Francis

In recognition of National Hospice Palliative Care Week which is from May 7 to May 13, we will be showing the dvd “The Euthanasia Deception”. The dvd will be shown on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the church hall. The one hour documentary helps to point out three main deceptions about euthanasia. Please join us for the viewing. There will be a time for refreshments and discussion after the film.

St. Peter’s CWL

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.

Beauty and The Beast Musical

Festival of Praise
Desire an encounter with Christ? Is music a passion of yours and a way you enter into prayer? Then come on Friday, May 19 for a time of adoration and inspiration with Fr. Graham Keep, as well as upbeat praise and worship music by Josh Rosedale. Join us at St. Michael High School in Stratford from 7-10pm. There will be games, snacks and fun. If you have any questions text or call Ginnie Charlesworth at 519-801-2010 or visit www.stratfordfop.com

Laudato Si Workshop Series
In 2015, Pope Francis published his groundbreaking Encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si. In April and May, the Diocese of London is co-sponsoring four presentations by Sr. Sue Wilson, C.S.J. Each presentation is from 7-8 pm. The event dates and venues are as follows:
April 25: King’s University College, London
April 26: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor
May 2: St. Patrick’s Secondary School, Sarnia
May 3: St. Michael’s Secondary School, Stratford

Ultireya
The Goderich Ultireya will be on Sunday, April 23 at 7:30 pm at the Knight’s of Columbus Centre at 390 Parsons Court. For further information contact Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

Calling all Women!
Heart of Mary invites you to this month’s gathering where we will explore the power of God and our significance in unleashing the Gospel. Father John Riccardo shares his thoughts on EWTN’s program “The Choices We Face” and challenges us to go deeper in Faith. The evening is held Monday April 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm at one of the four locations: Dublin/Seaforth (contact Lindsay) at lindsayills@yahoo.ca, Kinkora/Mitchell (contact Sharon Walsh at kinkorite@hotmail.com), Stratford (contact Michelle Saks at blessedsacrament-msage@rogers.com). Please RSVP to the location of your choice and bring a friend!

Theology on Tap
Everyone is invited to the Huron-Perth Catholic Theology on Tap on April 25 at Westover Inn, St. Mary’s at 7:00 pm. Fr. Nate Wills from The University of Notre Dame will be the guest speaker.

Fr. Francis Thekkumkattil’s Indian Dinner
Friday April 28, 2017 Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are $30 each or 2 for $50 and are available from St. Philip’s Parish office at 519-882-2057 ext. 20. All proceeds go to Fr. Francis’ Student Education Fund.

News Briefs from the April 2017 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...
Director of Care - Cathy Dack has tendered her resignation as Director of Care at Blue Water Rest Home effective May 12, 2017. It’s exciting that Cathy is transitioning to semi-retirement and will continue nursing in a clinical capacity but we will miss the dedication that she has provided to the nursing department for the past 15 years. As a result, we are pleased to announce that Janet Willert is joining our team as Director of Care effective June 5, 2017. Janet started her career as a Health Care Aide at Blue Water Rest Home and worked here as a Registered Nurse prior to gaining some community experience at the Bluewater Area Family Health Team and St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Janet brings many local connections and resides in Zurich.

Pharmacy Changeover – Our Pharmaceutical transition to Hogan Pharmacy Partners has gone very smoothly and successfully. Following the established plan set out by Hogan, all aspects of the transition were delivered as described. The support of a Registered Pharmacy Technician onsite 3-4 days per week and onboard training for our Registered Staff allowed for the implementation to occur seamlessly.

Nurse Practitioner – Effective February 2, 2017, Blue Water Rest Home and Exeter Villa are the recipients of Ministry of Health funding for a shared Attending Nurse Practitioner. This initiative brings onsite primary care for residents and works as part of our team to strengthen care received in long-term care. We are pleased to announce that Linda Anderson has joined our team and is support by our Medical Director, Dr. O’Connor.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **St. Andre Celebration** - Celebrating married couples and families - Sunday, April 23 at St. Peter’s at the 11 am Mass
- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, April 25 at St. Boniface at 7:00 pm
- **Adult Faith Development** - Thursday, April 27 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **Catholic Education Week** - May 1 - 5
- **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** - Thursday, May 4 beginning at 8:00 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Adult Faith Development** - Thursday, May 4 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, May 5 at St. Boniface Church
- **Adult Faith Development** - Thursday, May 4 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** - Sunday, May 7

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

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Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
**Weekend Masses**

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**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.

**Website**

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.

www.bluewater.dionet.ca

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

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|               | bluewater@dol.ca |

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

| St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School: | 353 Ontario St., Box 490  
|                                      | Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo  
|                                      | 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 - 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.