Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017

The cross of shame in Jesus’ time has become for us the sign of victory over sin and death. Through his perfect sacrifice of love on the cross, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and defeated the power of sin and evil. By so doing, Jesus transformed the cross from an instrument of death into the tree of life and source of our salvation.

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Dear Parishioners: what a blessing to see Palm Sunday & enter into another Holy Week! With the escalation of the war in Syria, our world needs the blessings of peace & life Jesus offers in his death & resurrection more than ever. (Please study & reflect on the Catholic Update article “Jesus the Jew” to both clarify our thinking about our sad history of anti-Semitism & renew our commitment to peace in the world.) Let us experience the beauty & truth of these holy days in the depths of our beings: please be present to the best of your ability! I ask your prayers in a special way for all the priests making retreat (& celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation) this Monday: if you are able to join in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral or not, please offer up some part of your day for the priests of our diocesan Church & the ministry they do among us. I am excited to have met with some of our Confirmandi this week, & look forward to their presence & participation in the rituals of Holy Week: Good Friday might have a little different feel to it, with the Holy Land Collection (please see the enclosed information) and a simple Solidarity Lunch (soup & a bun) to follow the 11am Service. Let’s have a party at the Vigil! Our Easter Fire will be substantially larger this year, & all are invited to remain after the Vigil (into the wee hours!) for songs, prayer, food & fun. There can be no better reason to celebrate than the triumph of our Lord over sin & death: if you are looking to kick off the bonfire season of the year, it takes a hearty soul to party like a Christian! The season of Easter is our best time of blessings: we pray for our 1st Communion Candidates & Families in their preparations, those approaching the Sacrament of Ordination (Deacon Glen Ball to the Priesthood on May 11th; Robert Weaver (June 6th) & Paul Kim (June 12th) to the transitional Diaconate), and pray for all those discerning vocations (Martha-Mary Retreat at the Diocesan Shrine, Merlin for women 16+ om May 27th; email vocations@dol.ca ). I look forward to our Diocesan CWL Convention (April 23-25), gathering with people from across the Diocese & re-invigorating all our local initiatives! Pray that all the goodness of these holy days doesn’t (or maybe that it should) overwhelm us! God bless you.

Fr. Matt

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Office Closed

The office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14. Please make sure to have all bulletin news to the office by no later then Wednesday, April 12 at noon.

St. Andre 100 Years April Celebration

On Sunday, April 23 at the 11 am Mass at St. Peter's we will be celebrating married couples and families. Special anniversary couples - in multiples of 5 - please register with Phil LaPorte by email at laportep@hay.net.

St. Andre 100 Years Website

http://standre100.weebly.com
**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 Mittelholz, Alex Malcolm, Bernie Denomme, Ted Soudant, Jerome Durand and Marie Cyr.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Ed Smith, husband of Dorothy and Catherine Labonty, wife of Joe who died this past week. May they rest in peace.

**Mass of Chrism**

Everyone is invited to the Mass of Chrism to be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. Your presence at this celebration is an important sign to be strengthened in your ministry of service to the People of God by gathering together with our bishops at the Tables of the Word and Eucharist.

**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.

**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.

**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

**St. Joseph’s Listowel Men’s Conference**

St. Joseph’s parish, Listowel will be hosting a Men’s Conference and is inviting all of the men of our family of parishes (age 16 & up) to attend. NOTE: *This is a free event.* Please plan to join us: *Saturday, April 22, 2017* from 10am – 2pm for Mass, confessions, steak dinner and a fabulous guest speaker. Contact either Father Morrison at 519-291-4400 ext. 4 or Mike Cronin at: 519-530-9158 or mcronin@cyg.net for more information and to RSVP. St. Joseph’s is located at 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel, ON.

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**Finances as of March 31, 2017**

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Events at a glance....

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-9 am; St. Peter’s-11 am

• Teaching Mass for 1st Communion Candidates & Families - Wednesday, April 19 at St. Boniface at 7 pm
• K of C Meeting - Wednesday, April 19 at St. Boniface Church at 8 pm
• Saturday Night Mass moves back to St. Peter’s - Saturday, April 22
• 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
• Finance Meeting - Wednesday, April 26 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
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

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 Office & School Contact Information
Parish Office:
22 Mary St., Box 81
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4191
bluewater@dol.ca

St. Boniface School:
24 Mary St., Box 128
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 - 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.