3rd Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2017
To appreciate who Jesus is in God’s plan of salvation, we must look to the Hebrew Scriptures - the written word of God fulfilled by Jesus, the Word of God become flesh. With gratitude and the deepest of appreciation that we have been redeemed by Jesus, the spotless unblemished lamb, let us strive to build up the kingdom of God on earth each day by living as faithful disciples of Jesus.

Dear Parishioners: isn’t it great to see our bloomin’ trees do their thing? Every sign of Spring is such a welcome friend these days. Thank you to Doreen & Francis Hartman for hosting a Blessing of Seeds at their farm this past Wednesday (I thought the free Liver Lunch would be a big draw for people, but it turned out I was wrong); God bless everyone who works the land to feed people! We’ve begun our Adult Faith Development series: I thank Our Lady of Good Counsel for helping pick the name, “Whole Village Catechesis” (i.e., it takes a whole village to hand on our faith – we must draw upon the gifts of all the Baptized – and it helps to remember that most of us are The Village People, even long after the death of disco!) Check your email for this week’s resources, or (for those who insist T.V. & the Internet are only passing fads) pick up a hard copy of the KofC booklet & Catholic Update article at the door of the church. The recent CWL Convention in Stratford was a great success – thanks to our own Loretta Ayotte for providing the AV services! It’s great to see Huron-Perth host the whole diocesan Church. Please read the update on the Call to Conscience Campaign from Neil McCarthy of the Toronto Archdiocese, available on our diocesan website (www.dol.ca): thank you to the 30,000+ who contacted their M.P.P.! While you’re there, please check out Bishop Fabbro’s video message about Catholic Education Week. I neglected to make a point about the Organ Donation in the Easter Sunday bulletin: how is it that Ontario is last in the entire nation when it comes to this crucial gift of life? Here’s a helpful brochure from the Cdn. Catholic Bioethics Institute http://www.ccbiutoronto.ca/documents/ODB.pdf to help get us thinking about the issue. The Knights of Columbus Travelling Marian Icon has arrived in our region, so please stay tuned for prayer opportunities in our parishes & schools. Tis the season for vocations – please be praying for those approaching diaconal & priestly Ordination, and all those discerning their vocation in Christ! Unfortunately, the annual Seminary Appeal has been moved back two weeks from Good Shepard Sunday, so we will lose the close connection with the Sunday Scriptures: please don’t let that lessen your generosity when it comes to supporting our seminarians! If it is the post-Easter challenge of every Christian to recognize Christ in the Breaking of the Bread, then let us do all we can to live the priesthood of all the Baptized. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

12 Hour Adoration
There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, May 5 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Finance Meeting
Our next Finance Meeting will be Wednesday, May 3 following the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church.

Adult Faith Development Series
Our Adult Faith Development Series will continue this Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm at St. Boniface. Please come out and join us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1 - 7

**MONDAY: May 1**
(We pray for Rev. Zbigniew Rodzinka, C.S.M.A.)

**TUESDAY: May 2**
(We Pray for Rev. Thomas Janisse)

St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph’s & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+(2nd Ann.) Jack Pearson - His wife Patricia
+Catherine LaBonty - Greg & Jan Denomme

**WEDNESDAY: May 3**
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew Bedard)

Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
Int. of Jerome & Durand - Marie Cyr & Family

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+Joseph (Sonny) Siemon - Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Fr. Paul Mooney - St. Boniface K of C
Int. of Jerry Durand - St. Boniface K of C

**THURSDAY: May 4**
(We pray for Rev. Daniel Bombardier)

St. Boniface Church - 8:00 am
“Prayer service for Palliative Care which will include the rosary and a time for quiet prayer”

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Ted Geoffrey - Jean Geoffrey
+Ray Denomme - Virginia Denomme

**FRIDAY: May 5 - First Friday**
(We Pray for Rev. Richard Bester)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
“12 Hour Adoration from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm”
Int. of Brother Michael - Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
Int. of Fr. Louis Mousseau-Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
+Cornelius deKoning - Staff & Students of St. Boniface School

**SATURDAY: May 6**
(We Pray for Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+Theodorus Vink - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
+Jim Shea - Clarence & Joan Regier
+Louis Debus - Steve & Pat Meidinger

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: May 7**
(We Pray for Rev. Gary Ducharme)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
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.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of John O’Donnell, husband of Anne who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Charlie Rose Masse, daughter of Stephen & Lauren, Remington Alexis Mason, daughter of Tyler & Tanya, Layla June Smale, daughter of Jeff & Ashley and Edward John Paul Pole, son of Brian & Jennifer who were baptized last weekend in our parishes.

St. Boniface CWL

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.

Festival of Praise

All of the youth grades 7 on up are invited to the FESTIVAL OF PRAISE night coming up on Friday, May 19 at Stratford high school beginning at 7pm. Come enjoy praise and worship music, a time for prayer, for socializing, games and refreshments. Come out to this event being organized to provide an opportunity for our youth to celebrate their faith with other kids across our school board. If you are a youth, come and have fun! If you are an adult, offer to provide a ride for your youth to come and have fun! Some of the youth from our parishes will speak at all the Masses next weekend for more information! If you have any questions text or call Ginny Charlesworth at 519-801-2010 or visit www.stratfordfop.com

Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the following exemplary models of Catholic service will be awarded with the Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award for 2017.

Karen Doyle - St. James, Seaforth & St. Columban
Joyce Essery - St. Joseph’s, Clinton & St. Peter’s Parish, Goderich
Dave Garrick - St. James, Seaforth & St. Mary’s, Listowel
Lorraine McIlhargy - Sacred Heart, Wingham

The Board looks forward to recognizing the award recipients at its Catholic Education Week Mass on Monday, May 1, 2017 at St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin at 5:00 p.m. We are honoured to have Fr. Philip Joseph from Holy Name Parish in St. Marys to celebrate the Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out. Everyone is cordially invited and we look forward to welcoming you.

Ordination Day Breakfast

On Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 - 10 am we are inviting parish priests along with any interested young men, ages 14 and up, to join us for a pre-ordination breakfast and vocation talk. During the Ordination Day Breakfast, these young men and their parish priests gather for breakfast with Bishop Fabbro, Bishop Dabrowski and the seminarians. There will be a brief presentation by the Vocations Director, and the Bishop will explain the Rite of Ordination that he will celebrate, helping those invited understand what an ordination is. An ordination is a truly beautiful liturgy, one of the richest and most profound experiences we might witness. We will gather for the breakfast at St. Michael’s Parish, 511 Cheapside St., London at 8:30am. The breakfast is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca by Monday, May 9 to reserve your spot. Reserved seating for these young discerners will be available at the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass, following the breakfast.

Martha-Mary Gathering

Saturday, May 27, from 11am-3pm at the Rosary Shrine, Merlin, Ontario. (for women in discernment 16yrs. and up). Combining prayer and hospitality like the two close friends of Jesus, to give young women an opportunity to meet Sisters in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It is a time to learn more about Sisters from different Religious Communities and their lives, or just to get to know them as friends. Over 10 different religious orders, congregations and societies will be present! RSVP to vocations@dol.ca by May 24.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Catholic Education Week - May 1 - 5
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, May 3 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- 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
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Sunday, May 7
- Adult Faith Development - Thursday, May 11 at St. Boniface church at 7 pm
- Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 14
- St. Andre Celebration - First responders, medical field workers, etc - Sunday, May 14 at St. Peter’s at the 11 am Mass

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

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)
      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

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.

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

St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

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)

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.

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