20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2017
The Lord welcomes to the kingdom all who believe in him and follow him. His mercy and love is extended to all. Let us strive not to focus on each other’s differences, but to view others through the eyes of Jesus, and seek to celebrate that we are all children of God by reaching out to one another with love and kindness.

Dear Parishioners: pray & work for peace in our world! With the recent acts of terrorism in the U.S. and Spain, each one of us has a renewed responsibility to be the best citizen, neighbour and the most Christ-like servant of the world we can possibly be. I remember reading an interview with an anarchist who oddly welcomed otherwise negative developments (like economic inequality, poverty, etc.) in society because he insisted that every single person must now decide whether they will either work to build a better reality for all people or intentionally choose the violence & injustice of the status quo. That being said, I am so pleased to learn that Development + Peace is sponsoring a “Wisdom for the Future” Conference September 16th in Woodstock, bringing together many different wisdom traditions: women’s, Indigenous Peoples’ and our own Judeo-Christian experience. Clearly, to live in the Information Age, information is not enough: we need wisdom – and every other Gift of the Holy Spirit as well. (They will be holding a “blanket exercise”, which many people have raved about: I will be sorry to miss the event – I’ll be out east, visiting family – but I’m hoping some parishioners will attend, and report back to our parishes what they’ve learned.) Our Book Club on The Shack has had some wonderfully animated discussions already – and we’re not half way through the book! In the same spirit of simply gathering & being inspired by personal sharing, I would like to invite any & all parishioners interested in forming a Vocation Awareness & Support group to meet on September 23rd (after the daily Mass) & start some little initiatives throughout the year ahead. I’m sending around the latest Catholic Update on Catholic education via our email list: while the American experience of parochial schools is vastly different from our Separate System here in Ontario, there’s much we can learn about forming faith leaders in our schools, recognizing & giving shape to – changes taking place in society and enhancing our Catholic identity (and there’s a precious picture of a student hoping her teacher likes her Valentine card, to boot!). With the school year around the corner, I hope we are praying for and acting upon our call to educate & form our young people in the image of Christ the Teacher. Let’s pray God will smile upon Beanfest, with good weather and an enjoyable coming-together of our wider community. God bless us all in these salad days of summer! Fr. Matt

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, Ted Soudant, Marie Cyr and Michael Frijters.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family Hailey Amelia Seguin, daughter of Daniel & Melissa and Theodore Soudant, son of Justin and Sarah who were baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.
St. Boniface CWL
Beanfest Baking Booth - St. Boniface CWL are looking for donations of baking (cookies, muffins, loaves, pies, cakes, etc.). Pie plates, boxes and Styrofoam trays are available at the back of the church. Baking can be dropped off the morning of Beanfest at the St. Boniface CWL Booth.

Priest Pension Fund Collection
Earlier this summer, our parish took up a collection in support of our retired priests. We thank all who were able to make a donation. If you would still like to make a contribution, you can do so through our parish or online at www.dol.ca. Please keep our retired priests in your prayers.

Dioecesan Pilgrimage to the Martyrs’ Shrine
Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite parishes and parishioners to join them on pilgrimage to The Martyrs’ Shrine on Tuesday, August 22. A number of priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated beginning at 1 pm. Bishop Fabbro will offer the Eucharist at 2 pm. Veneration of the relics and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow at 3 pm. Please note: parishes are encouraged to organize a bus or car pool for the pilgrimage.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., invites all married couples to attend this year’s Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 10 at 3 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica in London. This special annual mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please use a sign-up form available at the back of the church. Please return your registration forms to the parish office no later than August 24, 2017.

Student Registration
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Boards invites parents to contact our schools to register their children for Catholic education during the week of Monday, August 28 to Friday, September 1, 2017 or on the first day of school - Tuesday, September 5, 2017, if students have not already done so.

Elementary - St. Boniface School, Zurich (519-236-4335)
Secondary - St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School, Clinton (519-482-5454)

For more information, please visit us at www.huronperthcatholic.ca

Ultreya
The Goderich September ultreya will be Friday, September 8 at the Knights of Columbus Centre at 390 Parson’s Court. It’s a potluck. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Supper at 6:00 pm. Ultreya to follow. Bring friends, food and smiles. Call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

Come and See Vocation Discernment Day
The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite young men ages 16 - 30 to join them in prayer, and discernment on a vocation to religious and priestly life. They will be looking on the life of Fr. Solanus Casey who will be beatified in Detroit on November 18 as a model for future religious life as Capuchins Brothers and Priests. Two days: September 23, 9 am - 4 pm at St. Francis Friary, 9169 West Ridge Line, Blenheim; or October 7, 9 am - 4 pm at St. Crispin Friary, 127 Friars Way, London. If you plan to attend contact Fr. Louis Mousseau ofm. Cap. 226-881-0065 or friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca.

4 Stages of Marriage
The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusion, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille for confidential information about, or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 25th-27th, 2017 at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre, London, ON. Please call 519-243-0687 or email: retrouveileondonstthom- as@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Please Remember to Save Your…..
Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs (Hensall) or Doug Debus (Zurich). Please do not drop off cans at Mike Miller’s (Lakewood Garden Centre) as it is no longer a drop off location.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876. There are child size shawls also available.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups
God of all people, draw us into your way of loving. Help us to stop drawing lines in the sand and in our hearts. Expand our hearts to make room for all your people. Give us the virtues of curiosity, understanding, and selflessness. Teach us to long for the unity you desire. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Zurich Bean Festival - August 26/27 weekend
- Bean Festival Ecumenical Service - Sunday, August 27 at 1 pm at the Main Stage
- First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, September 1 at St. Boniface Church
- New Pastoral Year 2017-2018 Celebration - Appreciating all Parishioners - Sunday, September 3 after the 9 am Mass
- St. Brother Andre Jubilee 2017 - Doorkeeper Sunday - Thanks to Summertime Parishioners & all Parish Volunteers - Sunday, September 3 after the 11 am Mass

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

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
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.

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 Office & School Contact Information

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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

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

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

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.