The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2016

The humble event of the birth of an infant outside the city of Bethlehem goes almost totally unnoticed. This newborn child would go on, however, to change the course of history by shedding the light of the Father’s endless love on all of creation.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2017

Today the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” (ccc495). So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our spiritual mother.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1**

**MONDAY: December 26**  
(We pray for Rev. Seejo John)

**TUESDAY: December 27 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. Lawrence Mousseau)

**WEDNESDAY: December 28 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston)

**THURSDAY: December 29**  
(We Pray for Rev. Raju Allumpurath, M.S.T.)

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
  “Communion Service”

**FRIDAY: December 30 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. James Roche)

**SATURDAY: December 31 - New Year’s Eve**  
(We Pray for Institute of Secular Missionaries)

- St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
- St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: January 1 - New Year’s Day**  
(We Pray for Sisters of Service)

- St. Peter’s Church — 9:00 am
- Bluewater Resthome - 11:00 am

**HAPPY New Year 2017**

**Merry Christmas!!!**

May the peace & joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the New Year.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 - 8**

**MONDAY: January 2**  
(We pray for Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzner)

**TUESDAY: January 3 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski)

**WEDNESDAY: January 4 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. Frank Leslie)

**THURSDAY: January 5**  
(We Pray for Deacon Gaston Mabaya)

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
  “Communion Service”

**FRIDAY: January 6**  
(We Pray for Deacon Gary Flewelling)

- St. Boniface Church
  12 Hour Adoration from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**SATURDAY: January 7**  
(We Pray for Rev. Lawrence Pare)

- St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
- St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: January 8**  
(We Pray for Rev. Michael O’Brien)

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

**Christmas Office Hours**

The office will be closed for Christmas holidays (December 26 - January 3). The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 4 at 8:30 am.

**Mass Notations**

Please note there will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES celebrated from Monday, December 26 - Saturday, January 7. Fr. Matt will be away on a much deserved holiday.

**First Friday 12 Hour Adoration**

Please note there will be NO MASS celebrated on the First Friday, January 6 but there will be 12 Hour Adoration from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.
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, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard, Barbara Rau, Ed Smith and Madeline Denomme.

Thank-you!!

A big thank-you goes out to all the parishioners who helped decorate our church so beautifully for Christmas. So many hands make light work. Thank-you for sharing your time and talents during this busy season.  Doug & Julie

CMOB

The CMOB meetings will be starting back up on January 3, 2017. The new program is entitled, “STAND UP”. This will be an 8 week series starting on January 3 to run for 4 weeks and restart on February 21st for the following 4 weeks. The series consists of the following episodes’ “Stand Up for the Faith”; “Stand Up for the Church”; “Stand Up for Life”; “Stand Up for Marriage”; “Stand Up for the Family”; “Stand Up for Religious Freedom”; “Stand Up in the Public Square” and “Stand Up for the Poor”. The meetings will be held in St. Peter’s Sacristy starting at 7:00 pm.

News Briefs from the December 2016 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

On November 22, 2016, the Board of Directors and Leadership Team participated in their annual Planning Retreat. In the morning, topics for discussion ranged from Board Governance issues and job descriptions for Board members and committees, to studying the fiduciary requirements, to redefining the relationship between the Board and the organization. In the afternoon, the focus was on creating a new 2017 work plan for Blue Water Rest Home. The four overall primary objectives for the year to come are focusing on A) Enhancing the “Resident Experience”, B) Volunteers and Public Relations, C) Human Resources Progress and Retention, and D) Service and Program integrations in the Huron Perth sub-region. There are also four specific projects to be completed.

Blue Water Rest Home requires a Director-At-Large to come forward from the community and serve on the Board. The successful candidate will be presented at the 52nd Annual General Meeting on March 1, 2017. The terms for Board Directors are three years in duration, with an option to serve three terms (nine years in total). Individuals with prior governance experience and an appropriate background (for example: finance, law, health care, quality management, labour relations, advocacy, government) are encouraged to apply. Any interested people should contact the Board’s Nominations and Governance Committee:

c/o Angie Dunn, CEO, Bluewater Rest Home
37792 Zurich-Hensall Road, Zurich, ON NoM 2To
519-236-4373; a.dunn@bluewaterresthome.com

Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers
Thank-you to everyone who made donations towards Christmas Flowers in memory of the following:

Louis & Marilee Ayotte – Loretta Ayotte
Jean Paul Cantin & John Cantin – Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
Deceased Members of the Denomme & Meidinger Families – Steve & Pat Meidinger
Matthew & Cody Ducharme & Connie Risi – Joe & Martha Risi
Dave Durand – Marilyn Durand
Deceased Members of the Graham & Beaune Families – John & Lynette Graham
Alphonse Grenier – Beatrice Grenier
Stephen Zachary Jardine - Michael & Nancy Jardine
Alphonse & Yvonne Jeffrey, Gary Jeffrey & Milton & Lennita Oesch - Don & Charlene Oesch
Deceased Members of the LaPorte Family – Phil & Patty LaPorte
Deceased Members of the Masse & Regier Families – Lucille Masse
Pat Mittelholtz – Ken & Sylvia Mittelholtz & Family
George & Marg McGuire & John & Katherine Suplat – George & Marg Suplat
Deceased Members of the Smith & Bedard Families – Gord & Cecilia Smith
Deceased Members of the Soudant and Oesch Families – Ted & Janet Soudant & Family
Christopher Van Praet – Lynn Ferwerda
Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey - The Family

Donations for 2016

Please have all donations for 2016 into the church office no later then Friday, December 30 at noon to ensure that your donations are included on your 2016 income tax receipt. Any donations received after noon on December 30 can only be included on your 2017 income tax receipt.

Offertory Envelopes for 2017

Your 2017 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2017 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

The Word Among Us and Living Faith Booklets

The Word Among Us Booklets for January and Living Faith Booklets for January, February and March are available in the entrances of the Churches. Cost: $2/each.
Bayfield Garage
519-565-2538
Don McIlwain, Owner
Hwy 21, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
Brakes - Front End - Suspension - Mufflers – Front Wheel Drive

Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- New Year’s Masses - Saturday, December 31 at St. Boniface @ 5 pm; Sunday, January 1 at St. Peter’s @ 9 am & BWRH @ 11 am
- CMOB - Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, January 6 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Devotions & Social - Sunday, January 8 at St. Peter’s to celebrate St. Andre’s death (January 6, 1937)
- CMOB - Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Study - January 16 - 22

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Weekend Masses

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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.

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

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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.