Dear Parishioners: well, we sure have improved on winter, haven’t we? (While I was out west, I was astonished to learn that winter ends around Valentine’s Day for Vancouver!) I don’t recall February warming trends from my childhood, but here we are. We celebrate World Marriage Day this weekend & pray God’s blessings upon all who live this sacrament of love & communion. I thank Frs. Len & Tony for helping us celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick today (Saturday) – it’s been too long since I’ve been anointed! Our communities have recently both been touched by death, with the passing of Carol Hitchens from St. Peter’s & Gerald Smith of St. Boniface: may God rest their souls, & may their families be consoled during this difficult time. God bless our Catholic School Board for continuing with their Theology on Tap series: on Sunday the 19th, they will be hosting Fr. Michael Beechard at The Annex Room in Stratford. With being the chaplain of King’s College & Western, and all his many diocesan involvements (Liturgy, Ecumenism & Inter-faith, etc.), I think Fr. Michael sees a lot more issues across his desk than the average parish priest. I look forward to enjoying that evening myself, & invite anyone here to come along. We’ve just met with the Confirmation Group Leaders to go over the Confrimandi’s evaluations & plan some events to keep in touch with our fully-initiated young people: I don’t want to speak out of turn, but those who remember James Bond’s trip to Carnival in Rio (not the recent, good James Bond movie, set in Mexico City’s Day of the Dead; the old, bad James Bond in Moonraker) can look forward to seeing some really big heads! Stay tuned. Our Lenten Adult Faith Development series is taking shape – do you have any particular topics you would like to see covered? I think we have to touch base with the classics (e.g., Scripture, Mary & the Saints, Morality/Life Issues, Church History, etc.), but I am very open to considering topics outside the usual list. Please leave a note in the Sacristy or Office if something comes to mind. With Canada’s 150th this year, we are also celebrating Stratford’s St. Joseph’s Parish 150th; as a result, Fr. David Butler has asked me to take the COR Weekend for him: pray for our team & the young people who will make the retreat, that God will renew all of us in his grace. Mark your calendars for our Lenten Mission March 5-8: we will be exploring various styles of prayer people could consider, introduce or use to refresh their prayer-life! The Lord has come, “not to abolish but to fulfill”: may the same Spirit fill our lives this week! God bless.
Fr. Matt

Please mark your calendars!
Everyone is invited!

Come and pray with us on Sunday, February 19 at the 11am mass at St. Peter’s church. We will have a special mass celebrating the anniversary of St. André’s perpetual vows to the Holy Cross Brothers as well as the many vocations that have come from our parishes. We have invited many priests and seminarians to be a part of this special mass as well as many of our youth. Come out and celebrate the Saint who visited our parishes as well as meet some of our own seminarians on their journey to priesthood. Everyone is invited for lunch at the hall after to have a chance to meet and visit with our guests in person. You won’t want to miss this special mass!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13 - 19**

**MONDAY: February 13**
(We pray for Deacon Glen Ball)

**TUESDAY: February 14**
(We Pray for Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister)

St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. André”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+John VanderBurgt - Barbara Coker
+Barbara Regier - Barbara Coker

**WEDNESDAY: February 15**
(We Pray for Rev. Philip Joseph)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+Don Regier - Tillie Rau
+Jim Bedard - Alex & Helene Malcolm
+Darl Rau - Steve & Pat Meidinger

**THURSDAY: February 16**
(We Pray for Rev. Clare Coleman)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
A Special Intention of a Parishioner - Virginia Denomme
Int. of Alice Marchand - St. Boniface CWL

**FRIDAY: February 17**
(We Pray for Rev. Adrian Barbeiro, C.S.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Ron & Diane Ducharme - Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Clare Regier - Ray & Janice Hartman
+Agnes Feryn - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**SATURDAY: February 18**
(We Pray for Deacon Jose Viveiros)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
“Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am”
+Dave Durand - Warren & Helen Regier
+Alphonse Jeffrey - Marjorie Meidinger
+Ray Denomme - George & Marg Suplat

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: February 19**
(We Pray for Rev. Ross Barley)

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, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard, Barbara Rau, Ed Smith, Madeline Denomme, and Ken Mittelholtz.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the families of Gerald Smith and Carol Hitchen who died this past week. May they rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, February 15 at 8 pm at St. Boniface Church

St. Andre 100 Years Website

100 years since St. Andre visited the area. Keep up to date on all the celebrations by going to the St. Andre 100 years website at http://standre100.weebly.com.

Event Co-Ordinators Wanted!

Please consider joining us to help with the planning of the Saint Andre 100 Celebrations. The Family Reunion Barbecue scheduled for August 6th, needs you and a small group of your friends or relatives to co-ordinate this event. Your group will be responsible for everything from ordering and preparing the food, to setting up the tables and chairs, to renting porta-potties for the day. This committee could start now and have ample time to prepare and make Family Reunion Sunday, the highlight of the year. Please contact Phil LaPorte at laportep@hay.net or phone 519-236-4876 to find out more.

COR Youth Retreat

(Youth in grade 11 & 12 and up to age 21)

Another exciting COR weekend will unfold during the weekend of March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017. COR 30 will take place in the quaint town of Dublin, ON. It is a weekend where teens discover more about themselves and respecting others, experience a reconnection with God, meet new friends, and just have a whole lot of fun through games and music. Pick up an application form at your parish, at St. Mike’s or St Anne’s High Schools, or by contacting Chris & Angela DeGroot at cadegroot@cyg.net or 519-949-4066. Please submit applications by March 24th for this amazing weekend for youth!

Ultreya

This month’s ultreya in Goderich is on Sunday, February 26 at the Knight’s of Columbus hall at 390 Parsons’ Court at 7:30 pm. For further information call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

2016 Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for donations made during the 2016 year are now ready for pick up at the back of the church.

World Marriage Day: Sunday, February 12

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day! Let’s take time to pray for married couples, those discerning marriage, and for our spouses. Consider doing something special for a married couple this weekend to thank them for their vocation. For spouses, do something special for each other this weekend to show your gratitude for your spouse and their YES to marriage! Your goal in this Vocation of Marriage should be to get your spouse to heaven. Take time to ponder in your heart how you can do that, beginning today.

2107 Pure Life Summit

You are invited to the 2017 PURE LIFE SUMMIT - FEBRUARY 18th - "RENEWED". International speaker MATT FRADD. Open to all HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY, YOUNG ADULTS AND PARENTS! Saturday Feb 18, 2017, 8:30am - 10pm @ St. André Bessette High School, 2727 Tokala Trail, London, ON. $50 per person (includes lunch and dinner). Register online at www.ffipurelife.com or contact Connie at evanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info. Like us on Facebook at Pure Life Retreat. Personal Testimonies ~ Music ~ Prayer ~ Reflection ~ Food ~ Games ~ Fun.

London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekends

Men’s: February 23-26  Women’s: March 2-5

During a Cursillo weekend, a team of ordinary Catholics and two spiritual directors speak about how their faith has impacted their lives. Participants are given opportunities to see their own lives in the stories they shared by the team. Cursillo is an opportunity for participants to evaluate and renew their relationship with God and others. It has been proven to be a spiritual awakening and a life changing experience. Cost is $200 per person (includes meals and accommodations). No one is ever turned away due to lack of funds. For more information visit https://sites.google.com/site/cursillolondonz2/home or contact Pre-Cursillo Coordinators: Veronica & Gerald Kolkman at 519-347-2689 or email: gvkolkman@xplornet.ca.

Learn About Fraud

On Monday, February 13 at 7 pm everyone is invited to the Centreview Apartments, east entrance (old public school) to “Learn about Fraud” over the phone, internet and email. Guest speaker will be Jane Stanley from the Goderich OPP. Hosted by Zurich Golden Agers.

Promise Keepers

Everyone is invited to watch 5 DVDs on Promise Keepers at the Zurich Mennonite Church from 7 - 9 pm on Wednesday, February 15 (2 DVDs), Wednesday, February 22 (2 DVDs) and Wednesday, March 1 (1 DVD). Everyone is welcome.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Vocation Sunday** - February 19 at St. Peter’s 11 am Mass - Guest Speaker - Fr. Patrick Beneteau,, Director of Vocations
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **Ash Wednesday** - March 1 - Mass times - St. Boniface at 9:15 am; St. Peter’s at 7:00 pm
- **First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, March 3 at St. Boniface Church
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Lenten Mission** Monday, March 6 - Wednesday, March 8
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy

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

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.