7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2017

God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to win our salvation and reveal the way we need to live, that we might come to share eternal life in heaven. The teachings of Jesus make it clear that God loves us without limit, and is ever-willing to forgive. Thus, to walk in God’s way of love we must strive to love all people, including our enemies, and be willing to forgive.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 - 26**

**MONDAY:** February 20  
(We pray for Rev. Mark Poulin)

**TUESDAY:** February 21  
(We Pray for Rev. Mark Maloney)

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

**WEDNESDAY:** February 22 - No Mass  
(We Pray for Deacon Larry Lamphier)

**THURSDAY:** February 23 - No Mass  
(We Pray for Mrs. Chrisandro Skipper, Campus Minister)

**FRIDAY:** February 24  
(We Pray for Rev. Edward Brereton)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am  
Int. of Clare Regier - His Family  
Int. of Louis Debus - Doug & Julie Debus  
Int. of Helene & Alex Malcolm - Joe & Martha Risi

**SATURDAY:** February 25  
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
“Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am”  
+Gerald Smith - Bill Smith  
+Leo Hoffman - Ed & Dorothy Smith  
+Audrey Smith - Sister Joyce

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** February 26  
(We Pray for Mrs. Maria Mollica, Youth Ministry)

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

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**Ash Wednesday**  
March 1, 2017  
Blessing & Distribution of Ashes  
9:15 am - St. Boniface with the School  
7:00 pm - St. Peter’s

**Stations of the Cross during Lent**  
Tuesday mornings at 11:30 am followed by Mass at St. Peter’s  
Friday mornings following the 9:15 am Mass at St. Boniface

**Dear Parishioners:** well, here we are, at the February Warm-Up! February started warm – it may as well end warm, wouldn’t you say? So long, warm February: we hardly knew ya. (Maybe my intensive years of training in the Yukon didn’t prepare me for serving in the north of the Diocese: Humbug!) Thanks to everyone involved with the **St. André Jubilee celebrations**: as we mark these crucial moments in the life of Br. André (and his visits to our area), each one of us can be **renewed in our faith life**, as his simple devotion to St. Joseph awakened faith throughout our nation. I am so excited about our **Lenten Parish Mission**! Each day we will study & share in a different way of praying: with **morning & evening sessions**, I hope that the maximum amount of people will be able to attend. Keep an eye on your in-box: there is a **Catholic Update** that can help get us all to square one, ready to go! (I hate to tell you, but there’s also one that has better reasons (excuses) not to pray than you do, so don’t even bother.) You see some **Topic Suggestions** spread around the pews for our upcoming Adult Faith Development Series: please be kind enough to take a second and write in an idea or question you have – it’s very likely many people are also thinking along the same lines. There is such **energy with Lent** (and the wacky weather doesn’t hurt, either)! As we re-orient our lives to **The Great Easter**, we may all enjoy a re-freshed **relationship with God** (in prayer), a more lively **appreciation of our faith** (in study) and new **courage to serve** our brothers & sisters. The Lord makes the sun rise & sends rain to fall on all of us: may our own charity/love/lives be as generous! Have a blessed week.  
*Fr. Matt*

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**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](http://standre100.weebly.com)

**Paint Night**

You are invited to a Paint Night with Brushstrokes in Motion, **St. Boniface Hall Saturday afternoon 1:00 to 5:00 March 11th.** $15 from every $45 fee will go to the St Andre Celebrations at St. Peter’s Parish 2017. Contact Patty LaPorte 236-4876 before March 1st.

**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.
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, Ken Mittelholtz, Alex Malcolm, Bernie Denomme and Louis Debus.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Kenna Daly, daughter of Deeds & Faith Fletcher who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

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.

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 21.

St. Boniface CWL

General Meeting - Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Debbie and Henrica’s group will be in charge of the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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!

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3 at 2:00 pm at the Bluewater Resthome. Everyone is welcome!

Ultreya

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

Shrove Tuesday

Everyone is invited to a pancake & sausage supper at the Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 28 from 5 - 7 pm. Free will offering.

London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekends

Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and every one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live as a Catholic Christian in normal everyday life and bring His presence and message to our homes and communities.

When - Men’s: Feb. 23 – 26 Women’s: Mar. 2 – 5
Where - Michaelite House, London ON
Cost - $200 [funding available to those unable to meet this expense]  Contact: Gerald & Veronica Kolkman (519)-347-2689 or e-mail - gvkolkman@xplornet.ca

Newcomers Focus Group Meeting

You are invited to attend a short focus group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 pm, at Exeter Town Hall to offer your feedback on how we welcome, engage and support newcomers (anyone new to your communities within the past 5 years). This is part of a study by the Rural Ontario Institute: [http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/programs/measuring-community-vitality](http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/programs/measuring-community-vitality). Your feedback is very important to the growth and vibrancy of our rural communities. We hope to see your there!

News Briefs from the February 2017 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

Upcoming Events

Blue Water Rest Home’s 52nd Annual General Meeting is being held at the West Huron Care Centre on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer is being held in the Chapel on Friday, March 3rd, 2017 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mental Health First Aid Education is being offered at the West Huron Care Centre: March 11 & 25, 2017 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or April 5/19/26 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Fee $150 – call 519-236-4373 ext 631 to register

Blue Water Rest Home’s Ladies Auxiliary is being recognized for 50 years of dedication at our Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 5th, 2017.

Accepting Applications

Volunteers – Meals on Wheels Drivers-call 519-236-4373 x 631
Staff – Part-time Registered Nurses and Personal Support Workers – call 519-236-4373 x 628

New Service

TCM Health will be offering reflexology, meditation, acupuncture, acupressure and cosmetic acupuncture as part of our ‘hub of services’ at the West Huron Care Centre. For more information refer to [www.tcmhealthclinic.ca](http://www.tcmhealthclinic.ca)
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.**
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

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

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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.