5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5, 2017

As we continue in ordinary time, we are challenged to see it as a blessed opportunity to share and witness to others through the daily events of life. We are to be a light for others - illuminating the way, and salt for others - giving flavor to their lives: drawing them closer to God through the witness of our lives.

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**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.

**Advertising on our Church Bulletin**

If anyone is interested or knows someone interested in placing an ad for the year on the back of our church bulletin please contact the church office as soon as possible. First come, first serve.

**Readers, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers Needed at St. Boniface Church**

St. Boniface Church is in need of new Readers, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these ministries please contact the church office at 519-236-4191 or email bluewater@dol.ca.

**St. Boniface CWL**

Brother Bob Bake Sale - will be held February 11/12 at St. Boniface Church following the weekend Masses. Any baking donations would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be sent to the Canadian Jesuits for the continuation of Brother Bob's Works.

**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!

**London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekends**

**Men’s:** February 23-26, 2017  **Women’s:** March 2-5, 2017

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 every turned away due to lack of funds. For more information visit https://sites.google.com/site/cursillonlondonz/home or contact Pre-Cursillo Coordinators: Veronica & Gerald Kolkman at 519-347-2689 or email: gvkolkman@xplornet.ca.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

March 16 - 27 with Joan Bolt and spiritual director Fr. Murray Semple. For more information contact Delores Tighe at 519-238-8347.

**“TOGETHER, OPENING PATHS OF HOPE” – TAIZE PRAYER WITH BROther EMILE OF TAIZE:**

Rooted in the Word of God and in contemplative worship, Brother Emile from the Ecumenical Christian Community of Taizé will be leading an evening on the theme of fostering healing and reconciliation in the Christian Churches on Wed., March 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Stratford. The event is free, but to aid with our planning, you are kindly asked to RSVP by email to lisa.caiero@kings.uwo.ca or by phone at 519-963-1477. This event is sponsored by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Diocese of London.

**2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

Be inspired, encouraged and healed! Come Celebrate the 25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally, on Saturday, March 4 from 9 am - 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (255 Front St. W.). Including Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets ($25 for adults, $15 for youth) can be purchased online at http://www.liftjesus-higher-rally.ca

**A Seniors Luncheon with Elva Hurst**

On March 17 from 12 - 3 pm the Kingsfield-Zurich Mennonite Church is hosting a Seniors Luncheon with Elva Hurst. Elva is a professional artist and author from Lancaster, PA. Growing up in a large old order Mennonite family, she spent most of her time on the farm. After graduating 8th grade from her one-room school, she discovered the lost performance art of chalk talk. She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio & Gallery on her 40 acre farm in Lancaster, while traveling abroad to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk talk. Lunch will be provided. Freewill Donations will be accepted. RSVP by March 3 to Mary Lou @ 519-236-4779 or mamalouerb@gmail.com.

**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).

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** St. Boniface School is no longer collecting Campbell Soup Labels.
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Events at a glance....

- **World Day of the Sick** - Saturday, February 11 with Mass & Anointing of the Sick at St. Boniface at 9 am
- **St. Boniface CWL Brother Bob Bake Sale** - February 11/12 weekend in the Narthex at St. Boniface Church
- **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
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- **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

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Parish Office & School Contact Information

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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.

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.