Dear Parishioners: welcome to all this holiday weekend, when we (at last!) get down to the serious business of summertime fun! God bless both our nations as we mark Canada Day & Independence Day: as we sing in O God of all the Many Lands, “may we be worthy of our land and seek her highest good”. I thank the Social Committee for organizing the receptions this weekend & last (Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul), and all who contribute their delicacies to our parishes: nothing is official (it seems) until there are cupcakes! The Bishops of Canada are consecrating our nation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary this July 1st: I will be referring to the consecration in the weeks ahead (check out their resources at www.cccb.ca), and we will mark the consecration on the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15th): more info to follow!

This past week also saw our graduates from St. Boniface School & St. Anne’s High School receive their diplomas in an impressive show of achievement & hard work: may we better appreciate all who toil away each day at their work & education, making our lives so rich & enjoyable. God bless our graduates, & the teachers & staff who made their success possible!

Zurich’s Vacation Bible School kicks off Monday – God bless the Mennonite Church for their leadership of this precious ministry (my Mom & I will be going to a grown-up version in Pennsylvania July 30 – Aug. 4th; anyone who’d like to come along, please call the Office): may we all be recreated in God’s holy Word this summer. St. Paul insists that we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” – perhaps the first step to our Summer 2017 experience is for us to be alive! God bless you & your family this week.

Fr. Matt

Consecrating Canada to Our Lady
As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Bishops of Canada will be consecrating our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Not since the Marian Congress at Trois-Rivières in 1954, when Cardinals James McGuigan and Paul-Émile Léger consecrated the nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has such an act been undertaken. Given the challenges we face in our country, the hope is that each parish will welcome a renewed act of consecration to Our Lady as an important opportunity for the proclamation of the Church’s mission in our country and in service to the world. We invite you to participate in the consecration of Canada during the weekend of July 1-2, 2017. For more information please visit - http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/4725-catholic-bishops-of-canada-invited-to-consecrate-canada-to-the-blessed-virgin-mary

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2017
The Lord rewards his faithful disciples with the gift of life. As believers, we share in the death and resurrection of Christ. He is our hope and our salvation. While Jesus’ words in the Gospel might seem challenging or even cold, he is making the point that discipleship must be our priority, and the lens through which we see all aspects of life.

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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, Shirley Bedard, Madeline Denomme, Ken Mittelholtz, Ted Soudant and Marie Cyr.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family Sarah Jean Tersteeg, daughter of Tim & Jennifer who was baptized at St. Peter’s Church last weekend.

Office Closed
The office will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

12 Hour Adoration
There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, July 7 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 3 - Friday, July 7 at the Zurich Mennonite Church. This year offered for kids born 2003 - 2013 (finished Pre-K to Grade 8). Parents can register their children online at www.zurichvbs.ca or by calling 519-236-4933.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Basilica, London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office, or by filling out a Registration Form which can be found at the back of the Church. *Please return your registration forms to the parish office no later than August 24, 2017.*

Festival of Praise
From the Festival of Praise Leadership Team - Thank-you to all of the parishioners who so very generously supported the first two Festivals of Praise financially as well as by our prayers for the success of this initiative for our young people! The second Festival of Praise evening had over 300 young people and parents from across Huron Perth! (1/3 more than the first, held in November) Special thanks to our CWLs and Knights of Columbus for their financial support as well. Thank you all for your support and deep interest in passing on the faith to your youth!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyrs’ Shrine
Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite parishioners 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. Venerations of the relics and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow at 3 pm. Please note: parishioners are encouraged to organize a bus or car pool for the pilgrimage.

Youth Walking Pilgrimage on the Canadian Camino, August 19-22
Last year, a permanent 89 km off-road Pilgrim Route, called the "Canadian Camino", was established from Barrie, Ontario, to the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland. A map of the route can be found here [http://martys-shrine.com/visit-us/pilgrim-route-to-martyrs-shrine/](http://martys-shrine.com/visit-us/pilgrim-route-to-martyrs-shrine/) Young adults ages 18-35 are especially invited to participate in a three-day walking pilgrimage leading up to our Diocesan Mass at the Martyrs Shrine on August 22. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and those over 35 are welcome as well. The pilgrimage will also have a discernment component, along with daily Mass and prayer. Interested pilgrims are invited to contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca for more information and to register. An option to join the pilgrimage for the final day (August 21) will also be available for those who cannot make the entire route.

4 Stages of Marriage
The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (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: retrouvaillelondonstthomasas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups
Jesus, you called the little children to yourself. Transform our attitudes and shift our focus, that we might always see children as a gift of life. No matter how little sleep we might get, how many daycare spots might be needed, or what the circumstances of conception might be, help us to celebrate and share the gifts of children in a way that transforms our world. Amen.
Bayview Golf Club  
Phone: 519-236-4030  
Email: bayviewgolf@hay.net  
www.bayviewgolfclub.ca  
Hwy. 21, 7 miles North of Grand Bend  
Call to book tournaments & tee times.

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin.  
Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
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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.

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.