Dear Parishioners: we made it to summer! (Someone should tell the rain to let up.) The longest day of the year is also National Aboriginal Day, so I distributed new prayer cards of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to our senior grades at St. Boniface School: the Bishops, at their 2016 Plenary Assembly proclaimed new titles for St. François de Laval (patron of bishops in Canada), St. Brother André (patron of family caregivers in Canada: we’ll distribute his prayer card at his August birthday celebrations) & St. Kateri, as “protectress of Canada”. (Included in the brief from the 2016 Plenary was Dr. Moira McQueen’s insightful report to the Bishops on gender dysphoria/transgenderism.) As we mark one year of our euthanasia regime in Canada, I can only imagine that being a family caregiver will become a politically loaded role! The season of graduation celebrations are upon us! Please consider attending either SBS’ or St. Anne’s High School’s events to show your support for our young people. The Feast of St. Peter & Paul falls on a Thursday this year, so if you can join in the Mass at Bluewater or sung Evening Prayer, please do so! (We need all the help we can get from all our patron Saints!) I commend all our parishioners for your generous response to the Famine Relief Campaign and our Priests’ Pension Fund: please remember that to qualify for matching federal funds, you need to get your donation directly to the accredited agencies (listed in Bishop Fabbro’s message last week or the Bishops’ website www.cccb.ca); contributions to the Pension Fund should go through the Parish Office. We follow the Lord through the Ordinary Time of our lives: may the blessings of summer make our hearts more alive to the grace of God everyday! God bless. Fr. Matt

Priests Thank You for Your Generosity
Last weekend, our parish launched our annual collection in support of our retired priests. If you are able to give to the Priest Pension Fund, please be as generous as you are able. You can give using the special envelope or you can give online at www.dol.ca. Please also keep our retired priests in your prayers. Your charity and kindness are a sign of the care and affection we feel for our faithful priests, who have ministered to our spiritual needs for generations. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, now it’s our turn to give back.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups
God of life, take away our fear. Teach us to walk through the darkness, trusting in your light. Help us to know and believe how much you love and care for us. Amen.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2017
Let us strive to openly proclaim the Gospel message with joyful hearts. Each of us is called to testify to the spirit of truth that is Jesus. When we give faithful witness, we hear in today’s Gospel, Jesus says he will acknowledge us before the Father. Let us knot be afraid to testify to our belief in Jesus.

St. Boniface Church - 5:30 pm - “Graduation Mass”
For Prosperity & Blessing for Our Graduates & Teachers

MONDAY: June 26
(We pray for Mr. Martin Jimenez, Pastoral Worker)

TUESDAY: June 27
(We Pray for Rev. Tom Ferrera)

S. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int. of Bishop Colli - St. Peter’s CWL
Int. of John Paul & Barb Rau - John & Lesley Jeffrey

WEDNESDAY: June 28
(We Pray for Rev. Patrick Fuerth)

THURSDAY: June 29 - “Feast of Saints Peter & Paul”
(We pray for Rev. Paul Baillargeon)

FRIDAY: June 30
(We Pray for Deacon Charles Stevens)

SATURDAY: July 1
(We Pray for Mrs. Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister)

SUNDAY: July 2
(We Pray for Deacon Wayne Waechtter)
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.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Kevin Ross & Lauren Pennings who were married at St. Boniface this weekend.

Happy Holidays!!!

May God bless all our Graduates who are moving along the journey of life. Thanks go to the teachers as well as the parents and staff whom God has placed over them. We pray that all students and staff have a safe and happy summer!

Sung Evening Prayer

Everyone is invited to join in the Sung Evening Prayer on Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus

Card Party - Tuesday, June 27 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

St. Andre 100 Years

Welcoming New Parishioners & Summer Visitors

The July 2nd, 2017 St. Andre Celebration will be a time for welcoming our new parishioners and summer visitors who have helped to keep our beautiful church open, alive and vibrant. We have produced posters of the original 40 families, now we focus on the newer parishioners who continue to make our parish stronger. We would like to include all of the newer parishioners and ask that they bring us a family picture (with everyone named) to be put on a poster. These pictures can be taken to the church office, handed to Phil LaPorte or simply put in the collection basket.

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.

The Word Among Us and Living Faith Booklets

The Word Among Us Booklets for July and Living Faith Booklets for July, August & September are available in the entrances of the Churches. Cost: $2/each.

Goderich Ultreya

The Goderich ultreya this month is on Sunday, June 25 at the Goderich Knight’s of Columbus hall at 390 Parson’s Court at 7:30 pm. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261. This is the final ultreya until September.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyrs’ Shrine

Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite parishes 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: parishes 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://martyrs-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: retrouvaillelondonstthommas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

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

Blue Water Rest Home and other non-profit nursing homes from Huron and Perth Counties met with Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce and Randy Pettepiece, MPP Perth-Wellington on May 19, 2017 to discuss the potential loss of long-term care beds in Perth County and also advocate for spousal reunification to be a priority when transitioning from social housing and retirement into long-term care. We also raised awareness about the sector wide challenges of health human resources in rural areas that we are all faced with. They appreciated the meeting and we will plan follow-up discussions again in Fall 2018. Accepting applications for our Maplewood Apartments (24 units, independent living) and Birchwoods Apartments (10 units, independent living). Please call 519-236-4373 extension 622 for more information.
Events at a glance....

- Grad Mass - Monday, June 26 at St. Boniface at 5:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus Card Party - Tuesday, June 27 at St. Boniface at 7 pm
- Year End School Mass - Thursday, June 29 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am
- Sung Evening Prayer (Feast of St. Peter) - Thursday, June 29 at St. Peter’s at 7 pm
- St. Andre 100 Years Celebration - Welcoming New Parishioners & Summer Visitors - Sunday, July 2 at St. Peter’s at the 11 am Mass
- Vacation Bible School - June 3 - 7 at Zurich Mennonite Church
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, July 5 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, July 7 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

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

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
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.

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

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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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Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm