3rd Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2017

To those who thirst for truth in this world, our Christian faith offers the living waters of baptism and life in Christ. So many in our world are like the woman in the Gospel, isolated and afraid, often living on the fringes, looking for something or someone in whom to place their trust and faith. Let us pray they turn to Christ.

Dear Parishioners: welcome to all our 1st Communion Candidate Families! (Due to the silence around the Seal of the Confessional, we cannot publicly lift up those who prepare for & celebrate First Reconciliation; however, it is certainly right for us as a community to pray for all those about to make their First Communion this coming Easter Season!) Spring comes tomorrow! (Who’da thunk it?) I am starting to worry that, given our warming winters, the Easter Vigil Fire may no longer be the first bonfire of the year: perish the thought! When the pagan king of Ireland was warned by his advisors that unless he extinguish Patrick’s Easter Fire, the Gospel of Christ would overwhelm that island kingdom, I think they grasped the life-and-death importance of this powerful symbol: please plan now to celebrate all of Holy Week & Easter to the best of your abilities. We seem to have had a rash of people go to the hospital – and not a few deaths – in the previous two weeks: thank you to all Communion Visitors & those who minister at funerals, comforting our people & celebrating our faith in the Risen Lord. How is your prayer, fasting & alms-giving going? It’s never too late to spend 5 minutes in silent meditation or reading Scripture or offering up some small act of kindness. We celebrate St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred to Monday) with a blessing for carpenters today (Sunday 11am Mass): may the kindness & compassion of the Lord’s Guardian inform our family & work life! Next week is a Come & See Weekend at our Seminary in London: do we have any men considering the diocesan priesthood? Let’s pray that hearts will be open to God’s call in general, for all those making the weekend & especially for our young men currently in formation: Mark & Michael Hartman, as they discern their lives of service. Huron-Perth COR 30 takes place the week after: have you invited a young person (16-21) to spend some time on retreat? I am always so impressed with the team of people who put this remarkable experience together for our youth – help spread the good word! It takes the efforts of many people to have our liturgies work so well: please consider serving as a lector/reader, commentator, Eucharistic Minister or altar server and see how our celebrations come alive for you. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 - 26

MONDAY: March 20  
(We pray for Sisters of St. Joseph)

TUESDAY: March 21  
(We Pray for Deacon James Donovan-Panchaud)

St. Peter’s Church
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass followed by Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre and Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int. of Mike Webb & Family
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & family
+ Bernie Mitchell Jr. - Barbara Coker

WEDNESDAY: March 22  
(We Pray for Rev. Murray Sample)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
+ Maria Kenda - The Kenda Family
Int. of Ted Soudant - His Family
Int. of Clare Regier - Sister Mary

THURSDAY: March 23  
(We Pray for Deacon Brad Lewis)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+ Priscilla Brandt - Bill & Mary Anne Grenier
Int. of Greg Willert - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: March 24  
(We Pray for Mr. Sylvain Patry, Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
+(31st Ann.) Stephan Watson - Angela Watson & Family
+ Jim Shea - Clare & Mary Faye Regier
+ Maria Mathonia - William Smith

SATURDAY: March 25  
(We Pray for Ministers to Refugees in Diocese of London)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
“Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am”
+ Frances Ayotte - Ursula Regier & Family
+ Barb Regier - Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Alex Malcolm - Lori, Tim & Michael

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: March 26  
(We Pray for Mrs. Eva Fodeles-Freund, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm - Sung Evening Prayer

Bulletin News and Office Hours

The office will be closed on Friday, March 24. Please make sure to have all bulletin news to the office no later then Wednesday, March 22 at noon.

All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, April 5 we will have the opportunity to experience the sacrament of penance (reconciliation). Please remember that on April 5, the sacrament of penance (reconciliation) will be available throughout the entire day in every parish in the diocese. In our parish(es) the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows: St. Boniface Church - Mass at 8:00 am followed by adoration until 9 pm; Confessions - 8:30 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm; 6 - 9 pm.

St. Andre 100 Years Website
http://standre100.weebly.com
**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 Ted Souendant.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the families of Bernie Mitchell Jr., son of Bernie Mitchell Sr. and Harold Dietrich, husband of Doreen Dietrich who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**New Lectors (Readers), Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are in need of new Lectors (Readers), Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these ministries please contact the church office.

**Eucharistic Minister Training**

There will be training for all Eucharistic Ministers on **Wednesday, March 29 following the 7 pm Mass** at St. Boniface Church.

**Commentator/Lectors (Readers) Training**

There will be training for all commentators/lectors (readers) on **Thursday, March 30 at 7 pm** at St. Boniface Church.

**50 Years of Solidarity**

For 50 years, Development and Peace/Caritas Canada has been in solidarity with worldwide social movements in addressing injustice and creating change. St. Anne’s CSS will be hosting the Solidarity Quilt on **Monday, March 20 at 10:00 am** and will use this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the work of our Church’s International Development Organization. Everyone is welcome.

**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 DeGroat at cadegroot@cvg.net or 519-949-4066. Please submit applications by **March 24th** for this amazing weekend for youth!

**Goderich Ultreya**

The Goderich ultreya for March will be **Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 pm** at the Knights of Colubus hall at 390 Parson’s Court. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

**Come and See Discernment Weekend**

St. Peter’s Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17-45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience at the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. The weekend is scheduled for **March 24-26**. Contact Fr. Patrick Beneteau at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext 204, to register.

**Parish Mission**

All are welcome to the parish cluster of St. James (Seaforth) and St. Patrick (Dublin) **Sunday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 5** to listen to Fr. Ben Luedtke, an inspirational speaker who was ordained by Saint Pope John Paul and who spent several years working with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Ben is a very sought after speaker, spiritual director and confessor. The mission will be held in the cluster parishes of Seaforth and Dublin beginning 7:30 PM each night and starting the first presentation in St. James Parish Seaforth. The last night of the mission will be in Dublin with a reception to follow. Volunteer offering will be taken up on Wednesday evening.

**Power & Purpose Conference**

The clustered parishes of St. James, Seaforth and St. Patrick’s Dublin is taking a bus for adults 19 years old and up to the Power and Purpose Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville **June 9 - 11, 2017**. We are sharing the bus with another parish. For more information please call Karen Doyle at 519-345-2972 ext. 26 or email kdoyle@dol.ca.

**6 Hand Pepper Card Tournament**

Precious Blood CWL are hosting a 6 Hand Pepper Card Tournament at Precious Blood Parish Hall, Exeter. **Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Please contact – Elaine Keller – 519-235-2100 or Beatie Rau – 519-237-3587 by March 25th with a team of 3. Registration begins at 9:30. $8.00 per person. Lunch, coffee and tea will be served.

**Community Breakfast**

Everyone is invited to a Community Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Zurich Arena on **Sunday, March 26th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Tickets at the door are $8/adult & $5/kids 10 & under. Everyone welcome.

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

Blue Water Rest Home’s 52nd Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Two departing Directors were acknowledged for their contributions to the Board. Norm Eckel, represented Brucefield Community Church on the Board since 2012 and Keith Semple served as a Member at Large since 2014. As a result, two new Directors were introduced to members attending the meeting. Bill Dowson will represent Brucefield Community Church and Lynn Wareing will serve as a Member at Large. No other nominations were made from the floor. We look forward to getting to know our new Directors at April’s meeting.
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Events at a glance....

- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- CMOB - Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- CMOB - Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- K of C Card Party - Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Eucharistic Minister Training - Wednesday, March 29 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- Sacristan’s Meeting - Thursday, March 30 at St. Boniface Church at 12:00 pm
- Reader (Lector)/Commentator Training - Thursday, March 30 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

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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.

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Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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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.