4th Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2017

Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

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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, Ken Mittelholtz, Alex Malcolm, Bernie Denomme, Ted Soudant, Jerome Durand and Marie Cyr.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Theo Vink, father of Doreen Hartman who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

Card Party - Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome.

St. Boniface CWL

Easter Food Collection - During this Lenten season the St. Boniface CWL is collecting food items for Blessings. There will be a box in the Narthex for your donations. These items will be brought to Blessings on April 10 in time to be distributed for Easter.

Gift Bags for The Women’s Shelter - St. Boniface CWL is collecting gift bags for women and children to be donated to area shelters. Suggested items include for women - toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, make up pads, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, brush or comb, feminine hygiene products and for children - diapers, wipes, socks, shampoo, toothbrush, bar soap, hair brush or comb, individually packaged snacks (no nuts). There will be a box in the Narthex. The last day to donate will be April 23.

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.

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.

Parish Mission - Fr. Ben - Seafort/Dublin

All are welcome to the parish cluster of St. James (Seafort) and St. Patrick (Dublin) Sunday April 2- Wednesday April 5. Each evening will begin at 7:30pm.

Sunday - Topic - THE MYSTERY OF FAITH - THE MASS - will be held at St. James in Seaforth

Monday - FORGIVENESS - confessions are available with several priests - held at St. Patrick in Dublin

Tuesday - EUCHARIST - St. James in Seafort

Wednesday - MARY, THE NEW TESTAMENT & THE HISTORY OF THE OF THE CHURCH - St. Patrick in Dublin - free will offering will be taken and reception to follow the mission talk

Come 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 much sought after speaker, spiritual director and confessor.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear this dynamic and motivational speaker. You can find more about Fr. Ben on you-tube and godblessya.com Contact Lindsay Sills lindsaysills@yahoo.ca 519-527-1841 or Christine Mills bcjkmills@gmail.com for more information

Calling All Women

Heart of Mary invites you to this month’s gathering to learn more about Intercessory Prayer. When are we called to intercede in prayer? When are we called to stand “in the gap” to plead on behalf of someone in trouble or a difficult situation? In her video, Sr. Ann Shields will teach us. The evening is held this Monday, March 27 at 7:30 pm at one of the four locations: Dublin/Seafort (contact Colleen@firecracker2@hotmail.com), Kinkora/Mitchell (contact Linda @ stevelin@quadro.net), Stratford (contact Carolyn @ carolyn@mathieson@sympatico.ca) and New Hamburg (contact Pauline @ pauline.witzel@gmail.com). Please RSVP and bring a friend!

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School community is very excited to announce that we will be welcoming 20-25, Grade 9-11 Catholic female students from Mexico City from April 15th to 28th, 2017. This is a great opportunity for students to meet young people from another country and experience their culture and language, while sharing our same values. It is also a great opportunity for the visiting students to learn about our Canadian way of life. If you would like to consider hosting one of these students for 2 weeks, we ask that you contact Gaby Parejo, our local liaison with Red Leaf, the agency that is coordinating the visit. Please contact her at gparejo@red-leaf.com or 519-932-0296. Host families will be invited to utilize available time on the weekends to do some sightseeing with the visiting student. In addition, host families will be compensated by Red Leaf to offset their expenses.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- 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
- All Day Confessions with Adoration - Wednesday, April 5 at St. Boniface Church - Mass at 8 am; Confessions 8:30 - 11 am, 1 - 5 pm and 6 - 9 pm
- First Friday School Mass - Friday, April 7 at 9:15 am

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.
**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

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Cynthia Forler  
Lynette Graham  
Phil LaPorte  
Kathryn Regier  
Janet Soudant  
Marg Suplat

**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

**Parish Office:**  
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519-236-4335  
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**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:**  
353 Ontario St., Box 490  
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo  
519-482-5454

**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.