1st Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2017

It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviors. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

You may find a new way of praying that will stick with you for months or years to come! Help me on Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina (I can make summary of the Taizé experience, so I trust everyone got their MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5 - 12

MONDAY: March 6
(We pray for Rev. Jim Stenberg, C.S.B.)
St. Peter’s Church - 10:00 am
Lenten Prayer Service
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Lenten Parish Mission 2017

TUESDAY: March 7
(We Pray for Rev. Christopher Gillespie)
St. Peter’s Church
10:00 am - Lenten Prayer Service
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 Ken & Martha Mungar - Pat & Elaine Jeffrey
+Phyllis Snow - Peter & Evelyn Jeffrey & Family
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Lenten Parish Mission 2017

WEDNESDAY: March 8
(We Pray for Rev Frederick Howard-Smith)
St. Peter’s Church - 10:00 am
Lenten Prayer Service
Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
Int. of Bill Brand - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Alex Arnold - Bill & Toni Brand
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Lenten Parish Mission 2017

THURSDAY: March 9
(We Pray for Deacon Andre Dedecker)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+George Grenier Sr. - Lottie & Family
Int. of Virginia Denomme - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: March 10
(We Pray for Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
+Lawrence Dame & Family - Rebecca Wilder
Int. of Clare Regier - Francis & Doreen Hartman
Int. of Deeds & Faith Fletcher - Gord & Cecilia Smith

SATURDAY: March 11
(We Pray for Mrs. Joan Robinson, Pastoral Worker)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
“Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am”
Int. of Barbara Coker - Dick & Barb Rau
Int. of Ted Soudant - Sister Mary
Int. of Bernie Denomme - Kathryn Regier
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: March 12
(We Pray for Rev. Gerard Bedard)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm
Sung Evening Prayer

Dear Parishioners: gosh, I hope we haven’t really mucked up our planet, as we take our third attempt at winter! Fr. Peter was nibbling on some bread I was saving for the confused birds, & now they get my cat – & me – up every day in the morning! Let’s begin Lent with our Parish Mission on Prayer: last week you should’ve received a Lenten daily devotion, ideas for Lenten observances & an introduction to The Liturgy of the Hours. This weekend you’ll receive two Catholic Updates on Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina (I can’t find a ready-made summary of the Taizé experience, so I’ll generate & distribute one as soon as possible). It will be great to learn more about prayer, but it is far more important that we spend more time in prayer: whether or not you’ve read any of the materials, please come to either our morning (10AM at St. Peter’s) or evening (7PM at St. Boniface) sessions, so that we can pray together as one family. Who knows? You may find a new way of praying that will stick with you for months or years to come! Help me resist the hissy-fit dept.: for some time, I have been asking for possible subject matter for our catechetical series: as of today, I have yet to get any suggestions at all! I refuse to play spiritual Kreskin (i.e., having everyone sit back & wait for me to magically read what’s on your mind); invariably, that will lead to one frustrated presenter and many disappointed listeners. If no one will write anything individually, could we please have at least the groups that meet in the parish suggest some topics? The days of “Father-knows-best” are surely over: please give me some indication of what you would like covered, so I am not just speaking to the wind! Thank you. I trust everyone got their Development & Peace Sharelent materials: I am so impressed with their Solidarity Calendar each year, & this year’s focus on Women & Girls promises to be nothing short of transformative! It’s good to see St. Anne’s CSS hosting a 50th Anniversary Party for D&P on March 20th: if you’ve had any involvement – I love the old pyramid penny-banks they used to distribute – you’re welcome to join in the celebration! RSVP to our Campus Minister Zack Fitzmaurice (519.482.5454 ext. 3037 or zftizmaurice@hpedsb.ca). The Spirit is leading us – through the desert – to Easter glory! May God bless you & your family this week.

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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 and Bernie Denomme.

**Congratulations!!!**
Congratulations to Ulrich & Anna Duttmann on the Occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.

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

**St. André 100 Years**
**Celebrating Carpenters & Woodworkers**
Our next St. Andre Celebration will take place at the 11 am Mass at St. Peter’s Church on Sunday, March 19th. In conjunction with the Feast of St. Joseph, we will be celebrating carpenters and woodworkers. There will be a coffee social following the service. On the same day, we will also begin accepting donations of woodworking or other handcrafted items for a SILENT AUCTION fundraiser. Bidding on the items will be open between April 2nd and May 21st, when the winning bids will be announced.

**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!

**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.

**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.

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**Knights of Columbus Presents...An evening on Farm Succession and Estate Planning**
All are welcome...Knights of Columbus members as well as non-members. Fraternal Advisors Tony Lambe FIC, RHU, Mike Phelps FIC and Herm Vanderheyden FIC are pleased to invite you to join our discussions on the Legal, Tax and Financial issues relevant to Farm and Estate Planning. Presentations by Joseph Murray L.L.B. (Lawyer) (Seaforth) and Steve Van den Hengel CPA, CA (Accountant) (Famme & Co., Stratford)

**Tuesday March 7, 2017** Knights of Columbus Hall, Kinkora @ 7:30pm

**Wednesday March 8, 2017** Precious Blood Catholic Church Hall, Exeter @ 7:30pm

Please R.S.V.P. to your Personal Fraternal Advisor.

**King’s University College Open House**
Tour King’s campus (London) during their upcoming Open House weekend! **Friday, March 10 from 6 - 9 pm** and Saturday, March 11 from 1 - 4 pm. All are welcome.

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**Finances as of February 28, 2017**

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Events at a glance:

- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Lenten Mission Monday, March 6 - Wednesday, March 8
- CMOB - Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- CMOB - Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- St. Andre Celebration - Sunday, March 19 at the 11 am Mass - celebrating all carpenters and woodworkers
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Finance Meeting - Wednesday, March 22 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
**Weekend Masses**

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**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.

**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

- **Parish Office:**
  - 22 Mary St., Box 81
  - Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
  - 519-236-4191
  - bluewater@dol.ca

- **St. Boniface School:**
  - 24 Mary St., Box 128
  - Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
  - 519-236-4335
  - stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

- **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.

**Website**

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.

www.bluewater.dionet.ca