Today, as we hear about the kingdom of heaven, we are reminded to be steadfast in our Christian faith, hope and love. Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the reality of heaven. He warns us not to become drowsy in our faith, life the virgins who in their foolish lack of preparation bring no oil with them. Instead, Jesus teaches that we are to live in such a way that we are ready to meet the Lord.

**Dear Parishioners:** What a solemn time of year! Our observances of Remembrance Day in our schools and communities remind us of the awful price paid for our freedom. Now with my nephew at the Royal Military College, I find myself thinking of our men and women in uniform a lot more. Our noon-hour discussion group on Grace & Justification is opening some major questions about our belief in the free gift of salvation in Christ and how we live as a consequence. Pastor Nadine from St. Peter’s Lutheran shared about her experience of harassment - may all brave voices speaking out in every sector of society move us to work for real change in how we relate to each other! Next week we’ll be hosting Deacon Gary Coyle (and his wife Ruth!) as he makes a missionary appeal for Chalice, a developing world direct sponsorship organization. Look up www.chalice.ca to see all they’re doing - if sponsorship isn’t in the cards, check out their one-time gift catalogue. It’s wonderful to know that our small donations can change the lives of families! Jesus reveals the Kingdom in the parable of the 10 bridesmaids: may our lives and our giving reflect the wisdom of God’s holy ones! Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Matt*

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**November is the Month of Remembrance**

The “Book of Life” will be near the altar at St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Parishes throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones and friends in the Book. At each Mass in November, these names will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Chalice Mission Appeal**

On **November 18-19**, please welcome Deacon Gary Coyle who will speak about Chalice (formerly Christian Child Care International) - Canadian Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca.

**Bible Sunday**

Next weekend **November 18 & 19** free bibles for all parish children in **Grade 4** (from any school) will be handed out at all weekend Masses. Grade 4 youth will be called forward after the homily to receive bibles and have them blessed.

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**Mass Intentions for the Week of November 13 - 19**

**Monday:** November 13
(We pray for Mrs. Brenda Atkinson, Pastoral Minister/Youth Ministry)

**Tuesday:** November 14
(We Pray for Deacon John Doomernik)

St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
+Emmet Cloran - Elizabeth Cloran
+Armin Krohmer - Alice & Helmut Krohmer

**Wednesday:** November 15
(We Pray for Rev. Pedro Zunga, F.M.M.)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
Int. of Patricia Murray - Mary Lou Denomme
+(8th Ann.) Dorothy & +(24th Ann.) Russell Oesch
-Ted & Janet Soudant & Family
For the Deceased Members of the Soudant Family
-Ted & Janet Soudant & Family

**Thursday:** November 16
(We pray for Rev. Benjamin Raze)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Denny & Rose Overholt - Martha Overholt & Family

**Friday:** November 17
(We Pray for Mr. Ron MacDonald, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
Int. of Cecelia Farwell - The Fleming Family
Int. of Ray & Janice Hartman - The Fleming Family
In Thanksgiving to Saint Bro. Andre
-Clare & Mary Faye Regier

**Saturday:** November 18
(We Pray for Rev. Richard Dales)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+(25th Ann.) Connie Risi - Joe Risi & Family
+Paul Jaster - Steve & Pat Meidinger
+Phyllis Snow - Mary Lou Denomme

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** November 19
(We Pray for Rev. Dikran Islemici)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Madeline Denomme, Marie Cyr, Michael Frijters, Theresa Davies, Martha Risi, Patricia Murray, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers and Sympathy
Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Rosemary Wilkins, sister-in-law of Patrick & Elaine Mihm who died recently. May she rest in peace. Pat & Elaine wish to thank St. Peter's CWL for their prayers.

Blessing of Advent Wreaths
On Friday, November 17 at our 9:15 am school Mass Fr. Matt will be blessing Advent Wreaths. Everyone is welcome to bring their wreath to Mass to be blessed.

St. Peter's CWL
St. Peter's CWL Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Adult Altar Servers Needed
St. Peter's parish is in need of adult altar servers. Please considering volunteering for this much needed ministry. If interested please call Lynette Graham at 519-238-2946. Training session will be in a couple of weeks.

Preauthorized Donations
Thank-you to all our parishioners who have signed up for preauthorized bank deductions. This method of donation helps in the mission of the parish particularly in our budgeting. We are now preparing our records for next years preauthorized donations. If you are not already signed up and would like to make donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please complete the form found in last weekend's bulletin or contact the church office for a form. Please have all completed forms to the Office by December 1, 2017 to ensure automatic withdrawal can begin January 2018.

Attention Youth Age 13 on up!!
You won't want to miss this!! Desire an encounter with Christ? Is music a passion of yours and a way you enter into prayer? Then come on Friday, December 8 for a time of adoration and inspiration with Katey Norman, as well as upbeat praise and worship music by Josh Rosedale. Join us at St. Michael High School in Stratford from 7 - 10 pm. There will be games, snacks and fun. If you have any questions call Monique Hartman @ 519-236-7817 or visit www.stratfordfop.com

St. André Christmas Dinner
To close the St. André 2017 year long celebration we are having a Christmas Turkey Dinner on December 5 at St. Peter's Parish Hall. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Following dinner we will have the “Lighting of the Lights” at St. Peter's. Tickets for the dinner are $25.00 each. You can purchase tickets from Phil LaPorte or Loretta Ayotte. Please join us for the celebration.

Brother Bob Mittleholtz
A Request to Parishioners!!!
The Parish Pastoral Council is compiling a memory book regarding his life. Do you have any letters, pictures, newspaper articles about his mission in India? ALSO: please share any memories you may have of his childhood, teenage and adult years in Zurich. For example: class photos. All information is welcome; oral and concrete. Thank-you! Parish Pastoral Council

World Day of the Poor
Pope Francis has asked us to “help make this World Day of the Poor a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today’s world. This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel.” The inaugural World Day of the Poor will be on Sunday, November 19, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. For information, resources, and updates about this special World Day, please visit www.dol.ca/world-day-of-the-poor

Family Foundations Institute
Join us for our 9th Annual Conference on Marriage: “Complementarity”, Saturday, November 18 at St. Andre Bessette High School in London from 10 am to 4 pm. Featuring: Shaunti Feldhahn, International Speaker and Best-selling author. The day includes: Holy Mass, Video Presentation of Internationally Renowned Series Humanaum, Hot Lunch & Social, and feature presentation from Shaunti Feldhahn. Register today by visiting FAMI.FCA or contact info@famfi.ca to reserve your advance price registration.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family
Prayer for Families & Small Groups
Saving God, your plan for eternal life is that we participate in living it. Help us to offer our hearts and lives constantly to you, to resist the urge to hold back pieces and keep heaven from taking us over completely. Amen.
Show your love for your parish by remembering to include your parish in your will.

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

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets regularly 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.

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)

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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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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.