Nearing the end of the liturgical year, our attention turns to our vigilant and prayerful preparation for the return of Christ in glory. Life is perhaps best described as a journey with a beginning and an end. As we come to the end of another Church year, we are invited to reflect on what is often referred to as the last things - judgment, heaven, and hell. But we do so not in fear but in hope, for while our earthly lives will end, the promise of life eternal shines forth in Christ.

Dear Parishioners: Looks like winter is moving in! I for one enjoy the cooler weather, as my cat becomes friendlier, in her never-ending search for a warm sleeping area at night. Welcome Grade 4 families! I thank our CWL Councils and our K of C for supporting Bible Sunday and our young people. Welcome Deacon Gary Coyle - and Ruth, his wife - to our parishes as he makes a missionary appeal for Chalice (www.chalice.ca), in support of children in the developing world. The priests of our deanery will meet with our Bishops this week - if there are any further developments on our Family of Parishes I will be sure to let you know. A remarkable thing has happened with our friends the El Mohammed family: Felek’s (the mom) sister and her family visited from Baltimore, Maryland and have applied to remain in Canada! While they are not covered by our diocesan support arrangement, I trust that everyone will extend to them the same kind welcome - and practical day-to-day assistance that it takes to live in a new country. (These poor souls arrived on our first cold day, so we’ll have to work doubly hard to overcome the stereotypes of Canada as a frozen wasteland!) Felik and her sister haven’t seen each other for 7 years! I praise the mercy of God which has brought them back together. The return of Christ - and the final judgement of God - involves bringing all of creation back together again: may we be a more gathered people this week. God Bless!

Fr. Matt

**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, Madeleine Denomme, Marie Cyr, Michael Frijetens, Theresa Davies, Martha Risi, Patricia Murray, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family Landon James Masse, son of Mitch & Sarah who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

**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.

**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.
St. Boniface CWL

General Meeting - CWL general meeting will be November 21 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Loretta and Doreen’s group will be in charge of the meeting.

Huron County Christmas Bureau -
The CWL will be collecting new toys, new clothing and gift cards for the Huron County Christmas Bureau. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Please have your donations to the church before December 4th. Thanks for your support.

St. Peter’s CWL

Huron County Christmas Bureau - Tags for the Huron County Christmas Bureau will be handed out at the Masses this weekend by St. Peter’s CWL members. There will be a box at the back of St. Peter’s Church to collect the gifts. Please have your unwrapped gift to St. Peter’s Church by Sunday, December 3.

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

Rohingya Refugee Crisis

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is responding to the worsening Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh and Myanmar and has organized an emergency collection, with the Canadian government matching donations until November 28. Donations are being accepted by the following means:

- Via telephone: call toll free 1-888-664-3387
- By text message: text the word, PEACE to 45678 to donate $10
- Cash or cheque payable to your parish by no later then Sunday, November 26.

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 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

Ultreya

Our November ultreya in Goderich is on Sunday, November 26 at the Knight’s of Columbus hall at 390 Parson’s Court. It’s our Christmas potluck. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your plate, cup and cutlery and a favourite dish. We have a speaker coming from London. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

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

Blue Water Rest Home staff are preparing for their Annual Resident Family Christmas being held on Sunday, November 19, 2017. This will be followed by the Angel Tree Service that is taking place in the main lobby at the West Huron Care Centre on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. There has been a significant amount of attention to the transfer of long-term care beds out of Perth County to London. Although this does not directly impact us in Zurich, it impacts our local health service providers. Blue Water Rest Home belongs to a group of Not-For-Profit Long-Term Care Homes in Huron and Perth and our group sent a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Licensing Branch noting the ripple effect such transfer will have to our local health service providers.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family

Prayer for Families & Small Groups

Lord of heaven and earth, you have offered us everything that we might offer everything back. In a world that counts and measures and scores everything, teach us to be reckless in our surrender to you, trusting your wisdom that we don’t get to keep anything we cling to anyway. Help us to cast ourselves and each other into your generous heart. Amen.
Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Bayfield Garage
519-565-2538
Don McIlwain, Owner
Hwy 21, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
Brakes - Front End - Suspension - Mufflers – Front Wheel Drive

D. REGIER CONSTRUCTION
David Regier, Owner
RR2, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
Ph: 519-236-7120
Fax: 519-236-4960
Renovations
Adoptions
Residential
Commercial
Agricultural

Bayview Golf Club
Phone: 519-236-4030
Email: bayviewgolf@hay.net
www.bayviewgolfclub.ca
Hwy. 21, 7 miles North of Grand Bend
Call to book tournaments & tee times.

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....
• Together with Christ Discussion Group - Wednesday, November 22 at noon at St. Boniface Church
• Finance Meeting - Thursday, November 23 at 6:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
• Parish Community Card Party - Tuesday, November 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
• Together with Christ Discussion Group - Wednesday, November 29 at noon at St. Boniface Church
• First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, December 1 at St. Boniface Church
• Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 3 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
• St. Andre Christmas Dinner & Lighting of the Lights - Tuesday, December 5 at St. Peter’s Hall/Church
• Together with Christ Discussion Group - Wednesday, December 6 at noon at St. Boniface Church

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

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

SMITH-PEAT ROOFING & SHEET METAL LTD.
ROBERT WATSON
President
152 Thames Rd.
Exeter, Ontario
Bus: 519-235-2802
Fax: 519-235-1532

SMITH-PEAT ROOFING & SHEET METAL LTD.
ROBERT WATSON
President
152 Thames Rd.
Exeter, Ontario
Bus: 519-235-2802
Fax: 519-235-1532

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin.
Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

**Parish Office:**
22 Mary St., Box 81
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4191
bluewater@dol.ca

**St. Boniface School:**
24 Mary St., Box 128
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4335
stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:**
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-5454

**Weekend Masses**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Parish</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>St. Peter</td>
<td>(mid April to mid October)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>St. Boniface</td>
<td>(mid October to mid April)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>St. Boniface</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td>St. Peter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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

**Parish Organizations**

- **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.

**Website**

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

[www.bluewater.dionet.ca](http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca)

**Parish Pastoral Council**

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

**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)

**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.