1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2016

The season of Advent begins today with a call to perseverance and vigilance, as we prepare, not just to celebrate the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but also to celebrate our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and to be prepared for the comings of Christ.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of November 28 - December 4**

**MONDAY: November 28**
(We pray for Mrs. Christine Yeomans, Youth Ministry)

**TUESDAY: November 29 - No Mass**
(We Pray for Deacon Paul Beaulieu)

**WEDNESDAY: November 30**
(We Pray for Deacon John Shiba)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devoctions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
(+2nd Ann.) Gloria Bedour - Joe & Carolyn Rau
+ Bill Bedour - Joe & Carolyn Rau
+ Tim Bedour - Joe & Carolyn Rau

**THURSDAY: December 1**
(We Pray for Rev. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M.Cap.)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
For the Deceased Members of the Grenier & Denomme Family - Lottie Grenier + Betty Denomme - George & Marg Suplat

**FRIDAY: December 2 - First Friday**
(We Pray for Mrs. Rebecca Boudy, Pastoral Minister/Youth Suplal)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Fr. Paul Mooney - Kathleen Regier
+ Bernnie Denomme - Pat & Evelyn Regier
Int. of Fred Sproule - Pat & Evelyn Regier

**SATURDAY: December 3**
(We Pray for Rev. Robert Champagne)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
“Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:30 am to 9:15 am”
+ (Ann) Connie Risi - Joe & Risi Family
Int. of Ed, Dorothy & Donna L. Smith - Marie Cyr & Family + Cecile Marie Janisse - Fr. Matt George

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: December 4**
(We Pray for Miss Janet Lou, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music)

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

**Prayer List**

**Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness.** Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Decoster, Reesse Thomson, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard, Barbara Rau and Ed Smith.

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family Sophia Maria Eglé, daughter of Lucas & Kristyn who was baptized last weekend at St. Boniface Church.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of John Vader Burgt, husband of Harriet who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

**Confirmation 2016 & Pastoral Visit**

Bishop Fabbro will be here for a Pastoral Visit and to minister the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people next weekend December 3/4. The Bishop will meet with our Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council prior to the Saturday evening Mass. Following the 5 pm Mass everyone is invited to join in a pot-luck dinner and open meeting in St. Boniface School Gym. On Sunday, December 4 Bishop Fabbro will confirm our candidates at the 9 am Mass at St. Boniface and 11 am Mass at St. Peter’s.

**All Day Confessions & Adoration**

On Wednesday, December 7 we will have the opportunity to experience God’s mercy and compassion and reconciling love. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows: St. Boniface Church: Mass at 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am - 8 pm; Confessions from 8:30 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm; 6 - 8 pm; Holy Hour 8 - 9 pm.

**Advent Memorial Donations**

Once again this year we are offering a way for you to remember your loved one this Christmas. We will be accepting donations for both parishes for flowers throughout the Christmas Season to be donated in memory of your loved one. If you wish to make a cash donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by Friday, December 16, 2016. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

**Light Up For Christ**

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Light up for Christ at St. Boniface Church on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm.

**St. Boniface CWL**

**Christmas Social** - All St. Boniface CWL Ladies are invited to our Christmas social on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm in the church hall. It is an appetizer and dessert potluck. There is no meal but please bring an appetizer or dessert to share throughout the evening. There will be singing, fun and games for all. Please come in your best “ugly” Christmas sweater as there will be prizes for the best dressed. Mark your calendar as you will not want to miss this event.

**Huron County Christmas Bureau** - St. Boniface CWL will be collecting items for the Huron County Christmas Bureau. There will be a box in the narthex for the items. Please have your donations of unwrapped gifts or clothing at the church by Sunday, November 27. Thank you for your support.

**Blessing Christmas Food Drive** - there will be a box in the narthex of the church for all food donations. Suggested donations are crackers, cans of fruit or tomato juice, apple sauce, stuffing boxes or any items of your choice. All donations need to be at the church by December 8.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

Huron County Christmas Bureau - We will be collecting your unwrapped gift this weekend Nov. 26 - 27th at St. Peter’s. The hosting church in Exeter would like all gifts by Dec 2nd. After Sunday, November 27th, the gifts will be given to Sandy Wondergem and Debbie Denomme. A few suggestions for gifts for teens are a gift card, shampoo, conditioner, nail polish, shaving cream, deodorant. The Huron County Christmas Bureau will accept cash donations as well, to purchase gifts for children. Families in need may register by calling 1-800-265-5398 (all calls are confidential).

**CMOB**

The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2017**

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2017 please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

**Sunday Missals 2017 & Advent Candles**

New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2017 are available at both parishes. Cost: $5/each. Advent Candles are also available. Cost: $10/set.

**Zurich Community Carol Sing**

The Zurich Menonite Church is inviting the community to join them for a Carol Sing on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 pm at the Menonite Church. Bring Christmas Goodies to share. Beverages provided.

**Ultreya**

The November ultreya in Goderich this month is on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 pm. It is a pot-luck. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Come out and join the spirituality and the fun.

**Campbell Soup Labels**

Please note: St. Boniface School is no longer collecting Campbell Soup labels. Those who wish to help can collect the labels over the past few years.

**Come and See Capuchin Franciscan Event:**

December 4

Young men from the age of 15 to 40 who are discerning a religious vocation are invited to join the Capuchin friars at 127 Priars Way, London on December 4 from 10 am - 4 pm. We wish to share our stories and discern with you a Franciscan vocation to our brotherhood in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and Padre Pio. If you wish to join us on that day, please contact Fr. Louis Mousseau at 1-226-881-0065 or friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca

**Marian Pilgrimage**

Marian pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on June 20-25, 2017 with Fr. Alfredo Pereira, Chaplin. For more information call Mary at 519-666-3109.
Events at a glance...

- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- CMOB - Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- First Friday Mass - Friday, December 2 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Pottluck Supper with Bishop Fabbro - Saturday, December 3 in St. Boniface School Gym following the 5 pm Mass
- Confirmation - Sunday, December 4 - 9:00 am Mass at St. Boniface & 11 am Mass at St. Peter’s
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Light up for Christ - Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

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 Organizations

Website

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

http://www.bluewater.on.ca

Parish Office & School

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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School: 353 Ontario St., Box 490 Clinton, ON N0M 4Z0
519-498-5041

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Weekend Masses

Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
11:00 am St. Peter

Parish 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

Catholic Women

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)

Baptism

Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.

Reconciliations

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 Tuesday after 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 transformed by the healing power of Jesus.