**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 2017**

Jesus teaches us that God, who is Mercy, desires our obedience in word and deed. Today’s readings speak of our freedom to choose obedience or disobedience to God, and of the very real effects of our choices. God’s love for us is such that while he desires our union with him, he allows us to respond to his love as we choose.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2 - 8**

**MONDAY:** October 2  
(We pray for Deacon Cap Au)

**TUESDAY:** October 3 - No Mass  
(We Pray for Rev. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.)

**WEDNESDAY:** October 4  
(We Pray for Rev. Stephen Marsh)

  St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm  
  “Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
  +Marie Gelinas - Ursula Regier & Family
  +Leo & Cecile Meidinger - Their Family
  +Denny & Rose Overholt - Their Estate

**THURSDAY:** October 5  
(We pray for Rev. Richard Tremblay)

  Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm  
  Int. of Theresa Regier - Cyrille & Anne Hartman

**FRIDAY:** October 6 - First Friday  
(We Pray for Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary)

  St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass  
  “12 Hour Adoration from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm”
  Int. of Ray & Janice Hartman - Sister Mary Regier
  Int. of Natalie & Ryan Wright
  - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
  +Theodorus Vink - George & Marg Suplat

**SATURDAY:** October 7  
(We Pray for Rev. Nelson Cabral)

  St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
  Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
  +Darl Rau - Kathryn Regier
  +Frances Ayotte - Mary Lou Denomme
  +Harold Dietrich - Tillie Rau

  St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** October 8  
(We Pray for Mr. Ian Duckworth, Youth Ministry)

  St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
  St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

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**Dear Parishioners:** Here we are in October already! The new pastoral year has already taken off, with First Reconciliation & Communion families having met, & Bible Study ready to begin (this year, we’re offering a Wednesday evening session for all those who cannot attend the Tuesday morning group at St. Peter’s; please contact the Office for more information). Adult Faith Development continues to be our priority (following our Diocesan & Pastoral Pastoral Plan), so please take advantage of the many opportunities coming our way: the week of the 16th, St. Peter’s Lutheran will be hosting a noon-hour study/discussion group on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, culminating in an ecumenical prayer service on Saturday the 21st at 2pm; on Thursday the 19th, Over 18 an anti-pornography documentary film will be screened at South Huron District High School in Exeter; Pastor Ryan at ZMC already hosted a screening of the movie, and I can tell you one of the most chilling things I have ever heard was a 9yr old describing himself as a recovering porn addict! While the film is not from an overt faith background, it certainly inspired me to ask what our faith has to say about the harm porn is doing to our entire society every day. (Our CWL Councils may well want to re-visit the various resolutions the League has passed against the spread of porn in our nation, and what we are committed to doing about it!) The weekend of the 21-22nd sees the Major Reliquary of St. Brother André return to our parish: we celebrate his visit 100yrs ago, and pray that his healing faith will continue to call us to a fuller life and witness to the love of God around us. There will be many opportunities to pray with the remains of this great Saint, & we’ll welcome Bishop Dabrowski CSMA back to St. Peter’s! Please plan to make yourself available for this momentous celebration. What a blessing the Saints are to us – this Wednesday is the Feast of St. Francis, and we’ll have a blessing of animals immediately following the evening Mass at St. Boniface’. The Saints show us the way of holiness, of faithfully following the will of God: which way in life will we choose? Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

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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, Shirley Bedard, Madeline Denomme, Ken Mittelholtz, Marie Cyr, Michael Frijters and Theresa Davies.

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family Bentley James Rau-Reinink, son of Jordon & Veronica who was baptized at St. Peter’s Church last weekend.

**CPR/AED Course**

CPR/AED Classes coming to St. Peter’s/St. Boniface in October.  
If interested, email cocitshirt@outlook.com or call 519-565-5275, Dianne Tschirhart by October 5. Cost is $40/person (it is Income Tax Deductible).
**Blessing of Animals**
The Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis will be on **Wednesday, October 4** following the **7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church**. Our pets are a blessing please consider getting your animals blessed.

**12 Hour Adoration**
There will be **12 Hour Adoration** on **Friday, October 6 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm** at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Churchy.

**Evening Bible Study Group**
We will be hold a 9 week Evening Bible Study Group at St. Boniface Church on **Wednesday evenings following the 7 pm Mass beginning October 18**. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact the church office by **Monday, October 8**.

**St. Boniface CWL**
**CWL 2017 Regional Day** - will be held at Precious Blood Church, Exeter, Ontario on October 21st. Registration at 8:30 am with closing prayer at 2:00 pm. Cost is $8.00 per person for lunch. This year they are asking for non-scented bars of soap being collected at the door for Soap for Hope Campaign (Canadian Food for Children). Please contact Loretta Ayotte by October 14th if attending for lunch numbers.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for Blessings** - we will be collecting all non-perishable food items until October 2. There will be a plastic bin in the Narthex of the Church. Please give generously. Thank-you!

**St Peter’s Food Drive**
**Fall/Thanksgiving Food Drive** - we will be collecting all non-perishable food items for Blessing’s Food Bank. There will be a box at the back of the church. Please give generously.

**Movie Night with “The Shack”**
Join us on **Tuesday, October 17th** for a Potluck dinner and movie presentation of “The Shack” the inspirational hit movie of this year. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm with the movie to follow. Please call Lynette Graham at 519-238-2946 if you wish to attend. Hope to see you there!

**90th Birthday Celebration**
Everyone is invited to an **Open House to celebrate Cecelia Farwell’s 90th Birthday!** Please join the Farwell Family on **Saturday, October 14 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm** in the hall at Centreview Apartments (Frederick St. entrance) in Zurich.

**Life Chain**
Life Chain will be held this year on **October 1, 2017 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm** on Huron and Ontario Streets. Refreshments will be served afterwards at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, 96 Huron St., Stratford.

**Stratford and District Right to Life Dinner**
The Stratford and District Right to Life 45th Annual Right to Life Dinner will be held **Saturday, October 21 at the Army and Navy Hall, Stratford**. Social: 5:30 pm and Dinner: 6:30 pm. Cost: $25/Adult, $18/Students. Key Note Speaker: Jakki Jeffs. For tickets contact Doreen Hartman at 519-237-3295.

**Come and See Discernment Weekend**
St. Peter’s Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat **October 27-29** at St. Peter’s Seminary 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. Contact Fr. Patrick Beneteau at vocations@dol.ca or 519-532-1824 x204, for more information or to register.

**Please Remember to Save Your…..**
**Pop Cans**—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs (Hensall) or Doug Debus (Zurich). **Please do not drop off cans at Mike Miller’s (Lakewood Garden Centre) as it is no longer a drop off location.**

**Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs**—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

**Milk/Bread Bag Tabs** – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

**Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations** – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876. There are child size shawls also available.

**CCCB Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups**
Fair and loving God, teach us to hope all people will receive and practise love and forgiveness. Help us to stop keeping score and to let you judge, guarding our hearts against suspicion and negativity. Keep us focused on being witnesses to your unconditional love and mercy. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

• **Blessing of Animals** - Wednesday, October 4 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

• **First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, October 6 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church

• **Movie Night with “The Shack”** - Tuesday, October 17th beginning with a Potluck Dinner at 6 pm

• **School Mass with St. Brother Andre Major Reliquary** - Thursday, October 19 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church

• **Visitation of St. Brother Andre Major Reliquary** - October 21 & 22 at St. Peter’s Church

• **Last Saturday night 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s** - Saturday, October 21

• **CMOB** - Tuesday, October 24 in St. Peter’s Sacristy

• **Saturday night 5 pm Mass moves to St. Boniface** - Saturday, October 28

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 Office & School Contact Information

Parish Office:
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Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
519-236-4391
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

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

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.