29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 2017

Let us strive to be people of faith, hope and love. In the second reading, Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the assembly of Christians at Thessalonica, who were proving to be faithful disciples. The Gospel Paul preached to them, and the Gospel we hear today, is filled with power of the Holy Spirit; let our lives bear witness to its truth and power.

Dear Parishioners: after 100yrs, how great is it to have Brother André back among us! We welcome the major relic, along with Bishop Joseph Dabrowski CSMA, and Fr. Patrick Bénéteau and all family & friends. Vocations to religious life is the particular grace we’re praying for as the relic makes its way around our diocese, so please find some time to beg “the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest”. Attention hairy people with heart problems: all is well – we had 11 parishioners receive “hands only” C.P.R. and A.E.D. training last week; you’ll be pleased to learn that our A.E.D. kit contains a razor - we can trim you up so that the sensor pads will better adhere to your skin! (You might want to attend Mass at St. Peter’s for the next little while, until we get a unit for St. Boniface.) Our Lutheran-Roman Catholic Discussion Group (well-seasoned with our Mennonite sisters & brothers) has been enjoying an excellent week of study & reflection: after 500 yrs of separation, how are you going to think about the Reformation? The video series Together in Christ: Lutherans & Catholics Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Youtube is an excellent resource for focusing our thoughts. with any luck we’ll roll this over into an ecumenical study of the Joint Declaration on Grace & Justification, that landmark document from 1999, wherein Luther’s central point of contention was happily resolved! Both Bible study groups are off & running – though it’s never too late to join in either the Tuesday morning at St. Peter’s or the Wednesday evening group at St. Boniface: be filled with God’s Word! Our recent collections (e.g., World Mission Sunday & St. Peter’s Seminary Foundation – thank you for your generosity!) remind me to ask about your support of our parishes: if you haven’t already, please consider becoming an envelope user or monthly pre-authorized donor. Each of our parishes contributes over $1,000.00 a month to help pay the cost of the entire Diocese: if you are not using either of those programs, the real cost of being a parishioner will remain invisible, and we will never know what is Caesar’s and what is God’s! Have a blessed week.
Fr. Matt

World Mission Sunday

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday! We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priests. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

2017 Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter’s Seminary

Starting this year, and for the next three years, parishioners of the Diocese of London’s Seminary Don will be asked to respond with special generosity. The funds raised will support both the operational needs of the Seminary, as in previous years, and the much needed refurbishment of the Seminary building. Bishop Fabbro reminds us of the importance of the Seminary to the vitality of our parishes now and in the future. Please read the Appeal pamphlet attached to this weekend’s bulletin to find out how you can help with this very important appeal.

Please Note!!!
Our Saturday night Mass will move back to St. Boniface Church on Saturday, October 28 at 5 pm.
**St. Boniface CWL**

**Fall Bazaar** - We are looking for **new** donations for our upcoming bazaar to be held on **Saturday, October 28**. Please drop off donations in the church hall or contact Debbie Pennings (519-236-7750) by October 26.

**CWL Memberships Are Due** - St. Boniface CWL memberships are being collected. Please put $20 in the envelope found on the table in the Narthex. Please add your address, phone number and email address. There are many members with incomplete addresses. We hope to have all collected by **December 20th**.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

CWL Memberships for **2018** are now due. Please put $25 in the envelope provided on the table at the front entrance of the church. Please put your name and address on it and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Martha Mangar, Elaine Jeffrey, Patty LaPorte or Carrie Van Osch.

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate**

God willing, eight men will be ordained to the order of Deacon at **St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica**, London on **Saturday, November 4 at 11 am**. All are welcome to attend. Please keep in your prayers: Arthur Joseph Jean Bondy, Brian Karel Hanley, Anthony Gerard Hogervorst, David Nathan Lemire, Thomas Wayne MacLeod, Anthony George Rebkwoc, Victor Hugo Salazar Carvajal and Donald Gilles St. Onge.

**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 Benetou at vocations@dol.ca, 519-532-1824 x204, for more info or to register.

**The Wild Goose Young Adult Retreat**

Awaken God’s love in the hearts of all who participate in this three day retreat to be held **November 3 - 5** in Port Burwell. Mass, Confession, Adoration & the exploration of the Wild Goose DVD series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR sets the stage for a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit. Space is limited - please register online at www.ffipurelife.com

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**Goderich Ultreya**

The ultreya in Goderich for October is on **Sunday, October 22** at the Knight’s of Columbus hall at 390 Parson’s Court. For further info please call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

**Heart of Mary Women’s Group Presents Alpha**

Alpha is a video series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. This month we look at the person of Jesus Christ. Our next gathering is **Monday, October 23, 7 pm**. Join us for fellowship, snacks and inspiring conversation offered in 4 different locations. RSVP by contacting a host home closet to you and feel free to bring a friend!

**Stratford**:
- **Host** - Carolyn Mathieson (carolyn.mathieson@sympatico.ca) 50 Morison St Stratford 519-271-9150 Leaders: Mary Chisholm/Christine Shantz

**Kinkora/Mitchell**:
- **Host** - Linda Hulshof (stevelin@quadro.net) 5363 Line 42 Sebringville 519-348-8167 Leaders: Sharon Walsh/Michelle Kolkman

**Dublin**:
- **Host** - Colleen Cronin (firecracker2@hotmail.com) 134 St. Patrick Street Dublin 519-272-5875 Leaders: Monique Hartman/Colleen Cronin

**Seaforth**:
- **Host** - Connie Devereaux (connndeve@yahoo.ca) 43301 Hydro Line Rd Seaforth 519-527-0406 Leaders: Lindsay Sills/Connie Devereaux

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

**Blue Water Rest Home Resident Quality of Life Survey**

**Results**: Each year, we ask our residents who have resided with us for 3 months or longer or their families to provide feedback in the form of our Resident Quality of Life Survey. Surveys are completed by residents who are able to understand and respond to the questions being asked, otherwise surveys are sent to their Power of Attorney for completion. This year (2017), 46/62 surveys were returned for a completion rate of 74%. Our survey results show that: 1. 95% of residents/POAs felt respected when cared for. 2. 92% of residents/POAs felt they had enough variety in meals. 3. 78% of residents/POAs replied that they felt safe when they are alone. 4. 97% of residents/POAs replied that the staff respects what they like and dislike. 5. 85% of residents felt they have enjoyable things to do here on weekends. 98% of residents/POAs would recommend this home to others.

**Upcoming Events**: Mental Health First Aid course is being offered at the West Huron Care Centre on November 2 and 3 from 9 am – 4 pm for $150.00. If you are interested in registering for this two day course, please contact Patty Groot at 519-236-4373 x 631. Huron County Public Health Unit is offering a community flu shot clinic in the Risi Room at the West Huron Care Centre on Wednesday, November 8 from 3 – 6 p.m. Blue Water Rest Home’s Angel Tree Service is taking place in the main lobby at the West Huron Care Centre on Sunday, November 19 at 7 p.m.

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**CCCBA Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups**

God of the law of love, you have shown us that love is the fulfillment of the law. Soften our hearts against cynical resistance to legitimate authority. Give us faith in working together for the good of all people. Protect us from selfish justification and apathetic indifference. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **CMOB** - Tuesday, October 24 in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy
- **St. Boniface CWL Fall Bazaar** - Saturday, October 28 from 10 am - 2 pm in St. Boniface School Gym
- **Saturday night 5 pm Mass moves to St. Boniface** - Saturday, October 28
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, October 31 in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy
- **Bereavement Mass** - Thursday, November 2 at St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm
- **First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, November 3 at St. Boniface Church
- **Friends of St. Andre Celebration** - All Souls - Sunday, November 5 at St. Peter’s Church
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, November 7 in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy

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

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

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 at St. Peter's.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass at 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.