30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2017

Our love of God is best demonstrated by our love of neighbor. Jesus underlines the close and inseparable bond between our love of God and of neighbor. Loving God is not simply a pious or cerebral act, but a lived reality, carried out in the events of daily life. It is our witness to the love of God that will draw others into the mystery of his loving presence in the world.

Dear Parishioners: I thank Almighty God for our celebrations over the past week, how the visit of the major relicuary of St. Brother André focused our prayer & practice. How different we are when we’re aware of the presence of the Saints among us! May we be more receptive to the presence of all God’s holy ones we encounter every day. Many young people in our deanery are making a COR Retreat this weekend: please pray for the candidates and team, that they discover the divine heart at the core of every human relationship. I am astonished that so many significant dates are coming our way: besides the great feasts of All Saints (Nov. 1st) & All Souls (Nov. 2nd), we have the Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate (Nov. 4th), National Vocations Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11th) and the World Day of the Poor (Nov. 19th). Please plan on being as present to all these graced moments as you can – I am especially looking forward to the All Souls’ Mass & Social, as we will have “words of remembrance” (what our ritual calls a eulogy) about Fr. Mooney who died this past year. I trust that Fr. Bénéteau’s presence kick-started our thoughts about vocations in general; I’m really pleased that we have adopted the Awareness Week from the U.S. Bishops – perhaps we can start thinking as one Church about these larger questions. Three of our eight new permanent deacons are Cursillistas! I pray that as we all move towards becoming intentional disciples, we will find those resources, people and moments which will shepherd us through those gateways of discernment in our lives. (I’ll be attending the London Ultreya at St. Martin’s Church on Friday, Nov. 10 from 7:30-9:00pm, so anyone wishing to “check out” what Cursillo is like is welcome to join me. Goderich hosts an Ultreya as well, but on a Sunday evening, when I have no energy! You’re most welcome to use the closer-to-home version – whichever works.) Christ our Lord gives us the Greatest Commandment: let’s be the greatest this week! God bless. Fr. Matt

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, November 3 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm there will be a Memorial Mass at St. Peter’s Church, especially in memory of all those who died this past year from our parish community. Heather Klopp will be our guest speaker - she will share Memories of Father Paul Mooney. Following the Mass there will be a time of fellowship in the vestry. All are encouraged and welcome to come.
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, Martin Van Raay, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

St. Boniface CWL
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 Mungar, Elaine Jeffrey, Patty LaPorte or Carrie Van Osch.

Stratford Right to Life Memberships
St. Boniface and St. Peter’s CWLs will be collecting Stratford Right to Life Memberships at mass on the weekends of November 4/5 and 11/12. The cost is $20 for a yearly membership. Please consider joining and help support the important work of this group.

St. Andre 100 Years
Celebrating our Ancestors and our Heritage
Our next St. Andre event will be Sunday, November 5 at St. Peter’s Church. In November we will be celebrating our ancestors and our heritage as well as praying for our deceased family and friends. After the 11:00 am Mass join us in the hall to listen to Christa Ducharme and her youth choir entertain us with some traditional French songs.

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.

Office Hours
The office will be open Monday, October 30 and closed Wednesday, November 1.

World Mission Sunday
Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. It’s a blessing for young dioceses, priests, sisters, brothers and catechists who depend on it. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

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, Daniel David Lemire, Thomas Wayne MacLeod, Anthony George Rebkowec, Victor Hugo Salazar Carvajal and Donald Gilles St. Onge.

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

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 Humanuum, Hot Lunch & Social, and feature presentation from Shaunti Feldhahn. Register today by visiting FAMFI.CA or contact info@famfi.ca to reserve your advance price registration.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family
Prayer for Families & Small Groups
Loving God, you have offered us your love as the fulfillment of the law and the greatest commandment. Teach us to choose love when it is most difficult, when it requires sacrifice, and even when we want there to be a different way. Amen.
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Events at a glance....
• 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
• Right to Life Membership Drive - November 4/5 and 11/12 weekend
• CMOB - Tuesday, November 7 in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy
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• School Mass & Blessing of Advent Wreaths - Friday, November 17 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am
• Chalice Mission Appeal - November 18/19 weekend

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

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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 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.

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.