22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 2017

We are to take up our cross each day and follow Jesus Christ. Today’s Gospel emphasizes what is required to follow Christ. We must set aside our selfish desires and take up our cross each day to help build up the kingdom of God. This involves sacrifice. Rather than conforming to what is popular in our present age, we must strive to do what is good and pleasing to the Lord each day.

Dear Parishioners: This weekend sees our official summer draw to a close with the return of the school year and the new pastoral year in the parish. I will be doing my best to extend the summer by taking 2 weeks of vacation to go see my family on the East Coast. I am pleased that Fr. Murphy and Fr. McColl will be covering the weekend masses and I would draw your attention to the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15 when Fr. John Comiskey the Vicar General of the Diocese will be here to celebrate mass for the intentions of the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. As the Bishop’s delegate on all abuse cases, Fr. John has worked with more people affected by clergy abuse than anyone else: I am sure he will have some remarkable insights into the healing needed by our church now and in the future.

Development & Peace is holding their workshop on September 16th in Woodstock, focusing on reconciliation with indigenous people: I hope that many parishioners that advantage of this opportunity to be better participants in that important conversion for our entire country. I am happy to see that the Bishops will be holding a prayer and orientation evening for all parish councils: please pray for our Parish Pastoral Council as we continue to discern God’s will for the local church. We celebrate the faith of St. Peter who had to learn that God’s plan and will was very different from his own. May all of us be blessed to learn a new God’s plan for our happiness! Have a blessed 2 weeks, and I will be praying for you on my journeys.

Fr. Matt

60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations Ray & Janice Hartman on the Occasion of their “60th” Wedding Anniversary. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.

88th Birthday Wishes!!!

Happy Birthday Wishes to Lucille Masse who is celebrating her “88th birthday” this weekend. May God Bless her with His love through the coming year.

Welcome Back!!!

May God bless all who are returning to school this fall—students, teachers and staff, and especially the young people who are going away for the first time. May God guide and protect them in the months ahead and help them grow in wisdom, knowledge and love.

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, Ted Soudant, Marie Cyr, and Michael Frijters.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Fr. Patrick Fuerth, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

Mass Notations

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES celebrated at any of the parish sites from September 4 - 9 as Fr. Matt is away on holidays.

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 4 - 10

MONDAY: September 4
(We pray for Rev. Mohanathas Kamalathasan, C.R.)

TUESDAY: September 5 - NO MASS
(We Pray for Rev. Maurice Resivo, C.S.B.)

WEDNESDAY: September 6 - NO MASS
(We Pray for Rev. James Conlon)

THURSDAY: September 7
(We pray for Mr. Michael McPherson, Youth Ministry)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Communion Service

FRIDAY: September 8 - NO MASS
(We Pray for Rev. Hugo Santa Cruz, F.M.M.)

SATURDAY: September 9
(We Pray for Rev. Vincent Van Zutphen)

St. Boniface Church - NO MORNING MASS
St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: September 10
(We Pray for Rev. Denis Grecco)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
**Office Hours**
The office will be closed on **Tuesday, September 5th.**

**Special Mass**
On Friday, September 15, the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, each parish cluster in the Diocese will hold a Mass for prayer for the healing and reconciliation for victims of sexual abuse, their families and our communities, and for the reparation for the sins of abusers. Please join Fr. John Comiskey at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 15 at St. Boniface Church for this special Mass.

**Children’s Liturgy at St. Boniface Church**
Sunday School will be returning at St. Boniface Parish in a couple weeks. If there are any parishioners interested in helping lead this program, please contact Katie Masse at katie_mathonia16@hotmail.com. If any high school students are interested in helping out, community service hours are available.

**Bible Study Group**
The Bible Study Group will be starting again soon. They will be studying the Bible Study book of Matthew. If anyone is interested in joining the group in St. Peter’s Hall please contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321.

**Catholic Education – Together in Faith**
Parishioners are invited to join the campaign to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario – add your name to the “Together in Faith” community list at www.togetherinfaith.ca. This campaign is sponsored by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association and is supported by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. The purpose of the campaign is to help inform Ontario’s Catholic community about the significant contributions of Catholic schools to the life of this province. For more than 150 years, Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools have been a distinctive, highly successful and valued segment of our public education system. The Together in Faith campaign amplifies that message by promoting our Catholic school students’ achievements in academics, social justice and Christian service. Follow the campaign on Twitter (@Catholicedu) and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario) and help us share the Good News about publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario!

**Invitation from Development and Peace**
Wisdom for the Future through Development and Peace is a day of exploration of wisdom: the wisdom of Indigenous Peoples; the wisdom of the feminine, the wisdom of creation, and the wisdom of the classical traditions (in particular Catholicism). Beginning with prayer, we will participate in the telling of indigenous history in Canada (Kairos Blanket Exercise) and its legacy. In the afternoon, we will begin to weave together the four types of wisdom to envision ways in which we might bring about a more just and peaceful world. All are welcome! Lunch is pot-luck. Bring a blanket.

**Date:** Sept. 16 from 9:30 – 2 pm at Holy Trinity Church, 1420 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock. For more information please contact Marian Blonde, London Diocesan Development and Peace Co-Chair, at marian.blonde@hotmail.com or 519-332-9028.

**Family Faith in Action**
Family Faith in Action is designed to prepare your family for the Sunday gospel and to provide ways to put your faith into action. If you enroll, each Wednesday, you will receive the Gospel reading, a reflection, an audio sample, and a fun family activity! Please visit http://info.franciscanmedia.org/family-faith-in-action for more information. We hope you find this resource to be a valuable part of raising your family in faith.

**Ultreya**
The Goderich September ultreya will be **Friday, September 8** at the Knights of Columbus Centre at 390 Parson’s Court. It’s a potluck. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Supper at 6:00 pm. Ultreya to follow. Bring friends, food and smiles. Call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

**Come and See Vocation Discernment Day**
The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite young men ages 16 - 30 to join them in prayer, and discernment on a vocation to religious and priestly life. They will be looking on the life of Fr. Solanus Casey who will be beautified in Detroit on November 18 as a model for future religious life as Capuchins Brothers and Priests. **Two days:** September 23, 9 am - 4 pm at St. Francis Friary, 9169 West Ridge Line, Blenheim; or October 7, 9 am - 4 pm at St. Crispin Friary, 127 Friars Way, London. If you plan to attend contact Fr. Louis Mousseau ofm. Cap. 226-881-0065 or friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca.

**CCC哲 Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups**
God who entices us, you long to love us completely. Help us to be drawn totally into your love, so we are compelled to love the world with your passion for justice and peace. Help us make our homes, our communities, and our world a reflection of your Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
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Events at a glance....

- **School Mass** - Friday, September 22 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Vocation Awareness & Support Group** - Saturday, September 23 following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Volunteer Appreciation** - Sunday, September 24 from 2 - 4 pm in St. Boniface School Gym
- **1st Communion Parent’s Meeting** - Wednesday, September 27 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Finance Meeting** - Thursday, September 28 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **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

**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 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

Parish Pastoral Council
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
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519-482-5454

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.