1st Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

Stay awake and watch for the Lord. The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ’s return in glory. When the Lord comes; will he find us awake?

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 4 - 10**

**MONDAY:** December 4
(We pray for Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Dir. of Music)

**TUESDAY:** December 5
(We Pray for Rev. Dwayne Adam)

*St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm*
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int. of Amelia Claire Roda - Fr. Matthew George
+John VanderBurgt - John Paul & Barbara Rau

**WEDNESDAY:** December 6
(We Pray for Rev. Mr. Robert Weaver)

*Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm*
+Cheryl Bilcke - Bill & Toni Brand

*St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm*
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
Int. of Lorne (Buster) Regier - Phil & Linda Regier
+Frances Ayotte - Phil & Linda Regier
+Annie Van Raay - Steve & Pat Meidinger

**THURSDAY:** December 7
(We pray for Deacon Lyle Lalonde)

*Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm*
+Rose Regier - Tillie Rau

**FRIDAY:** December 8 - School Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.)

*St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am*
+Paul Jaster - Marjorie Meidinger & Family
+John LaPorte - Kathryn Regier
+Isidore LaPorte - Murray, Lori & Austin Armstrong

**SATURDAY:** December 9
(We Pray for Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister)

*St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am*
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
Int. of Cecelia Farwell - Kathryn Regier
+Francis Maloney - Ursula Regier & Family
+Marie Gelines - Sister Mary Regier

*St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm*

**SUNDAY:** December 10
(We Pray for Mrs. Christine Coyle, Youth Ministry)

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 11 - 17**

**MONDAY:** December 11
(We pray for Rev. Steve Wlusek)

**TUESDAY:** December 12
(We Pray for Mrs. Suzanne Walton, Pastoral Minister)

*St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm*
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+Mary Faith McMullen - Kathryn Regier
+Clasien Gronewegen - Patricia Langford

**WEDNESDAY:** December 13
(We Pray for Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister)

*St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm*
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+Paula Van Osch - Jerome & Carmel Sweeney
+Kevin Robson - Jerome & Carmel Sweeney
+Tim Bedour - Paul & Madeline Denomme

**THURSDAY:** December 14
(We pray for Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister)

*Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm*
+Daril Rau - Elizabeth & Joe Marten & Family

**FRIDAY:** December 15
(We Pray for Rev. Jan Pochwala)

*St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am*
+Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey
  - Angela Watson & Family
For the Deceased Members of the LaPorte & Watson Families
  - Angela Watson & Family
Int. of Cecelia Farwell - Cecile & Danny Mayrand

**SATURDAY:** December 16
(We Pray for Deacon Brian McDonald)

*St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am*
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+Margaret Ducharme - Dennis Rau
+Audrey Smith - Bill Smith
+Gerald Smith - Ray & Janice Hartman

*St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm*

**SUNDAY:** December 17
(We Pray for Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.)

*St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am*
*St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am*
*St. Boniface Church - 6:30 pm - Sung Evening Prayer*
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, Madeleine Denomme, Marie Cyr, Michael Frijters, Theresa Davies, Martha Risi, Patricia Murray, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Chelsea Rae LaPorte, daughter of Justin & Courtney who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Office Hours

The church office will be closed from Monday, December 4 until Wednesday, December 13. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 am.

Sung Evening Prayer

- Sunday, December 3 at St. Boniface at 7 pm
- Sunday, December 10 at St. Peter’s at 7 pm
- Sunday, December 17 at St. Boniface at 6:30 pm

1st Reconciliation

Our Grade 2 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation next Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

St. Boniface CWL

St. Boniface CWL will be having the December meeting and Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 in the hall. It will be an appetizer and dessert potluck. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Also you are asked to bring an inexpensive gift for our gift exchange. Patti and Carmel’s group is in charge of the social. Hope to see you there.

St. Peter’s CWL

CWL Christmas dinner is Tuesday December 12th in the hall, catered turkey dinner, social at 6:00, dinner 6:30. Cost $20.00 per person. Call Martha 519-236-7321 or email mkmungar@hay.net. Must reply by Tuesday December 5th. Open to all ladies of the parish.

Sunday Missals 2018 & Advent Candles

New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2018 are available at both parishes. Cost: $5/each. Advent Candles are also available. Cost $10/set.

A Message from your Finance Committee

Our Parishes appreciate your generosity and depend on it continuing especially at Christmas time for our financial needs and the mission of the Church. Currently St. Peter’s is breaking even and St. Boniface is in a deficit of $10,344 and we are going to need a little more help than normal to make a balance budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you!

The Finance Committee

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4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times

Saturday, December 23 - 5 pm @ St. Boniface
Sunday, December 24 - 11 am @ St. Peter’s

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Times

- Christmas Eve - December 24
  5 pm St. Boniface 7 pm St. Peter’s
- Christmas Day - December 25
  9 am St. Boniface 11 am St. Peter’s 1 pm BWRH
- New Year’s Eve - December 31
  5 pm St. Boniface
- New Year’s Day - January 1
  9:30 am BWRH 11 am St. Peter’s
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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....
• Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 3 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
• St. Andre Christmas Dinner & Lighting of the Lights - Tuesday, December 5 at St. Peter’s Hall/Church
• Together with Christ Discussion Group - Wednesday, December 6 at noon at St. Boniface Church
• School Mass - Friday, December 8 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
• Together with Christ Prayer Service - Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
• 1st Reconciliation - Sunday, December 10 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
• Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 10 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
• School Confessions - Wednesday, December 13 at St. Boniface Church

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

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Lakewoodgardencentre.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

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.

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
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

Parish Office & School Contact Information
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Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4391
bluewater@dol.ca

St. Boniface School:
24 Mary St., Box 128
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4335
stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-5454

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)

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.