4th Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2017
Have faith in God’s promises. Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

Feast of the Holy Family - December 31, 2017
Most people first experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in the ways of faith, and helped him to grow in wisdom through their love and commitment to him and to each other, and through their obedience to Scripture and Tradition. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our own families and communities.

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Dear Parishioners: a blessed & merry Christmas to one and all! Welcome home to all returning to celebrate with family & friends; thank you to all who support our parishes, especially those who have made extra efforts to enhance our Christmas celebrations. Looking on the bright side of the unfortunate Sunday/Monday split of the feast day this year? While our parishes will lose three collections, we will save on bulletins! Boo-yah! May we all tread more lightly on the earth in the year ahead. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us – may we act as decisively as our God when life demands it of us! There are so many people in need in our world; we feel every need more acutely these days when we celebrate the God-head revealed in the helpless child of Bethlehem. Thank you to all who have “opened our eyes” to our brothers & sisters, especially at Blessings Community Store, the Christmas Bureau of Huron County and all those working with our refugee families. I pray that in all our efforts to make a more peaceable, just world, we will discover the love of God transforming all we do – eventually transforming our hearts and minds to be more like Jesus’ own. The calendar year we are bringing to a close held many blessings (a beautiful little family prayer is to gather and, as a group, pull each month’s page off the old calendar and give thanks for each good thing the family experienced that month before recycling or burning the page), especially the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: I pray that each one of us will renew our commitment to the reconciliation of all Christian Churches and look forward to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in mid-January. Mark your calendar now! I will be rendering my filial duty and driving my Mom down to Florida on Boxing Day, returning for Jan. 8th: I pray everyone gets a little time to unwind and be re-created in this blessed season. (Fr. Peter Keller is kindly filling in for me on the feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st) – let’s hope he remembers the world’s greatest Catholic joke – and Epiphany Sunday: be sure to ask him how his tree-crushed cottage is doing!) God bless!

Fr. Matt
Merry Christmas!!!!
May the Peace & Joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the New Year.

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, Patricia Murray, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers & Sympathy
Prayers and sympathy are extended to the families of Ernst Ihrig, husband of Christa and Case Brand, brother of Bill Brand who died this past week. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Office Hours
The office will be closed December 25, 26 & 27 and January 1 & 2.

Mass Notations
Please note there will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES celebrated from Tuesday, December 26 - Saturday, January 6. Fr. Matt will be away on a much deserved holiday.

First Friday 12 Hour Adoration
Please note there will be NO Mass celebrated on the First Friday, January 5 but there will be 12 Hour Adoration from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Thank-you!
A big thank-you goes out to those who helped decorate St. Boniface Church for Christmas. Thanks so much to Gord & Cecil Smith, Laura Ann Overholt, Kathy Regier, Rose Rader, Karl Regier, Ray Mathonia and Loretta Ayotte. At this busy time of the year thanks for giving your time and talents.

Donations for 2017
Please have all donations for 2017 into the church office no later then Friday, December 29 at noon to ensure that your donations are included on your 2017 income tax receipt. Any donations received after noon on December 29 can only be included on your 2018 income tax receipt.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018
Your 2018 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2018 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

Feast of the Epiphany
On January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, a Christmas celebration will be held at St. Peter’s Church hall. This dinner will be for needy families in our communities. It is our hope that members from both of our parishes will be able to assist in making a contribution towards this dinner. The contribution could be in the way of a small gift for a child, a monetary donation or food items to complement our dinner menu which is: Turkey soup, turkey with stuffing, cranberries, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls and of course dessert. If you wish to help in this celebration please call Lynette Graham at 519-238-2946. Thank-you.

Mark your Calendars!!!
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Come join us for some bible sharing during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The noon hour bible study will be held from Monday January 15 to Friday, January 19 at the Zurich Mennonite Church; soup and beverages provided. We will end the week with a Christian Unity Service to be held on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 pm at the Zurich Mennonite Church.

Looking for Healing & Closure?
If you are divorced, separated or civilly remarried, consider applying for a declaration of nullity (an “annulment”). The Roman Catholic Diocese of London would like to help you. If you are interested in a Declaration of Nullity or if you simply have questions, please give us a call at 519-439-1553. There is no obligation in calling, and the process is free of charge.

Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers
Thank-you to everyone who made donations towards Christmas Flowers in memory of the following:
Louis & Marilee Ayotte – Loretta Ayotte
Matthew & Cody Ducharme – Martha Risi & Family
Alphonse Grenier & our son
Baby Gerard Grenier – Beatrice Grenier
Stephen Zachary Jardine – Michael & Nancy Jardine & Family
Deceased Members of the LaPorte Family - Phil & Patty LaPorte
Darl Rau – Tillie Rau & Family
Deceased Members of the Smith & Bedard Families – Gordon & Cecil Smith
Deceased Members of the Soudant & Oesch Family – Ted & Janet Soudant & Family
Our Parents – Jerome & Carmel Sweeney
Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey – Angela Watson & Family
Pat Bedard Construction

General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Bayfield Garage
519-565-2538
Don McNair, Owner
Hwy 21, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
Brakes - Front End - Suspension - Mufflers – Front Wheel Drive

Bayview Golf Club
Phone: 519-236-4030
Email: bayviewgolf@hay.net
www.bayviewgolfclub.ca
Hwy. 21, 7 miles North of Grand Bend
Call to book tournaments & tee times.

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

• New Year’s Eve Mass Times - Sunday, December 31 - 5 pm at St. Boniface
• New Year’s Day Mass Times - Monday, January 1 - 9:30 am BWRH; 11 am at St. Peter’s
• First Friday 12 Hour Adoration ONLY - Friday, January 5 from 8 am - 8 pm
• A Christmas Celebration - Saturday, January 6 at St. Peter’s Hall
• School Mass - Monday, January 8 at 1:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Noon Hour Bible Study - January 15 - 19 at Zurich Mennonite Church
• Ecumenical Worship Gathering - Sunday, January 21 at 2 pm at Zurich Mennonite Church
• Finance Meeting - Thursday, February 1 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

St. Andre 100 Years Website - http://standre100.weebly.com
SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
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.

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Websites
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.
www.bluewater.dionet.ca

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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
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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.