Dear Parishioners: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! A blessed & happy Easter to one & all – may the life of Jesus, risen from the dead, fill us with new faith, hope & love as we live as his disciples, sent out to tell the Good News. Welcome home to everyone returning to the area: families getting together, students returning, summer visitors airng out the cottage! All of life is lifted up in the Resurrection – there is no part of our life that can be called “mundane” anymore. The Joy of Love (Pope Francis’ teaching Amoris Laetitia, on love & family life) continues to be the focus of our study: groups meet each Thursday at noon or Tuesdays at 6:30pm for a simple meal & reflection on the Canadian Bishops’ video series – all are welcome! Evolving Ideas Dept.: some of our senior members may recall the term “Rogation Days” from the pre-Vatican II calendar (Latin rogare: to ask, to stretch out the hand) which more-or-less was replaced by Land Sunday in some locales. As I cannot find any mention of it on our Canadian Bishops’ website (nor the USCCB, nor the Catholic Rural Life Conference-USA), I think we’ll be better off putting our energies into choosing a weekday when we have the option of celebrating the votive Mass at Seed Time, with a blessing of seeds to follow. Stay tuned for more information! Please hold in your prayers our Candidates for First Communion, as well as Deacons Paul Kim & Robert Weaver, to be ordained priests on April 28th (do we have any young men (14+) who would like to attend the Ordination & a Vocations Breakfast that day? See Fr. Bénéteau’s blurb to register). One brand new initiative I am very excited to announce is the Pentecost Family Prayer Picnic, co-hosted by all the Churches of Zurich. Join the whole Christian community 50 days from now, for a picnic, softball game, wagon rides and a bonfire! (Check out our Facebook page “Bluewater Parishes”: I promise the weather will be better then!) As our parishes move ahead – especially with the Family of Parishes (Goderich, us, Mt. Carmel, Exeter & Grand Bend), having a fully-functioning Parish Pastoral Council will be crucial! We are currently looking for two new members (a two-year term), so if you (or someone you know) have the gift of prayerful listening & discernment, please put your name forward. My thanks to our parish staff – Mary Ann Craner, Julie Debus and Lori LaPorte – & our many volunteers whose work has made the beautiful liturgies of Easter possible! God bless all involved for their dedication to the Church. The Lord calls us to be a wise, discerning & courageous people for the long haul: I pray the joy & love of the Resurrection continues to shape us in the years ahead! God bless you & your family. Fr. Matt

Corpus Christi Mass Swap Initiative:

The question of switching our Sunday morning Mass times for Corpus Christi Sunday arose at a meeting of our Parishes’ Social Committee, given that most of the Candidates’ families are from St. Boniface. While all Masses that Sunday will feature a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, the 11:00am Mass (& reception) would take place at St. Boniface. What do you think of the idea?

Please circle one:

- Please indicate your parish: St. Boniface  St. Peter
- Switch Mass times on Corpus Christi Sunday: Yes  No
- Comments:

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Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018

Is it fact or fiction? The totality of our faith hinges on our fervent belief that the tomb is empty. It all comes down to this. Jesus being raised from the dead gives purpose to his cross and ours. Without the Resurrection, all suffering is absurd, death is the end and we are lost.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2 - 8**

**MONDAY: April 2**

(Vocation Support Prayer:
Rev. Alan Momney)

**TUESDAY: April 3**

(Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister)

St. Peter’s Church
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+Vanessa Fotheringham - Fr. Matt George
+Velma Cantin - Phil & Patty LaPorte

**WEDNESDAY: April 4**

(Rev. John Johnson)

Queensway Nursing Home - 3:30 pm
Int. of Bill Brand - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Marie Cyr - St. Boniface CWL

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+(1st Ann.) Ed Smith - Dorothy Smith & Family
Int. of Madeline Denomme - Her Sisters
Int. of Steve Overholt - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**THURSDAY: April 5**

(Ms. Simone Seres, Pastoral Minister)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Jean Geoffrey - Lottie Grenier & Laura Overholt

**FRIDAY: April 6 - First Friday**

(Rev. Eugene Roy)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
“NO ADORATION”
Int. of Vonnie Overholt - Joe & Sandy Overholt & Family
+Ralph Mathonia
- Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
+Patricia Murray - Tillie Rau

**SATURDAY: April 7**

(Rev. Jose Seminati)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
Int. of Janet Durand - The Masse Family
+Rev. Paul Mooney & his Deceased Family Members
- His Estate
+Marie Gelines - Ray & Janice Hartman

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: April 8**

(Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
**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, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.*

**Office Hours**

The office will be closed on Tuesday, April 3.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

**CWL Meeting** - Tuesday, April 10 at 7 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall. We will be collecting items to bring along to one of the 2018 Diocesan Convention Charities, which is the Men’s Mission & Rehabilitation Center. Some of the items in most need for men are socks, underwear, shaving cream, deodorant, winter clothes and footwear. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**St. Peter’s Bible Study**

St. Peter’s Bible Study will resume after Easter on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We will be studying the Psalms. Anyone interested in joining please contact Martha Mungan at 519-236-7321.

**COR Youth Retreat**

Another exciting COR retreat will unfold during the weekend of April 13-15 in Dublin. It is a weekend where teens (youth in grade 11 & 12 and up to age 21) discover more about themselves, respecting others, experiencing a connection with God, meet new friends, and just have a whole lot of fun through games and music. Pick up an application form at St. Mike’s or St. Anne’s High School, by contact Vicki or Mike Whelan at 519-319-4171 or by email at vickiwhelan@rogers.com. Please submit applications by April 9 for this amazing weekend!

**Priestly Ordinations**

The Diocese of London and St. Peter’s Seminary announce the ordinations of Rev. Mr. Paul Kim and Rev. Dr. Robert Weaver to the ministerial priesthood. The sacrament of Holy Orders will be celebrated by Bishop Fabbro on Saturday, April 28 at 11 am at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica, London. All are welcome to attend. We assure Deacon Paul and Deacon Robert of our support and prayers, as they prepare for ordination.

**Ordination Day Breakfast**

On Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 - 10 am, parish priests along with interested men (ages 14 and up) are invited to a pre-ordination breakfast with Bishop Fabbro, Bishop Dabrowski, and seminarians from St. Peter’s Seminary. There will be a brief presentation by Fr. Patrick Beneteau, Vocations Director, and the Bishop will explain the Rite of Ordination. For more information or to register contact Fr. Patrick at vocations@dol.ca.

**Spring Education Focus**

You are cordially invited to attend the Blue Water Rest Home “Spring Education Focus” - dealing with various aspects of having a loved one in Long Term Care. **Wednesday, April 4 from 7 - 9 pm** in the Blue Water Rest Home Chapel.

**Family Foundations Institute’s Annual Women’s Seminar**

Saturday, April 7 from 7 am - 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Listowel. Theme: Resilience - Facing Life’s Challenges and Landing on Your Feet. Key Address/3 Practical Afternoon Workshops/Lunch & Social/Resources. Cost: $35 advance, $40 at the door. Lunch included. Register online at famfi.ca or contact info@famfi.ca.

**Men of Faith Conference - Listowel**

All men are invited to attend another informative and inspiring day. “Faith Explained” with Cale Clarke on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8:30 - 3:30 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Listowel. Also hear from Fr. Patrick Beneteau, Vocations Director for the Diocese of London. For more information about the day and a detailed schedule, visit famfi.ca. Cost: Early Bird - $10/person; at the door $15/person. The day includes coffee & refreshments and a hot lunch.

**Spring Ham and Chicken Dinner**

Saturday, April 14 at 5:30 pm at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. Catered by Jerry Rader’s Homestyle Catering. Adults $25; 12 & under $15; 3 & under free. For tickets contact Kelly Jeffrey 519-236-4350 or leave a message at the Church Office 519-236-4697.

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Events at a glance....

- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Thursday, April 5 at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Hall
- Finance Meeting - Thursday, April 5 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday School Mass - Friday, April 6 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Thursday, April 12 at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Hall
- Last Saturday night Mass at St. Boniface - Saturday, April 14

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

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

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
**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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**Parish Pastoral Council**

Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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**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)

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**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.