5th Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018

Jesus teaches us to stay connected always to the Father, through whom all good things come. The image of the vine and branches is a clear reminder of our dependence of God for our every breath. If we hope to bear any good fruit in this world, we must stay close to the source of goodness - God himself.

Dear Parishioners: one more attempt at Spring! Thanks be to God for the return of the sunshine - let’s hope the warmer weather is close behind. Congratulations to all our First Communicants and their families! May the Body & Blood of Christ continue to unite us as one family in faith. I had a marvelous time at the Diocesan CWL Convention: besides the energy of all those women of faith, the Bishop reminded me that all priests will be making a week-long retreat this coming month - something which hasn’t happened in our diocese for many years. (We’ll be going a half at a time, to allow for funeral coverage; I’ll be making mine the last week of the month.) The National Evangelization Team (NET) squad of young people will be arriving next week, to lead our grades 5 - 8 classes in a retreat: pray that God will speak in the hearts of all involved. I’m looking forward to Education Week and celebrating Mass with a renewal of Baptismal Promises with the St. Anne’s High School community: my faith is always strengthened when I witness people re-affirming theirs. “Abide with me”, the Lord says: let us pray that our new priests, Frs. Paul Kim and Robert Weaver will be firmly grafted onto Christ the vine, and bear much fruit to the glory of God! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 30 - MAY 6**

**MONDAY: April 30**  
*(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Benjamin Huyge)*

**TUESDAY: May 1**  
*(Rev. Zbigniew Rodzinka, C.S.M.A.)*

- St. Peter’s Church  
  11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre  
  12:00 pm - Mass  
  Sacrament of Reconciliation  
  +(3rd Ann.) Jack Pearson - Patricia Pearson  
  +Barb Meloche - Luke & Jean Mommersteeg

**WEDNESDAY: May 2**  
*(Rev. Thomas Janisse)*

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

- St. Boniface Church  
  6:30 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
  7:00 pm - Mass  
  +(1st Ann.) Alex Malcolm - Rob & Christa Ducharme & Family  
  In Honour & Thanksgiving to St. Therese, St. Rita & St. Andre  
  Int. of Doug & Julie Debus - Paul & Shirley Bedard

**THURSDAY: May 3**  
*(Rev. Matthew Bedard)*

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm  
  +(Ann.) Lloyd Denomme - Virginia Denomme

**FRIDAY: May 4**  
*(Rev. Daniel Bombardier)*

- St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - First Friday  
  12 Hour Adoration - 8 am - 8 pm  
  For Palliative & Quality End of Life Care - St. Boniface CWL  
  Int. of Vonnie Overholt - Joe & Sandy Overholt  
  Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Bro. Andre & Infinite Jesus of Prague - George Regier & Family

**SATURDAY: May 5**  
*(Rev. Richard Bester)*

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
  Sacrament of Reconciliation  
  +Bernie Denomme - Mary Lou Denomme  
  +Barb Regier - Ray & Janice Hartman  
  +Larry Regier - Karl & Mary Regier

- St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: May 6**  
*(Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood)*

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
- St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

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**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, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.*

**Pentecost Family Prayer Picnic**

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Zurich Mennonite Church and Bluewater Roman Catholic Parishes invite everyone to celebrate Pentecost with an evening of prayer, food, softball, wagon rides & a bonfire sing-a-long on **Sunday, May 20 at the Zurich Ball Park from 5 - 10 pm.**

**CPR/Defibrillator Class**

A CPR/Defibrillator Class is coming to St. Boniface Church. Interested parishioners are asked to choose a date that they prefer (**Saturday, May 26 @ 2 pm** or **Saturday, June 2 @ 2 pm**) as there will be ONE date chosen by the majority vote. If interested please contact Dianne Tschirhart at 519-565-5275 or email cocirescue@gmail.com. The cost is $40 and is tax deductible.
St. Boniface CWL

Attention all Parishioners - Friday, May 4, 2018 is 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. It coincides with our First Friday 12 Hour Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex for an hour of prayer or come pray when you can. Also praying an hour at home is good too.

St. Peter’s CWL

CWL Meeting - Tuesday, May 8 at 7 pm in St. Peter’s Hall

Spring Food Drive - We will continue doing a Spring Food Drive for Blessings Food Bank. Any non-perishable food donations are needed. Boxes can be found at the back of the church.

“Hush” Documentary Film

You are invited to view the documentary film, “Hush”. It is informative, educational, and thought-provoking. This film takes an honest, scientific look at the long-term effects of abortions on women’s health; it’s connection to breast cancer, premature future births and psychological problems. COME OUT AND BE INFORMED! “Hush” will be shown at St. Boniface Church Thurs., May 3, 2018 at 7 pm. This evening is open to all who wish to attend.

Festival of Praise

Join St. Michael CSS for an evening of awesome praise and worship music, adoration, food, fun and friends! All are welcome to come and encounter the Lord on Friday, May 4 at 7:00 pm in our school gym! We are so excited to welcome back Joshua Rosedale and The Encounter Worship Band, and NET ministries to our evening! Admission by donation!

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the following exemplary models of Catholic service will be awarded with the St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award for 2018. All are volunteers within our school and parish communities.

Anne Brand - St. Joseph’s School, Clinton/St. Mary’s School & St. Peter’s, Goderich
Jim Brickman - St. Aloysius School, St. Joseph & Immaculate Conception, Stratford
Angela Gras - St. Joseph & Immaculate Conception, Stratford
Anne Harburn - St. Boniface, Zurich
Gisele Kelly - Sacred Heart - Wingham
Jim Shanahan-St. Mary’s School & St. Peter’s, Goderich
Nicole Wallace - St. Joseph’s School & St. Joseph & Immaculate Conception, Stratford.

The Board looks forward to recognizing the award recipients at its Catholic Education Week Mass on Monday, May 7, 2018 at St. Patrick’s Parish in Dublin at 5:00 p.m. We are honoured to have Fr. Clare Coleman celebrate the Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out. Everyone is cordially invited and we look forward to welcoming you.

Faith in Action Award

Students graduating from St. Anne’s are invited to put their names forward to be considered for the St. Peter’s CWL Faith in Action Award. Applications are due by June 3 to the church office in an envelope labelled St. Peter’s CWL.

2018 Anniversary Mass

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated at Good Shepherd Church in Tecumseh with Bishop Fabro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office or by filling out a Registration Form which can be found at the back of the Church. Please return your registration forms to the parish no later than May 18, 2018.

Permanent Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

At the following Inquiry Sessions, the Diocese of London Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program will invite inquiries from men considering a call to the permanent diaconate. For more information visit: http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Your-Vocation/Permanent-Diaconate/24.

- Sunday, May 6 from 1:30 - 4 pm at St. John Vianney Parish, Windsor
- Wednesday, May 16 from 7:30 - 10 pm at St. Agnes Parish, Chatham
- Sunday, May 27 from 1:30 - 4 pm at St. George Parish, London

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family Prayer for Families and Small Groups

God of the broken, you keep asking us to turn to you. Help us to turn. Help us to pray for those who have hurt us, that they might turn too. May we never ignore your call for us to come back to you, and may we never participate in condemning others to a life without repentance. Amen. Alleluia!

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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: ________________________________________________________________
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Amoris Laetitia Study Group** - Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall
- **Hush Documentary Film** - Thursday, May 3 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Finance Meeting** - Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, May 4 at St. Boniface Church
- **Catholic Education Week** - May 7 - 11
- **NET Retreat** - Monday, May 7 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church for Grades 5 - 8 students
- **St. Peter’s CWL Bake Sale** - May 19 & 20 following the Masses
- **Rosary Garden Sunday** - Sunday, May 20 at St. Peter’s

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

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