21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 26, 2018
We are called to serve Christ, for he is the Holy One of God. Jesus calls his disciples to follow him, knowing some will abandon and betray him. Christ is gathering together a new people - committed to serving the Lord alone, nourished by the Bread of Life, and faithful and spotless like a bride.

Dear Parishioners: happy Bean Fest everyone! Welcome to all the Beaners & Gear Heads who’ve joined us for the weekend - I pray these last few days of summer refresh everyone. The Holy Father wrote a letter following the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s report (excerpts attached, complete text on our parish website - along with our Canadian Bishops’ statement) which contains a number of notable firsts. He addresses all people (recall that after the tragedy in Chile, he only wrote to Chileans; he refers to the abuse as ‘crimes’, instead of more church-ified terms. All this gives me great reason to hope that things might change for the survivors of abuse, their families, and those who have abused them. In Chile, every bishop offered their resignation (the Pope accepted 3): while there are many people calling for the American Bishops to do the same, I doubt some big symbolic action like that will happen. (Pray to God that actual, concrete steps are taken to make our Church more transparent and accountable!) If you’re following the news, you know the Sate of Kerala has suffered the worst flooding in a century: this home of Save a Family Plan (SAFP) has been very close to our diocesan Church since Blessed Pope Paul VI’s visit to India and call for greater solidarity 50 years ago. SAFP (Canada) is taking up an emergency collection and you can bet “100% of your donation reaches the poor”. (Remember the good ol’ days, those years when SAFP actually forwarded 102-104% of all monies donated - what a gem in our diocese and throughout the charitable development agency world! Please be generous. We are moving ahead with our Parish Registration/Member Information Form: one of the powerful insights we realized at our meeting this past Wednesday was that, despite the apparent stability of our communities, many people said “I don’t know everybody anymore”. As we try to find out who we are - Sunbirds and Snowbirds and everyone in between - please be kind when it comes to updating our parish database with your data, your gifts, your hobbies and interests: our parish family of families is so richly blessed by God! Annette & Michael Hartman have departed to begin their year-long NET involvement: my thanks to everyone who gave in support of them, and on their behalf I ask for your prayers in the months ahead. We celebrate that Jesus has the words of eternal life. May our lives reflect that goodness this week! God Bless You!
Fr. Matt

Bean Fest Community Worship Gathering
The Bean Fest Community Worship Gathering will be held on Sunday, August 26 at 1:00 pm at the New Lions’ Pavilion, Zurich Park. Bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

Natural Disaster Fund for Kerala
The Save a Family Plan India Office is currently sheltering 1000 people displaced by the floods and landslides in Kerala, India. More than 300 have died and 30,000 have taken shelter. The SAFP Canada has set up a Natural Disaster Fund to assist those impacted by this calamity. Donations can be made by calling the SAFP Office 519-672-1115 or through www.safp.org. Any support would be greatly appreciated.
**Prayer List**

*Please remember in your prayers* the members of our parish family suffering from illness: Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Madeline Denomme, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Diane Belanger, Carolyn Rau, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

**Congratulations!!!**

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Bradley Cameron and Alyssa McCardle who were married at St. Peter’s last weekend.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

Thank-you to all the volunteer workers who helped to make this year’s Penny Sale a huge success! Thank-you to everyone who donated a gift and for your continued support of St. Peter’s CWL.

**Children’s Liturgy at St. Boniface Church**

Children’s Liturgy will begin in mid-September. We are in need of leaders and helpers to run this program. High school students will receive community service hours for their time helping with this program. If interested, please contact Katie at katie_mathonia16@hotmail.com.

**Student Registration**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board invites parents to contact our schools to register their children for Catholic education during the week Monday, August 27 to Friday, August 31, 2018 or on the first day of school Tuesday, September 4, 2018, if students have not already done so.

**Elementary**: St. Boniface School, Zurich (519-236-4335)

**Secondary**: St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School, Clinton (519-482-5454)

For more information please visit them at www.huronperthcatholic.ca.

**Shrine Summer Days**

The Shrine Days at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine and St. Patrick’s Church in Merlin, ON are coming up on September 12 - 15, all from 11 am - 3 pm. For more information visit www.olrshrine.ca/shrine_days.

**Ultreya**

The September ultreya in Goderich will be on Friday, September 14 at the Knight’s of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parsons Court. It’s a pot luck. Doors open at 5:30 pm Supper at 6:00 pm followed by the ultreya. Please bring plates, cups and cutlery. London cursillistas will be joining us. All are welcome. For further information call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

**Life and Family**

**Prayer for Families & Small Groups**

God of eternal sacrifice, you offer yourself to us completely. You invite us to offer ourselves back to you, even when it is difficult. Help us to choose your will over ours, with freedom and love. Amen.
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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 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.

Parish Pastoral Council
Kristie Cresswell
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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