2nd Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018

God’s love for us is limitless. Today, we hear the familiar passage from Saint Paul when he says, If God is for us, who can be against us? Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God’s children; we are his instruments in the world.

Dear Parishioners: thank God the rains have finally stopped! While Delhi was my home, I was born in Brantford General Hospital, and the evacuation of thousands there - and the poor child swept away in Orangeville lie heavily on my mind. I am also reflecting on the special Deanery Meeting we had last week about the Family of Parishes and the many blessings that I experienced: it was probably the best sharing of best practises we have heard from each other in my years here. I am particularly interested in the outreach that Karen Doyle, the Youth Coordinator at St. James has with families with 1st Communion Candidates. I hope to implement some form of that this year. Please pray for our own families and the young people preparing for the sacraments of Easter. Special Note: On Ash Wednesday this year I asked Pastor Nadine to proclaim the Gospel, in contravention of the liturgical norms of our Church. I was approached by some parishioners who shared with me how confused and hurt they were as a result. I contacted the liturgical specialist for our Diocese, Fr. Michael Bechard and he informed me that I had “erred in a major way”. I deeply regret any grief I caused: I will speak with students at St. Boniface School at our next Mass to clarify the mistake I made, and I can promise you that it will not happen again.

The Lord is transfigured on the mountain and shows his glory to the confused disciples. May God still continue to reveal himself to us in our Lenten journeys. Have blessed week!

Fr. Matt

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) Share Lent Campaign

CCODP is the development arm of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is through this campaign and your generosity that CCODP, on behalf of Catholics across Canada, contributes to projects that alleviate poverty in developing countries and offers educational opportunities to Catholics here at home. The theme of the 2018 campaign is Together for Peace. It is about ‘knocking down walls to build bridges’ through “dialogue”. As your Bishop, I ask that you generously donate to the Share Lent Campaign in your parish in order that CCODP can continue to support projects that will better the lives of people in different parts of the world. This year, I also invite you to consider becoming a year-round contributor to the work of CCODP by pledging a monthly contribution. Those who wish to learn more about the 2018 campaign and Share Year-Round monthly giving can visit the CCODP website at www.devp.org and www.devp.org/shareyearround.

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, March 2 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2 at 2 pm at the Bluewater Resthome. Hosted by St. Peter’s CWL. Everyone welcome.
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 Frieters, Theresa Davies, Martha Risi, Meaghan Young, Janet Durand, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family Nash Thomas Rennie, son of Thomas & Jeslyn who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Ralph Mathonia, son of George Mathonia, David Denomme, nephew of Pat Meiding-er and Jean Geoffrey, mother of Randy & Vicki Geoffrey and Steve & Patti Geoffrey. May they rest in peace.

Parish Community Card Party
Tuesday, February 27 at 7:15 pm in St. Boniface Nar-thenx. Everyone welcome.

Day of Confessions

Pope Francis’ 2018 Lenten message reminds us that: “Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.” Once again parishes across the Dio-cese of London are offering a Day of Confessions, which is planned for Wednesday, March 21.
Confession times at St. Boniface Church are: Mass at 8:30 am with Adoration from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Con-fessions - 9 - 11 am; 1 - 4 pm; 6 - 9 pm.

Lenten Parish Mission
St. James, Seaforth and St. Patrick’s Dublin have invited Rev. Enzo Del Brocco a member of the Catholic religious order of the Passionist Missionaries to lead them in their Lenten Mission this year. The theme for our mission this year is "Return with Your Whole Heart". The schedule will be as follows: Sun. March 10/11 – Father Enzo will preach at all Sunday masses; Sun. March 11 7:30 PM–St. James Seaforth–"I Wanna Go Home"; Mon. March 12 7:30 PM–St. James Seaforth –"God’s Lost and Found" Tues. March 13 7:30 PM–St. Patrick’s Dublin–"All or Nothing at All” Reception to Follow (Tuesday evening). The Mission is taking place at the halfway point of Lent – a great way to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Easter – please feel free to invite family and friends! All Are Welcome"

Cursillo Weekends
Where is Christ in our life now? A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you the time to reflect and redirect your path, and spiritual food for reflection. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit and to better understand His abundant love for each of us. Everyone is welcome from across the Diocese of London. Gerald & Veronica Kolman (519-347-2689, mail to: gykolkman@xplornet.ca) are holding two weekends at the Michaelite House, London. The Men’s weekend is March 8-11 and the Women’s is March 15 - 18. Cost is $200, with funding available to those unable to meet this expense.

NET Do Something Amazing Retreat
Sign up for the London DSA Retreat to come and see what being a NET Missionary is all about! To be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Tilbury, ON beginning Friday March 9 at 7:00 pm ending approximately Saturday, March 10 at 4:00 pm (optional: stay for 5:00 pm Mass). Register at dsa.netcanada.ca

Advertising on our Church Bulletin
If anyone is interested or knows someone interested in placing an ad for the year on the back of our church bulletin please contact the church office as soon as possible. First come, first serve.

Helping Reese Thomson
Get a Wheelchair Accessible Van
Reese is a young girl in our community. At the age of 3 Reese was diagnosed with Vanishing White Matter. Reese has been battling this terrible disease for 6 years now. A power chair was purchased for Reese since she is no longer strong enough to wheel herself in a regular chair. The family now needs to purchase a wheelchair accessible van because they can no longer lift the chair without assistance. Their goal is to raise $58,000, which is the cost of the van and modification. Please feel free to look at their fundraising page: https://www.youcaring.com/reesethomson-1064077. Your support and donation would be most appreciated. Contact info or to Donate: Elena Thomson, 19 Mary Street, Zurich, 519-619-2075. Donations accepted through transfer to believeinreese@gmail.com through the fundraising page or directly to Exeter Libro Credit Union Reese Thomson Fundraiser Account #3542958. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE FAMILY.

News Briefs from February 2018

Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting
Announcement: We are pleased to announce that Kendal Schlosser, Nurse Practitioner joined our team on January 3, 2018. She was hired through an initiative funded by the Ministry of Health and we share Kendal with Exeter Villa. She has been a welcome enhancement to the care team and our Medical Director and Attending Physician appreciate the additional onsite medical support.

Upcoming Events: Blue Water Rest Home’s 53rd Annual General Meeting is being held at the West Huron Care Centre on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Invocation is being provided by Pastor John Tremulak from Zion Lutheran Church. Blue Water Rest Home and The Alzheimer Society of Huron County with Stage II Productions present I’m Still Here! (a re-search-based drama on living with dementia). This event will take place on April 11, 2018 at Zurich Men-nonite Church at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. Admission: Freewill donation. For more information, call 519-236-4373 x 631.

Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups
God of the mountaintops, you meet us in unexpected and extraordinary ways. Help us to receive the lessons you teach us and to carry them back into our ordinary lives without clinging to the extraordinary moments. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, February 25 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall
- Parish Community Card Party - Tuesday, February 27 at 7:15 pm in St. Boniface Narthex
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Thursday, March 1 at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Hall
- First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, March 2 at St. Boniface Church
- World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 2 at the Bluewater Resthome at 2 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 4 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall

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

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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)

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.

Deviations

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.