5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2018

Let us strive to proclaim the Gospel by our everyday words and actions. In the Gospel, we hear that the Good News of Jesus is spreading to many towns and villages. Jesus tells his disciples that he has come for the purpose of preaching and teaching. That is our purpose as well. Let us strive to spread the Gospel in our everyday lives.

Dear Parishioners: welcome to February! The big news is, of course, Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine’s Day; we are starting Lent very early this year! Make your plans now for your Lenten & Easter observances. Our Bishops are encouraging us to celebrate World Marriage Day on the 2nd Sunday of February! We’ll have a renewal of vows for all married couples present at next Sunday’s Masses. If you have any events or ideas for the bulletin, please get them in now: our Parish Secretary Lori is taking some well-deserved vacation, so things are going to accelerate around here. Is everyone reading along with our Amoris Laetitia material? Despite all the controversy around chapter 8 of the text, I am convinced the document in its entirety represents a revolution in how we think about our Christian faith, our relationships with each other and our world and how we live as a Church. Our study of Amoris Laetitia will simply determine the future of our Church! Please plan on joining a Study Group. If you’re not receiving our parish-wide emails, please send your email info to the Office or at the very least, pick up a print copy of the Catholic Update article we sent around this week. Congratulations to all our high school students who’ve successfully completed their first-term exams! There’s such an air of excitement with the new school term beginning. I’ve recently received a letter from the Save a Family Plan family that our former Youth Group sponsored: we’ll hold some event to keep that great heritage going. Speaking of India, I thank Kathy Regier & Marg Suplat - and all who assisted them - in preparing the Br. Bob Mittelholtz SJ memorial at St. Boniface; please take a moment to leaf thru the great scrapbook they’ve assembled, filled with Br. Bob’s letters and stories. Thanks be to God for this remarkable man and the good he accomplished which continues to shape the lives of countless thousands to this very day! In the smallness of Jesus’ life (healing, praying, etc), the Kingdom of God shines forth: may God bless all our efforts this week and fill them with his grace! Fr. Matt

Bulletin News for the Weeks of February 12 - 25

Please have all bulletin news from February 12 - 25 to the Church Office no later then Monday, February 5 at noon as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin.

Office Hours
The office will be open on Monday, February 5 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Tuesday, February 6 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The office will be closed from February 7 - 16.

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018
Blessing & Distribution of Ashes
9:15 am - St. Boniface with the School
3:30 pm - Bluewater Resthome
7:00 pm - St. Peter’s
**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, Meaghan Young, Janet Durand, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.*

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family **Saela Ava Marie Cooke**, daughter of Jacob & Mackenzie who was baptized at St. Peter's Church last weekend.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the families of **Albena Bedard**, sister of Delores Bedard and **Yolande Denomme**, sister-in-law of Mary Lou Denomme & Lottie Grenier. May they rest in peace.

**World Day of the Sick**

On Saturday, February 10 Fr. Matt will be anointing the sick at our 9 am Mass at St. Boniface Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Please pray for the sick.

**Solitary Refinement**

Saturday February 10, 2018, 7 p.m.

"Solitary Refinement" from Voice of the Martyrs, comes to **Zurich Mennonite Church**, 37818 Zurich Hensall Road, Zurich. Admission is free. Contributions accepted. For ages 13 and up. Fellowship time in the gymnasium afterwards. Invite your friends and family to join you in experiencing solitary refinement.

**World Marriage Day**

On February 11, we celebrate World Marriage Day. Let us dedicate time to pray for married couples, those discerning marriage, and for our spouses. Consider doing something special for a married couple that weekend to thank them for their vocation. For spouses, do something special for each other to show your gratitude for your spouse and their ‘YES’ to marriage! Your goal in this Vocation of Marriage should be to get your spouse to heaven. Take time to ponder in your heart how you can do that.

**Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 14th annual Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards which recognize exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic – employees, parents volunteers, priests and parishioners. The award recipients will be recognized at our Catholic Education Week Mass to be held on Monday, May 7, 2018. Nominations forms are available in each school, parish, and posted on the Board’s website at [www.huronperthcatholic.ca](http://www.huronperthcatholic.ca). The deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 1, 2018. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

**Amoris Laetitia Study Groups**

Starting in Lent we will be offering a noon-hour and an evening version *Amoris Laetitia* Study Group with a meal provided. The study groups will begin on Thursday, February 15 at 12 pm in St. Peter’s Parish Hall and Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Parish Hall.

**2018 Pure Life Summit**

**February 17, 8:30 am-10:00 pm**

Join us in defining hope and allowing our beauty rise from ashes! *Personal Testimonies ~ Music ~ Prayer ~ Reflection ~ Food ~ Games ~ Fun* All HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY, YOUNG ADULTS AND PARENTS are invited to the 2018 PURE LIFE SUMMIT - FEBRUARY 17th - "Beauty from Ashes" featuring David Patterson @ St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, 2727 Tokala Trail, London 300+ in attendance. $50 per person (includes lunch and dinner). Register online at [www.ffipurelife.com](http://www.ffipurelife.com) or contact Connie at evanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info. Like us on Facebook at Pure Life Ministry Team

**Retrouvaille Weekend**

The next Retrouvaille weekend, hosted by Greg & Anita Turner, will be held April 6 – 8 at the Michelle House Retreat Centre. They continue to promote Retrouvaille and "spread the word" about the Marriage and Family saving program. Whatever the marital situation, there can always be hope and hurting couples are not alone. The website for Retrouvaille is [https://retrouvaille.org](http://https://retrouvaille.org).

**News Briefs from the January 2017 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting**

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. Since 2007, Blue Water Rest Home has held an Angel Tree Memorial Service on the third Sunday of November. The Board of Directors made a motion at January 17, 2018 meeting to stop holding the service because of low attendance and participation in the program.

**InGear Discernment Groups**

Our regional discernment groups are up and running again this year. For the most part, they meet on a monthly basis. If you know of any young man, grade 9 and up, who is open to discerning a call to the priesthood, please connect him with one of our regional discernment groups. These groups offer prayer, good food, spiritual guidance, fraternity, and encouragement for any young man in discernment. To register for one of the groups please contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca

**Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups**

Jesus, healer and lover of the broken hearted, help us to lay our broken hearts at your feet. Teach us to trust you, to face our suffering with courage, and to trust you can meet us there and give us what we need. Amen.
Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

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.

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Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

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

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Events at a glance....

• Anointing of the Sick - Saturday, February 10 at St. Boniface Church at the 9 am Mass
• Ash Wednesday - February 14 - 9:15 am at St. Boniface; 3:30 pm at BWRH and 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s
• Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Thursday, February 15 at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Hall
• Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
• Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Hall
• Amoris Laetitia Study Group - Thursday, February 22 at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Hall
• 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

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

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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.

Website
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:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-5454

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.