Dear Parishioners: you know, it actually feels good to be back from Florida; there's something wrong about being sick in the Sunshine State (I'm told Fr. Peter was quite ill when he filled in for me – what a trooper!). January is always a time of new beginnings: I pray many of us will re-commit (or commit for the first time) to being people of prayer and action on behalf of Christian Unity, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, beginning this Monday. Zurich Mennonite Church will host our noontime gatherings and the wrap-up service next Sunday (the 21st) at 2pm. (People unable to attend can pray along with all the resources online at https://www.weekofprayer.ca) Pope Francis' Message for the 104th World Day (Jan. 14th) for Migrants & Refugees can be found at the Vatican website; excerpts are also featured in this month's Living with Christ missalette. (I am so pleased that the Diocese has appointed Deacon Tony Hogervorst as Migrant Worker Ministry Specialist, following the retirement of Marie Carter, who some may remember from her prior years with the Catholic Rural Life Conference. As the number of migrant workers increases – 12,000 already within our Diocese! – I pray that we, especially in our Deanery, will find new ways to reach out to this massive Catholic presence.) Sunday, February 11th is the 26th World Day of the Sick, and our pope's message for that day is especially compelling: from caring individuals in particular families to public policies that "put the human person at the centre" for all healthcare [if you want a leg up for the homily that day, Section #2 will provide the jumping off point], every effort in our lives as a Church must follow "the eloquent example of her founder and master." Please consider attending our Mass of Anointing and social on Saturday the 10th at 9am: pray for the Sick! As the Lord calls the disciples – and disciples call other disciples, like Andrew to Simon Peter! – may each one of us find our calling and respond with the same joy! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Matt

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, Patricia Murray, Meaghan Young, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Velma Cantin, who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Your Mailing Address

It will soon be time to prepare income tax receipts for 2017. If you have moved in the last year, please contact the church office and provide us with current mailing address so we can bring our records up to date.
St. Boniface CWL

January Meeting - The St. Boniface CWL January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Debbie and Henrica’s group will be in charge of the meeting. We will be welcoming our new 2018 - 2020 Executive and also making plans for our upcoming Bro. Bob Bake Sale. Hope to see you there.

Brother Bob Bake Sale - February 3 and 4. All proceeds to Jesu Ashram in India. Baked goods for our table would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off before Mass. Thank-you for your generous support.

Thank-you from Blessings Community Store

Thank-you to St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Churches for your generous donation towards our Christmas Food Hamper and Gift Program. Your gift of food made a real difference in the lives of so many families in our area.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Come join us for some bible sharing during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The noon hour bible study will be held from Monday January 15 to Friday, January 19 at the Zurich Mennonite Church; soup and beverages provided. We will end the week with a Christian Unity Service to be held on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 pm at the Zurich Mennonite Church.

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. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 1, 2018. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE: JANUARY 20, 2018

Men of all ages are invited to come to the 6th Annual Men of Faith Conference. This year, hear from DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS to be CHALLENGED AND INSPIRED. Deacon Harold, known around the world as the “Dynamic Deacon”, is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire. Also hear from Fr. Patrick Beneteau, Vocations Director of London Diocese. EARLY BIRD PRICE: $30/adult; $25/student AT THE DOOR: $45/person. Lunch, Coffee, Refreshments, Resources in Registration Kit. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.FAMFLI.CA For more information contact Mike at Mike@LegacyPartners.ca, info@famfl.ca or 519-518-2025 ext.22

Housing Needed ASAP

We have a new Syrian family in Zurich! The Omer family arrived Nov 8th and is living with family in Zurich. For parishioners/visitors new to the area, our churches with community support, sponsored a Syrian Refugee family. The ElMuhammeds, (Mom/dad/2 children) arrived two years ago. The Omer family has, 3 adults/3 children. We are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment or house to rent in Zurich or area. The children attend St. Boniface school and the families want to stay close to each other. The sisters had not seen each other for 7 years! Please contact Pauline Overholt-Tait at 4taits@hay.net or call 519-636-6859 cell/text or Heather Klopp at klopps@hay.net.

Call for Conscience Campaign: Helping to Protect Conscience Rights and Ensuring Adequate Palliative Care in Ontario

As you may know, in Ontario there is no legislation to protect physicians and healthcare providers who, in conscience, refuse to participate in medically assisted suicide/euthanasia. Working together with many Catholic partners and other faith communities, the Coalition of HealthCARE and Conscience is aiming to petition the Ontario government to protect the conscience rights or healthcare providers and to lobby for adequate palliative care in Ontario. In support of the Call to Conscience Campaign, every diocese in Ontario is encouraging their parishes to be active participants. In the Diocese of London we are asking each parish to designate a parish coordinator. If you are interested in being our parish coordinator please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

World Youth Day Information Night

Please join us for a World Youth Day information event on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 pm in the St. Justin Parish Hall, 855 Jalna Blvd, London. The registration deadline has been extended and young adults aged 18-30 are encouraged to attend this meeting for more details about World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. This event will also be streamed live on Facebook if you are unable to make it to London. Tune in at facebook.com/dolYouthMinistry.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount

This year’s theme is “Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power,” taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. Our communities will gather in prayer with others from the city on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 pm in The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount, 1486 Richmond Street North. Refreshments and fellowship will be shared following the gathering in The Parish Hall.

Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups

God who walked the earth, you know the gift it is to live in time, to feel and hear, see and smell our way through life. As we follow you, leave no corner of our lives unexamined. Help us to invite you into the most intimate and ordinary corners of our lives, that in all places and ways our lives be a witness to goodness. Amen.
Events at a glance....

- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Noon Hour Bible Study** - January 15 - 19 at Zurich Mennonite Church
- **Ecumenical Worship Gathering** - Sunday, January 21 at 2 pm at Zurich Mennonite Church
- **Finance Meeting** - Thursday, February 1 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, February 2 at St. Boniface Church
- **Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)** - Saturday, February 3 at St. Boniface Church at the 9 am Mass
- **Anointing of the Sick** - Saturday, February 10 at St. Boniface Church at the 9 am Mass
- **Brother Bob Bake Sale** - Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 at St. Boniface Church

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

- **Pat Bedard Construction**
  General Carpentry
  Renovations - Additions
  Siding - Decks
  519-238-4720

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

- **D. Regier Construction**
  David Regier, Owner
  RR2, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
  Phone: 519-236-7120
  Fax: 519-236-4960

- **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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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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**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School**:  
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Clinton, ON N0M 1L0  
519-482-5454

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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.