God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. God chooses us, despite our failures and shortcomings, to be his disciples. He sends us out into the world, not on our own, but in the companionship of our brothers and sisters in community. He does not leave us to our own devices, but gives power and authority through his name.

Dear Parishioners: Time to bless the meat again! I quite enjoy making my annual trek up Paul Bunyan Rd. to the trailer park for the festival of Our Lady, put on by our Portuguese parishioners. (Great arroz doce, if you’re into sweet rice for dessert!) I bless the meat, the bread, the rice, the wine – and the workers who put it all together – the night before the big meal on Saturday. Every parish is a community of communities – we need to recognize & celebrate the remarkable diversity that is just below the surface of our lives on the shore of Lake Huron. I’m trying to get Fr. Peter Poel to make a visit before he leaves for the Capuchin novitiate in California at the end of the month: I told him there are many here who want to wish him well & say goodbye – if I manage to get a date, I’ll let everyone know. (Next time you see Fr. Louis Mousseau, OFM Cap., lean on him a little, to see if we can’t get Fr. Peter assigned to a Capuchin community in our diocese!) You’ll have heard about some of my Zurch VBS adventures in the homily: suffice it to say that every young person there seemed to be enjoying themselves and the volunteers looked like they were having a good time as well! I bless God that our local Churches can come together in common witness & service to our young people and their families. Thanks to everyone who made the week possible! My time away last week to the National Cursillo Conference was very fruitful: it is so energizing to be part of a movement within the Church which seeks to help every adult experience the love of God in a living relationship of grace – exactly what the author of our book Forming Intentional Disciples insists is central to a life-long, active role in the Church today! (Thanks to the members – new & old – of our Parish Pastoral Council for a rare July meeting: the information & challenges presented in the book seemed to resonate with everyone on Council.) I’m trying to get back up on the social media horse again: please remember to like “Bluewater Parishes” on Face Book – each week I get a report on all the people who liked a posting but haven’t liked the page! (Big Brother no like, I guess!) The summer so far – even without rain! – promises to be a very rich time. God bless you & your family this week!

Fr. Matt

St. Andre 100 Years Parish Reunion

Join us as we celebrate a Saint who walked among us. Sunday, August 5, 2018 at St. Peter’s Church. Rosary in the Rosary Garden to begin at 10:30 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am. After Mass, we invite you to join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and cake. Good will offering. Invite your family and friends and take some time to reconnect with your parish family.
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, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

St. Peter's CWL

Raffle Tickets - are ready to be picked up. Tickets are in envelopes with the member’s name on the front of the envelope in a basket in alphabetical order. The basket can be found at the front of the Church. Please pick up your envelope and let’s have another good year.

NET Appeal

Anyone still wanting to donate to Michael & Annette Hartman in support of their missionary work with NET Canada this upcoming year can drop off their donation to the church office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “NET Canada”. Please include your name and address on the envelope. Also, please keep Michael & Annette in your prayers.

Merlin Walking Pilgrimage

Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite the faithful to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Merlin on Wednesday, August 15. Bishop Fabbro will celebrate Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch. Prior to the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. After lunch, a Rosary Procession will take place, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:15 pm. The faithful can join a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine, either: a 10 KM walk departing from the North Buxton Museum at 8:00 am, or a 5 KM walk departing from the Merlin Community Hall at 9:00 am. Parishes are invited to organize a pilgrimage to this celebration. Registration is not required.

Have a Rosary - Need a Rosary?

There is a box at the back of our Churches containing several rosaries. If you wish a rosary, please feel free to take whichever one you like. If you have extra rosaries at home which you are not using, please put them in the box. At the end of the year, if there is a large number, we will send them to the missions.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held August 24-26. Please contact Greg & Anita at 519-243-0687 or retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more details.

Please Remember to Save Your…..

Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs (Hensall) or Doug Debus (Zurich). We are still looking for someone to take over this project crushing the pop cans and bringing them to Zubick’s in London about once a year. If you would to volunteer please contact the church office.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help the Rotary Literacy Program by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876. There are child size shawls also available.

Life and Family

Prayer for Families & Small Groups

God of just what we need for the journey, reveal to us the things that hold the keys to our false sense of security. Teach us to trust in you and live more simply. Show us where we are clinging to people who cannot give us what we need. Open our hearts to the people who need us most. Amen.
Events at a glance:

- **12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, August 3 from 8 am - 8 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **St. Andre Celebration - Parish Reunion Sunday** - Sunday, August 5 at St. Peter’s - Rosary at 10:30 am followed by Mass at 11 am
- **St. Peter’s CWL Penny Sale** - August 11/12 weekend
- **Merlin Waling Pilgrimage** - Wednesday, August 15 at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary
- **Bean Festival Weekend** - August 24 - 26

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

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519-482-5454

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

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

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.