16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 22, 2018

Our Lord insists that we take time to be still and rest in him. As difficult as it is to just stop and be still, it is important to make the time to be refreshed and to rest in the Lord’s peace.

Dear Parishioners: well, if no one else is going to do it, I’ll have a Mass intention for rain! (Remember last year, when things were so wet that all the crops were put back? I guess we have to get accustomed to more extremes of weather – and more often.) Next Thursday, St. Peter’s Goderich will be holding a healing Mass at 6:30pm: Fr. Fernando Suarez MMMP (a colleague of Fr. Ronnie’s from the Philippines), will be the presider; Confessions will be heard prior to the Mass. You may have been surprised by the switch to red Mass wine at St. Peter’s (St. Joseph): this is a temporary thing – a shipping error from our supplier. For some unknown reason, our order was changed from “white rosato” to “rosato”; we’ve contacted their office & once we’ve used up what they sent, we’ll go back to the white wine – so much easier when it comes to laundering the linens! Next Sunday, I’ll be leaving for Misericordia University’s Institute on Sacred Scripture in Pennsylvania: some members of our parishes’ Bible Study Groups will be coming along, so you can hear from them what grown-up VBS looks like! Bishop Fabbro CSB will attend the Reunion Sunday Mass on August 5th at SPSJ, as we commemorate the birthday of St. Brother André (Aug 9th): make sure you’ve invited everyone who should be there! The Assumption of Mary (Aug 15th) is the Bishop’s Anniversary of Ordination (2002): please consider making a pilgrimage to our diocesan Shrine in Merlin that day, in thanksgiving to God for our good Bishop, and to intercede for our diocese. (Contact the Office for information on the day’s events – join me for the 10km walk if you’re able!) You see the 2017 & 2018 6-month financial reports for both parishes in today’s bulletin: God bless you for your continued support of our parishes, and my personal thanks to the members of our Finance Committee: Michael Jardine, Charmaine Keller & Ted Soudant. (Our faithful Parish Secretary Lori LaPorte is to be commended for her careful & professional oversight of our books, as well.) In today’s Gospel reading, we hear the LORD “taught them many things”: I will begin a preaching series on holiness (from Pope Francis’ latest Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate) for the Sundays in August: please pray that our parishes (and the preacher!) are renewed in holiness. Jesus has compassion for the great crowd – and for the Apostles! May the compassion of Jesus be our light this summer. God bless! 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 23 - 29

MONDAY: July 23
(Vocation Support Prayer:
Deacon Donald McCullough)

TUESDAY: July 24
(Mrs. Heather Cushing, Pastoral Minister)

St. Peter’s Church
11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
12:00 pm - Mass
- Phil & Patty LaPorte
- Michael Frijters - Barbara Coker

St. Boniface Church
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
- Tim Bedour - Tillie Rau
- George Regier - Sister Mary
- Ed Smith - Bill Smith

THURSDAY: July 26
(Deacon Jack Grim)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
- Jean Geoffrrey - Diane Ernteman

FRIDAY: July 27
(Rev. Dennis Wilhelm)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Maureen Fisher & Family
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
- Isidore LaPorte - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
- Bernie Denomme - Vonnie Overholt

SATURDAY: July 28
(Rev. Joseph Hardy)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 am - 8:45 am
- Audrey Smith - Don & Darlene Smith
- Annie VanRaay - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
- Gerald Smith - Cecelia Farwell

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: July 29
(Rev. James Higgins)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
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 Milm, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

50th Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations to Phil & Linda Regier on the Occasion of their “50th” Wedding Anniversary. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.

St. Boniface CWL
St. Boniface CWL is planning a Bake Sale for Saturday, August 11, 8 am to 1 pm out front of the church. That is the same day as the Town Wide Yard Sales. Baking of all kinds (pies, tarts, muffins, cookies, squares, cakes, etc.) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your baked goods to the church Saturday morning.

PLEASE NOTE: The CWL will NOT have a pie booth at the Bean Festival this year, so the Bake Sale on August 11 will be one of our big fundraisers. Thank you for your support.

Financial Reports
Included in this weekend’s bulletin you will find financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017 and from January 1 - June 30, 2018. If you have any questions regarding these statements please contact a member of the Finance Committee. Thank you to all of our parishioners and summer visitors for your continued financial and spiritual support.

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.

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 August 13 - 22; and September 12 - 15, all from 11 am - 3 pm. For more information visit www.olrshrine.ca/shrine_days.

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.

Development and Peace Documentary
Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has launched a new documentary entitled, “After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village.” It follows 550 families as they build a new village and new lives after Super Typhoon Haiyan with support from Development and Peace. This 47-minute documentary was filmed over three years and shows what happens when you bring the people together, when they are given a voice and a chance to be heard, and when they know how to take action. Take this inspiring journey with these 550 families by watching the film and sharing it with others, available free at https://youtu.be/NFrJv8FDgJY.

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 retrouvaille-londonstthomas@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more details.

Life and Family
Prayer for Families & Small Groups
God of green pastures and abundant rest, loosen our grip on busyness, stress, martyrdom, judgement, “people-pleasing,” victimhood, and a need to be right. Help us, even in the midst of great trials, to trust you are with us and that you long to give us rest. Teach us to share our burdens with you. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

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. Boniface Bake Sale** - Saturday, August 11 from 8 am - 1 pm out front of the church
- **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

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

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
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.

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.