14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 8, 2018

As Christians, fidelity to Christ and the Gospel must be the hallmark of our lives. At first glance our readings seem rather pessimistic. Ezekiel is entrusted with a difficult commission, Paul has a throne in his side and Jesus is rejected by his own. But in another sense, each reading is a reminder that when our eyes are fixed on the Lord, not even the threat of danger can deter us.

Dear Parishioners: it's great to be back to life as a college student - greetings from Parking Lot 3A! Welcome to Fr Frank Murphy, who's kindly filling in so I can attend the National Cursillo Conference in K-W. (The truth of the matter is that he probably feels bad - or responsible, at least - for introducing Cursillo into my life: if you want to look at him sideways, feel free!) Our focus is "The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo", so I am anticipating there will be lots of insights that will apply to our efforts in becoming intentional disciples to the people around us. Zurich VBS kicks off this week: thank you to all the volunteers that make it all possible! If you're able, consider joining us for the finale/concert they give on Thursday at 7pm: the kids do very well, reflecting on & singing about all they've learned over the course of the week. I look forward to our Parish Pastoral Council meeting this Wednesday, to greet & orient the new members, while appreciating those completing their term. May this summer be a gentler time (God rest all those who perished in last week's heat wave!) for us all. God bless! Fr Matt

Mass Intentions for July 9 - 15

**MONDAY: July 9**
(Vocation Support Prayer: Deacon Gerard Charette)

**TUESDAY: July 10**
(Rev. Pio Beorchia)

- **St. Peter's Church**
  - 11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
  - 12:00 pm - Mass
  - +Hilda Heindenreich - Don & Gayle Bieschke
  - +George Regier - Diane Knight

**WEDNESDAY: July 11**
(Rev. Michael Brand, C.S.B.)

- **St. Boniface Church**
  - 6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
  - 7:00 pm - Mass
  - +Patsy Rau - Mary Lou Denomme
  - +Veronica Price - Clare & Mary Faye Regier
  - +Darl Rau - Michael & Yvonne Hartman

**THURSDAY: July 12**
(Deacon John Lammers)

- **Bluewater Resthome** - 3:30 pm
  - +Lloyd Denomme - Virginia Denomme

**FRIDAY: July 13**
(Sister Teresa Morrison, Pastoral Minister)

- **St. Boniface Church** - 9:15 am
  - +Bill Brand - Toni Brand & Family
  - +Philip Overholt - Joe & Sandy Overholt & Family
  - Int. of Toni Brand - Vonnie Overholt

**SATURDAY: July 14**
(Mrs. Veronica Costa, Youth Ministry)

- **St. Boniface Church** - 9:00 am
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 am - 8:45 am
  - Int. of Marie Cyr - St. Boniface CWL
  - +Larry Regier - Ray & Janice Hartman
  - +Barb Regier - Clarence & Joan Regier

- **St. Peter's Church** - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: July 15**
(Mr. Christopher Laforet, Youth Ministry)

- **St. Boniface Church** - 9:00 am
- **St. Peter's Church** - 11:00 am

From Fr. John Comiskey re: Recent Media Reports

Recently some news media outlets have claimed that the Diocese of London has cut back on counseling provided for victims of sexual abuse. Below is information from Fr. John Comiskey regarding the incomplete information reported by the media.

1. No one entitled to counseling has been cut off by the Diocese of London. We continue to honour all of our obligations according to settlements reached with victims.

2. No money is taken from parish collections or funds to pay any claims from settlements, nor for counseling. All of these costs are paid for from the sales of non-parish properties and from insurance proceeds.

3. The Diocese, in keeping with the standards of accredited professional colleges of Ontario, expects that only evidence-based techniques be used in counseling victims.

4. In keeping with the established clinical practice guidelines and standards of these colleges, the normal timeframe for counseling in most cases is three to five years. While recognizing that there is no "one size fits all" approach to an individual's needs, the Diocese is asking for independent assessments when counseling has exceeded seven or eight years. Such an assessment gives the client and the Diocese a sense of the duration and frequency of further counseling, should it be required. The Diocese's policies are informed by the professional advice of the Safe Environment Advisory Committee members, including experts in psychology and social work.

5. The Diocese continues to work with victims of clergy sexual abuse and their legal representatives to reach fair settlements.
**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.

**Prayers & Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Patsy Rau, mother of Joe & Carolyn and Shawn & Cathy who died last week. May she rest in peace.

**Vacation Bible School**

Ahoy! VBS sets sail **this week on Monday, July 9th!** REGISTER your kids for this week long voyage of morning fun located at Zurich Mennonite Church by going to zurichvbs.ca! Captain Director is looking for deckhands and crew captains so sign up to VOLUNTEER by talking to Kristyn Egli (226-237-4310), or Sam Steckle (226-222-0539/sam.steckle@gmail.com) or emailing zurichvbs@gmail.com. SPREAD THE WORD to your friends, family and neighbours and get excited!

**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.

**CWL meeting - CORRECTION** - there will be **no CWL Meeting in July or August.** Our next meeting will be on September 11 with a Potluck Dinner. More details to follow.

**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.

**Life and Family**

**Prayer for Families & Small Groups**

God of all people, send us to those who need you most, with hearts full of love. Teach us to be curious about those who hurt, offend, and frustrate us. Help us to be witnesses to love in all things and to allow others to respond to us freely. Give us the grace to keep witnessing, even and especially when others do not understand. Amen.

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**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.

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Zurich Vacation Bible School** - July 9 - 13 at the Zurich Mennonite Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council** - Wednesday, July 11 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface
- **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 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

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

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

Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
Parish Office & School
Contact Information

Parish Office:
22 Mary St., Box 81
Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
519-236-4391
bluewater@dol.ca

St. Boniface School:
24 Mary St., Box 128
Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
519-236-4335
stbonifaces@hpcdsb.ca

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
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.

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.