4th Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2018

God’s mercy and love, made clear in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, overcame our sins and transgressions. God does not love us conditionally, or despite our sins, but rather because he created us, and he is love. His mercy and compassion are that of a loving Father.

Dear Parishioners: what did I say about “lots of winter still to come”?!! Now all our families on Spring Break will appreciate their sunny destinations all the more. Let’s fight our own “Mr. Sunny Ways” on this side of the border! You may recall that our federal Liberal government has – by bureaucratic diktat, with no debate in Parliament – mandated that all organizations applying for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant must support the “core values” of this Government, like abortion & euthanasia. (The great irony here is, of course, that they are actually working against real, constitutional core values like freedom of conscience and religion, in their bold, nasty imposition of an ideological test!) Our Bishop has taken a prophetic stand, stating that our diocese will not apply for any CSJG funds, which means that we will face a shortfall of approximately $35,000.00 across the diocese. The grant money had previously paid for internships at many diocesan events & programs, like Catholic Christian Leadership Camp, which has benefitted many of our youth. We need to send a strong message to our government – and our nation – that we will not be coerced by the ideology of any political party when it comes to the question of respecting all human life on earth. Please give generously to our Summer Jobs collection (for the memo line of your cheque to our parishes), and help our Church serve our youth and take a stand for freedom in Canada! I trust everyone has received a copy (emailed or print at the church doors) of the Catholic Update article on examining our conscience in the light of the Ten Commandments: the diocese-wide Day of Confessions is one initiative that seems to resonate with people – please put in the effort to celebrate well the sacrament of healing & love on Wednesday, March 21st. Has everyone heard about Reese’ Wheels? Our little parishioner has growing needs – she is in a motorized wheelchair now, which means her family will need a specially-equipped van to get her around. I am excited to see all the different fund-raising efforts underway, especially the Waterloo Regional Police Chorus concert, to be held at Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church in Exeter on Sunday, March 25th at 3pm – everyone is invited! Thanks to Nicodemus’ question, we learn that “God so loves the world!” How will our love play out this week? God bless! Fr. Matt

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 12 - 18**

**MONDAY:** March 12  
(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Gerard Bedard)

**TUESDAY:** March 13  
(Rev. Joseph Kannath)

St. Peter’s Church  
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross  
12:00 pm - Mass followed by Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre and Sacrament of Reconciliation  
+Bernie Mitchell Jr. - Bernie Mitchell  
+Int. of Louis Lacoursiere - Marlene Lacoursiere  
+Branko & Stjepan & Ana Kirin - Topolovec Family

**WEDNESDAY:** March 14  
(Mrs. Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm  
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”  
+(5th Ann) Glen Overholt - Laura Overholt & Family  
+Lawrence Vermue - John & Mary Jacobs  
+Int. of Leo Stock - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**THURSDAY:** March 15  
(Rev. Russell Shantz)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm  
+Int. of Alice Marchand - St. Boniface CWL  
+Mass of Thanksgiving for Mary Ducharme & Pat Meidinger - Kathryn Regier

**FRIDAY:** March 16  
(Sister Magdalena Vogt, Pastoral Minister/Hospital Chaplain)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am  
Followed by Stations of the Cross  
+Ralph Mathonia - George Mathonia & Family  
+Int. of Madeline Denomme - Mary Lou Denomme  
+Int. of Gerard Ducharme - Marjorie Meidinger

**SATURDAY:** March 17  
(Mrs. Mary Jean Horne, Pastoral Worker)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am  
+Audrey Smith - Cecelia Farwell  
+Gerald Smith - Sister Joyce  
+Annie Van Raay - Bill & Toni Brand  
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** March 18  
(Rev. Stephen Savel)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am  
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm-Sung Evening Prayer

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**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday** - March 25:  
Please wear red to Mass

**Chrism Mass** - Monday, March 26  
St. Peter’s Cathedral, London at 7:00 pm

**Holy Thursday** - March 29:  
St. Boniface Church at 7 pm with Adoration until Midnight

**Good Friday** - March 30:  
St. Boniface Church at 11 am – Simple Service  
St. Peter’s Church at 3 pm – Solemn Service

**Easter Vigil** - March 31:  
St. Peter’s Church at 8 pm

**Easter Sunday** - April 1:  
St. Boniface at 9 am, St. Peter’s at 11 am
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, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Day of Confessions
This year’s diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times at St. Boniface Church are: Mass at 8:30 am with Adoration from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Confessions - 9 - 11 am; 1 - 4 pm; 6 - 9 pm. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers a schedule of confession times for other parishes, as well as information about Lent, Day of Confessions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Flowers
We will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. If you wish to make a donation in their memory place your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by March 25, 2018. The names of the deceased love ones will be published in our Easter bulletin.

St. Boniface CWL
Diocesan Convention - Anyone wanting to go to the Diocesan Convention in London at the Lamplighter Inn on April 23, 24 or 25? Please contact Joan Regier at 519-236-4289 by March 12, 2018.

Blessings Easter Food Drive - We will be collecting non perishable food for Blessing’s Food Bank until Monday, March 26. Some of the items they are in need of are tomato juice, diced tomatoes, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, peanut free school snacks. There will be a large box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

St. Peter’s Bible Study
St. Peter’s Bible Study will resume after Easter on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We will be studying the Psalms. Anyone interested in joining please contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321.

Men of Faith Conference - Listowel
All men are invited to attend another informative and inspiring day. “Faith Explained” with Cale Clarke on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8:30 - 3:30 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Listowel. Also hear from Fr. Patrick Beneteau, Vocations Director for the Diocese of London. For more information about the day and a detailed schedule, visit famfi.ca. Cost: Early Bird - $10/person; at the door $15/person. The day includes coffee & refreshments and a hot lunch.

St. James Seaforth and St. Patrick’s Dublin have invited Rev. Enzo Del Brocco a member of the Catholic religious order of the Passionist Missionaries to lead them in their Lenten Mission this year. The theme for our mission this year is "Return with Your Whole Heart". The schedule will be as follows: Sun. March 10/11 – Father Enzo will preach at all Sunday masses; Sun. March 11 7:30 PM–St. James Seaforth–“I Wanna Go Home”; Mon. March 12 7:30 PM–St. James Seaforth–“God’s Lost and Found” Tues. March 13 7:30 PM–St. Patrick’s Dublin–“All or Nothing at All” Reception to Follow (Tuesday evening). The Mission is taking place at the halfway point of Lent – a great way to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Easter – please feel free to invite family and friends! All Are Welcome

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Capital (January 2018 – February 2018):

| Revenue                              | 900    |
| Expenses                             | 0      |
| Surplus (deficit)                    | 900    |

Actual Balance in Building Fund Account at Diocese of London $64,496

| **St. Boniface**                     | Actual | Budget |
| Operating:                           |        |        |
| Revenue                              |        |        |
| Collections                         | $18,132| $18,800|
| Other                               | 5,075  | 4,700  |
| Total Revenue                       | $23,207| $23,500|
| Expenses                            | 26,112 | 20,986 |
| Surplus (deficit)                   | 500    |        |

Capital: January 2018 – February 2018:

| Revenue                              | 935    |
| Expenses                             | 0      |
| Surplus (deficit)                    | 935    |

Actual Balance in Building Fund Account at Diocese of London $131,497
Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
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Parish Office:
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bluewater@dol.ca

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519-236-4335
stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
519-482-5454

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
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Phil LaPorte
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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)

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.