6th Sunday of Easter - May 6, 2018

Following the commands of the Lord brings life and joy. The Lord’s commands are not restricting or limiting, but rather are the way to our fulfilment in this life and the next. We can love and be loved by our Creator by following his commandments.

Dear Parishioners: the grass is green – hurray! It’s starting to feel like Spring, finally. This week is loaded with events that will lift our spirits; make sure your faith gets aired out, with all the other good things we do in these blessed days! Mothers’ Day is a perfect opportunity to renew our thanks for those who gave us life & faith: God bless all our mothers! The gifted youth of the National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) will be here for our St. Boniface School intermediate & senior grades’ Retreat Day this Monday; the Schoolboard’s Leadership Awards will be celebrated Monday evening (congratulations to our Gracie Gilbert) I’ll be joining our high school-aged youth in Ottawa for the National March for Life overnight Wednesday & Thursday; the St. André Fund (which benefits so many of our needy schoolchildren & their families) has their major fundraiser this Friday. I was astonished to see Fr. John Maloney (R.L.P.) featured in the diocesan historical series These Are Our Brothers: it’s great to learn about the Irish families from St. Joseph – here I was thinking our history was entirely written by the French & Germans! Speaking of priests, the Pastoral Moves have been posted: it looks like many Families of Parishes are beginning to take shape. People have asked about me; remember I am only in my fourth year of a six-year placement; barring any unforeseen developments, I will be here for a little while yet. We had a good experience with watching the entire (30mins.) Mother of Perpetual Help TV Devotions prior to Wednesday evening Mass: please consider joining us at 6:25pm, so people arriving for the 7pm Mass don’t feel the need to silently creep into the dimly lit narthex. The prayers we recite are filled out with music, two little reflections from priests, religious or lay people, and we are more closely connected with other parishes across our nation. If you are able to sit on a couch & pray for 30mins., please contact the Office! I would like to find some volunteers who can be present with our local nursing home residents on Wednesdays & make the TV Devotions available for them. There are plenty of ideas for families during the upcoming National Week for Family Life (e.g., how long has it been since the family has sat down together for a really good movie & discussed it after?), which we will celebrate as a parish family with our friends from St. Peter’s Lutheran & Zurich Mennonite Church on Pentecost with a family picnic! (How long since your last family wagon ride??) Next week’s Ascension of the Lord has always been associated with broadcasting the Good News to all of humanity: how long has it been since our world has heard good news from us? God bless you & your family this 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, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Bulletin News for the Weeks of May 14-27

Please have all bulletin news from May 14 - 27 to the Church Office no later then Wednesday, May 9 as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 7 - 13**

**MONDAY: May 7**
(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Gary Ducharme)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
“Mass with the NET Team & School”
Int. of TJ Vandermeer - Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
Int. of Andrew Roelands-Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
Int. of Frank & Carrie VanderVloet
- Staff & Students of St. Boniface School

**TUESDAY: May 8 - No Mass**
(Rev. James Mockler)

**WEDNESDAY: May 9**
(Rev. Gerry Campeau)
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
+Isidore LaPorte - Phil & Linda Regier
+Catherine McNeely - George & Marg Suptal
+Therese Stark - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**THURSDAY: May 10**
(Rev. Terrence McNamara)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Communion Service

**FRIDAY: May 11**
(Brothers of St. Louis)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of George & Joanne Regier - Angela Watson
Int. of Michael McQuaid & Janet Evans and
- Hilary & Zach Lundy & Family - Mary Lou Denomme
+Ivan Norris - George Mathonia

**SATURDAY: May 12**
(Rev. Richard Janisse)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+Jim Bedard - Martin & Cheryl Gelinas
+Rose Regier - Ted & Janet Soudant
+Joe Regier - Don & Elaine Beauchamp

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: May 13**
(Deacon Richard Walter)

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

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**Pentecost Family Prayer Picnic**

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Zurich Mennonite Church and Bluewater Roman Catholic Parishes invite everyone to celebrate Pentecost with an evening of prayer, food, softball, wagon rides & a bonfire sing-a-long on Sunday, May 20 at the Zurich Ball Park from 5 - 10 pm.
The NET Team is Coming to our Parishes!!!
On Monday, May 7, our parish/school community will be hosting a National Evangelization Team (NET). The NET team will be spending the day with our youth in grades 5-8. Please keep your youth and the NET team in your prayers.

Bible Study at St. Peter’s
The Bible Study on Psalms will begin on Tuesday, May 8 in St. Peter’s Church hall at 9:30 am. If interested contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321.

St. Peter’s CWL
CWL Meeting - Tuesday, May 8 at 7 pm in St. Peter’s Hall

Spring Food Drive - We will continue doing a Spring Food Drive for Blessings Food Bank. Any non-perishable food donations are needed. Boxes can be found at the back of the church.

Faith in Action Award
Students graduating from St. Anne’s are invited to put their names forward to be considered for the St. Peter’s CWL Faith in Action Award. Applications are due by June 3 to the church office in an envelope labelled St. Peter’s CWL.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce Anne Harburn from our Parish/School Community as an exemplary model of Catholic service and she will be awarded with the St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award for 2018. The Board looks forward to recognizing all the award recipients at its Catholic Education Week Mass on Monday, May 7, 2018 at St. Patrick’s Parish in Dublin at 5:00 p.m. We are honoured to have Fr. Clare Coleman celebrate the Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out. Everyone is cordially invited and we look forward to welcoming you.

CPR/Defibrillator Class
A CPR/Defibrillator Class is coming to St. Boniface Church. Interested parishioners are asked to choose a date that they prefer (Saturday, May 26 @ 2 pm or Saturday, June 2 @ 2 pm) as there will be ONE date chosen by the majority vote. If interested please contact Dianne Tschirhart at 519-565-5275 or email coci-rescue@gmail.com. The cost is $40 and is tax deductible.

National Week for Life and the Family
May 13 - 20, 2018
This year, in the Church in Canada, the Week will focus on the theme: “Love: Encountering the Other”. For more information go to www.cccb.ca and click on the link (painting of the Visitation) for National Week for Life and the Family. Scroll down to Events & Activities and click on suggested Parish Use.

Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education Week 2018 is from May 6 - 11 and this year’s theme is “Renewing the Promise.” Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. “For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. Acts 2:39 Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of Catholic students will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. For more information visit www.dol.ca/catholic-education-week.

The Diocese of London Thanks You!!
Together, our diocese raised over $50,000 to fund summer programs and employment opportunities for youth. Thank-you!

January 1, 2018 - April 30, 2018

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Actual Balance in Building Fund Account at Diocese of London $65,206

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Bayview Golf Club
Phone: 519-236-4030
Email: bayviewgolf@bay.net
www.bayviewgolfclub.ca
Hwy. 21, 7 miles North of Grand Bend
Call to book tournaments & tee times.

Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

• Catholic Education Week - May 6 - 11
• NET Retreat - Monday, May 7 at 9:15 a m at St. Boniface Church for Grades 5 - 8 students
• Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 13
• St. Peter’s CWL Bake Sale - May 19 & 20 following the Masses
• Rosary Garden Sunday - Sunday, May 20 at St. Peter’s
• Pentecost Family Prayer Picnic - Sunday, May 20 at 5:30 pm at Ball Diamond Pavillion
• Parish Community Card Party - Tuesday, May 22 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
• PPC Discernment Meeting - Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 at St. Boniface Church

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

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519-236-4391
bluewater@dol.ca

St. Boniface School:
24 Mary St., Box 128
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
519-236-4335
stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-5454

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

Weekend Masses
Sat 5:00 pm  St. Peter  (mid April to mid October)
               St. Boniface  (mid October to mid April)
Sun 9:00 am  St. Boniface
           11:00 am  St. Peter

Pastoral Staff:
Pastor: Fr. Matthew George
Secretary: Lori LaPorte
Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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.

Website
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.
www.bluewater.dionet.ca