Christ the King - Sunday, November 25, 2018

Jesus, King of heaven and earth, cares for all his people and calls us to love and serve him in return. This final Sunday in Ordinary time is marked as the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, has all power in heaven and earth. The Church represents the kingdom on earth. We, as members of that kingdom, are expected to follow the example of Jesus. He rules with love, service and compassion, and calls us to do the same.

Dear Parishioners: Happy New Year! The feasts of Christ the King & the First Sunday of Advent offer the opportunity to re-orient ourselves and “gird our loins” for the challenges of celebrating Christmas well. Thanks be to God for our Family of Parishes Mission with Fr. Red O’Reilly CSR! It was so good to be with folks from every parish and hear his challenging & affirming message! (If you were at the 3rd night’s session, you heard him say that his classic song “Father, I have Sinned” came to him in 5 minutes(!!?): sometimes, we are just “more in tune” with the Spirit of God – I know I feel tuned up in my role as a disciple!) Greetings to our 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist families! This is a special year for you & your young child – may the Catholic Missal for Young Catholics be of assistance in your year of grace. For the rest of us on our Advent journey, please consider making your Confession at our Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, Dec 12th at 7pm at St. Boniface: many local priests will be present to help us prepare our hearts for the Word-made-Flesh. There are many things coming together on December 2nd: we celebrate Confirmation with our young people, we welcome Bp. Dabrowski CSMA to our parishes, and we celebrate the dedication of St. Boniface Church (at sung Evening Prayer: since it is a Sunday, the Readings & prayers at Mass follow the day). Please consider joining in Evening Prayer on some Sunday of Advent: as we move forward to a time with fewer priests, I am convinced our lay-led liturgies will be based upon the Liturgy of the Hours (named for the different hours of the day, not the length of the prayers! It’s 15mins., tops!) I salute our Catholic Women’s League Councils for their leadership with the Huron Christmas Bureau & Blessings’ food drive: in every good deed we are washing the feet of others, as Jesus instructed us (and as Fr. Red reminded us so well). We’re sending along two Catholic Updates on Advent: one a backgrounder on different practices & symbols, and the other a day-by-day devotional. May God’s holy Word lead us in these blessed days to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

November is the Month of Remembrance

The “Book of Life” will be near the altar at St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Parishes throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the names of deceased loves ones and friends in the Book. At each Mass in November, these names will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

2nd Annual St. Bro. Andre Christmas Turkey Dinner

The 2nd Annual St. Bro. André Christmas Turkey Dinner will be Tuesday, December 4 in the St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Social hour to begin at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost of a ticket is $25.00 wine and punch included. Please join us for a delicious dinner as we gather in honour of St. André. Tickets are available from Phil LaPorte or Loretta Ayotte or by calling the parish office.
**Blessings Christmas Food Drive**

St. Boniface CWL will be collecting Christmas treats for Blessings' Christmas hampers. They are in need of Christmas cookies, Christmas candies, chocolates, and nuts. They cannot accept anything that is homemade. Please place the items in the box in the entrance of the church by Sunday December 9. Thank you for your continued support of our local food bank.

**St. Peter's CWL Advent Retreat**

A joyful invitation to all women of St. Boniface and St. Peter's Churches. Prepare your heart and soul to celebrate our Christ Child's birth. **Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8:45am to 3pm, St. Peter's Parish Hall.** Tickets on sale at the back of both churches this weekend. Limited seating and you must pre-register. Only $5 with snacks and lunch included. Bring along a food donation for Blessings Food Bank. If you have a food allergy or require more information, contact Dianne Tschirhart: 519-565-5275 cocitshir@outlook.com

**Huron County Christmas Bureau**

St. Boniface - will be collecting new toys and new clothes for children of all ages (infants to 18 years). Please place the gifts in the large box in the entrance of the church by Wednesday, December 5. The gifts will then be delivered to the Huron County Christmas Bureau to be distributed to local families in need. Your donation is a great way to brighten a child's Christmas. Thank you for your support.

St. Peter's - If you missed getting a Christmas gift tag at Mass last weekend there are extra tags on the table at the back of the church beside the confessional. We will be collecting gifts for the children the weeks of **November 25 & December 2** or call Debbie 519-236-4536 or Sandy 519-236-7174.

**Zurich Live Nativity**

**Sunday, December 9** at 7 pm at the Zurich Pavillion. Volunteers needed. Contact Pastor Nadine at 519-236-4697.

**Free Community Christmas Supper**

**Thursday, December 6** at 5:30 pm at the Zurich Arena for those who are going to be alone for the holidays. For tickets please call Blessings at 519-236-4376.

**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, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family **Hayden Eric Durand**, son of Brent & Sarah who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

**Parish Community Card Party**

**Tuesday, November 27** at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

**Preauthorized Donations**

Thank-you to all our parishioners who have signed up for preauthorized bank deductions. This method of donation helps in the mission of the parish particularly in our budgeting. We are preparing our records for next years preauthorized donations. If you are not already signed up and would like to make donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the Church office for a form. Please have all completed forms to the Office by **December 2, 2018** to ensure automatic withdrawal can begin January 2019.

**Ultreya**

Our November ultreya in Goderich is **Sunday, November 25** at the Knight's of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parson's Court. It’s a potluck! Doors open at 5:30 pm. Supper at 6:00 pm. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

**News Briefs from the November 2018 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...**

**Resident Quality of Life Survey Summary** - Each year, we ask our residents who have resided with us for 3 months or longer or their families to provide feedback in the form of our Resident Quality of Life Survey. Surveys are completed by residents who are able to understand and respond to the questions being asked, otherwise surveys are sent to their Power of Attorney for completion. This year (2018), 46/58 surveys were returned for a completion rate of 79%.

Our survey results show that:

1. 89.5% of residents/POAs felt respected when cared for.
2. 92.5% of residents/POAs felt they had enough variety in meals.
3. 92% of residents/POAs replied that they felt safe when they are alone.
4. 95.5% of residents/POAs replied that the staff respects what they like and dislike.
5. 71.5% of residents felt they have enjoyable things to do here on weekends.
6. 97% of residents/POAs would recommend this home to others.

Enhancements made to support residents on weekends included - Additional Activation Staff, Additional Nursing Staff, Additional BSO Staff, Theme days with volunteer supports

**We Are Hiring – Join Our Team** - With the enhancements noted above, we have openings for part-time Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses and Personal Support Workers. Please submit resume and cover letter to j.willert@bluewaterresthome.com.

**New High/Low Beds** - The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced that we will receive $6500 to purchase equipment to assist with falls prevention. Blue Water Rest Home will be purchasing four new high/low beds with this funding.

**Blue Water Rest Home is a Non-Profit Charitable organization and donations of $10 and greater are receipted and $500 and greater are recognized on a Donor Plaque.**
Events at a glance....

- Bereavement Group - Tuesday, November 27 at St. Boniface at 6:30 pm  
- Parish Community Card Party - Tuesday, November 27 at 7:15 in the Narthex  
- Bereavement Group - Thursday, November 29 at St. Peter’s at 10:00 am  
- St. Peter’s CWL Advent Retreat - Saturday, December 1 at St. Peter’s Hall beginning at 8:45 am  
- Confirmation - Sunday, December 2 at 9:00 am at St. Boniface and 11:00 am at St. Peter’s  
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 2 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church  
- St. Bro. Andre Christmas Turkey Dinner - Tuesday, December 4 at St. Peter’s Hall  
- Bereavement Group - Tuesday, November 4 at St. Boniface at 6:30 pm  
- Bereavement Group - Thursday, November 6 at St. Peter’s at 10:00 am

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Parish Office & School Contact Information

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bluewater@dol.ca

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

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

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

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.