Dear Parishioners: I’m guessing that our local up-and-down weather is just the fallout of the catastrophic storms that our southern neighbours are experiencing – let’s send a prayer or two heavenward for the folks in the Caribbean and southern U.S. who are having their lives upended. This coming week includes the Priests’ Study Days in London: please pray that our professional development helps us respond to the signs of the times with new vigour and effectiveness. Remember all the fun we had last week when no one read the bulletin about changes to the daily Masses? Well, we get a chance to try again, thanks be to God! (Thursday’s Mass at Bluewater Resthome was cancelled because of a respiratory illness outbreak: pray that our Seniors come through this latest challenge in one piece!) Catechetical Do-over Dept.: as I mentioned in the homily, I let one of our discussion groups get away from a catechetical model, so I need to make up for it here.

Why Bother Getting an Annulment?
We are a sacramental people: we believe every life, every vocation is indeed a gift to the Church, to build up the Body of Christ. Within God’s providential plan, each life fully lived expresses the goodness and wisdom of God, and thus is both a sign and an active help to the salvation of all. Each marriage – your marriage – should be a version of the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed anew in our world today! As such, when a marriage has failed (due to some lack of freedom or ability in the married partners), and especially when one of them wishes to remarry, it should be Good News as well, despite all the pain and embarrassment involved. Our sacramental approach to life – that in and through our shared Baptism each one of us has a stake in each other’s lives – means that on the most fundamental level we must work against the “this-is-my-life-to-do-with-as-I-please” mentality. If anything, the reality of troubled or failed marriages is an indictment against the Body of Christ, for failing to be present to our people in the greatest challenge of their lives. Sin and human weakness – however it was experienced in the married relationship – always isolates people: sin is, after all, a rupture in our relationship with God, our neighbour and ourselves. Getting an annulment is a powerful remedy (and sometimes the treatment/medicine is as distasteful as the illness!) to the power of sin in our sometimes very broken world.

Here endeth the lesson. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus assures us that “…with God, all things are possible.” May our lives and our relationships be caught up in the endless possibility of our God! God bless you this week. Fr. Matt

Saturday Night Mass
Our Saturday night Mass will move back to St. Boniface on Saturday, October 20 at 5 pm. Please Note: We will no longer schedule our Saturday night Ushers at St. Boniface Church. If you are at a Saturday evening Mass at St. Boniface please volunteer to usher. Two ushers are needed for the Mass.

Celebration of St. Andre
Join us on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 to celebrate St. André. October 17, 2010 was his canonization and October 22, 1917 was his first visit to the St. Joseph area. We will begin the celebration at 10:30 by reciting the rosary in the St. André Rosary Garden followed by mass and a reception in the hall.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, October 14, 2018
God offers us the perspective of eternity. In a secular world, so many people today have a limited perspective, valuing and pursuing what they see before their eyes and what benefits them in this current life. God calls us, as followers of Jesus, to take the longer view - to pursue eternal values, trusting that God will also give us what we need here and now.
Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Eugene Hartman, brother of Charlene & Mike Overholt. May he rest in peace.

St. Boniface CWL

CWL Meeting - Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 pm. Carmel Sweeney & Patti Hunt’s group in charge. Guest speakers will speak on a recent trip to Kentucky to see the Ark Encounter (Noah’s Ark).

CWL Bazaar - Everyone is welcome to attend our annual bazaar on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This is a fun filled community event with something for everyone. If you would like to donate an item for our bazaar please contact Janet Soudant, Patti Hunt or Carmel Sweeney. Ladies are reminded to drop off their homemade baking on Saturday, Morning, October 27. Thank you for your support.

St. Peter’s CWL

Blessing’s Food Bank - Help us restock the shelves at Blessing’s Food Bank after a busy Thanksgiving. Donations can be dropped off at St. Peter’s Church at the weekend Masses for the next couple of weeks.

Parish Community Card Party

Tuesday, October 23 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!

Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Group to Begin

If you’re in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We will meet for six sessions beginning Tuesday, November 6 at St. Boniface Church at 6:30 pm or Thursday, November 8 at St. Peter’s Church (St. Joseph) at 10 am. Prayer, Scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more details, pick up a Seasons of Hope brochure or call St. Boniface Church Office at 519-236-4191.

COR 33

COR Youth Retreat (youth in grade 11 & 12 and up to age 21). Another exciting COR retreat will unfold during the weekend of Oct. 26, 27 & 28 of 2018. COR 33 will take place in Dublin, Ontario. It is a weekend where teens discover more about themselves and respecting others, experience a reconnection with God, meet new friends and just have a whole lot of fun through games and music. Pick up an application at your parish, at St. Mike’s or St. Anne’s High Schools or by contacting Steve & Linda Hulshof at stevelin@quadro.net or feel free to call 519-348-8167. Please submit applications by October 19th for this amazing weekend for youth.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church’s mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Island and some of our Canadian dioceses.

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

On October 18-19, Dr. Timothy P. O’Malley will present “Liturgy and the Universality of the Church.” Co-sponsored by the London District Catholic School Board, he will discuss the need of the Church to “think about liturgical inclusion not simply as a series of tactics to increase liturgical participation. Instead, it must relate to the Church’s very mission to transform the entire world in Eucharistic love.” The evening begins at 7:30 pm at King’s University College in the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Ewpworth Avenue, London. Parking and admission are free and facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information please visit kings.uwo.ca/veritas or email Lisa.Caeiro@kings.uwo.ca.

Pure Life - Arise Shine

Guest Speakers, Adoration, Confession, Games, Snacks, Praise & Worship, Discussions & More! All high school, college/university students, young adults and parents are welcome. Monthly gatherings begin on Friday, October 19 at St. Andre Bessette High School in London. All gatherings are from 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm. Contact Connie at cvanderheyden61@gmail.com for more information.

Ultreya

The Goderich ultreya in October will be Sunday, October 28 at 7:30 pm at the Knight’s of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parson’s Court. For further information call Eileen at 519-524-0400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

Tastefest Exeter

Events at a glance....

- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Wednesday October 17 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- **Saturday Night Mass moves to St. Boniface** - Saturday, October 20 at 5 pm
- **Dedication of St. Peter’s** - Monday, October 22 at noon - Midday Prayer & Lunch
- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Monday, October 22 at St. Peter’s following the Midday Prayer
- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Wednesday, October 24 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- **St. Boniface CWL Bazaar** - Saturday, October 27 from 10 am - 2 pm in St. Boniface School Gym
- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Tuesday, October 30 at St. Peter’s following the noon Mass
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - Tuesday, October 30 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Wednesday, October 31 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass

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