Just as Jesus restored sight to the blind man, our faith in him opens our eyes to truth and eternal life in Christ. The story of Jesus healing the blind man speaks powerfully to us. Your faith has saved you, Jesus tells him. The man, with his sight restored, follows Jesus. May our own faith and determination give us sight as well, that we may also know and follow God in our daily lives.

Dear Parishioners: it’s feeling more life fall! Does anyone remember the government propaganda campaign to get us to like the Metric System? My favourite line from the Celsius song was “I like it best on a day in fall when the temperature’s 11°” - and here we are. It’s truly impressive to see all the machinery on the roads - may God bless all our farmers with an abundant harvest and good weather to match! November is soon upon us, with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls: please make a special effort to participate at the All Souls’ Mass, as an act of solidarity with all our grieving families. New this year is a six-week bereavement group, open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one: if there is someone you know who might benefit from sharing with others in the same situation, please gently encourage them to attend. Our Adult Faith Development discussion groups are chugging along - I hope everyone is reading along with the material, whether or not you’re at the group: we need to flex our faith-muscles, to keep them fresh and alive! Of course, a common question is ‘What can we do?’ in light of our Church’s teaching? I am working on establishing a deanery-(or county)-wide Development & Peace group, that could address some of the issues we raise: I think it’s important to have a critical mass of people, so we don’t end up feeling like a solitary voice in the wilderness! Stay tuned for more information. Did you think of any non-practicing parishioners we could invite to the upcoming Family of Parishes Mission? It may sound corny but a real letter from their parish telling people we’re thinking of them might be just the thing for which someone is waiting! In the Gospel, a man cries out ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Are we hearing - or helping those cries be heard? Let’s be agents of mercy this week! God bless.

Fr. Matt
**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, Steve Meidinger, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Volunteers Needed**

Do you have two hours a month to lend a helping hand at *Mass at the Bluewater Resthome*? We are looking for volunteers to help porter residents to and from Mass and help during the Mass. You would need to commit to **one Thursday every month**. Please consider being a part of this valuable service. If interested in volunteering or finding out more please contact the office.

**World Mission Sunday**

Thank you very much for your generous contributions to last week’s World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the lay catechists who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ’s message of love to those they serve.

**Ultreya**

The next Goderich ultreya will be **Sun., 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.

**Men of Faith**

The Men of Faith Conference is a great day for men to come together to be enlivened in their faith, encouraged in friendship and challenged to spread the good news. Guest Speaker is Fr. Ben Leudtke. The day includes Mass, rosary, coffee breaks & refreshments, warm lunch, adoration and time to socialize. **Saturday, November 3 at St. Joseph’s Church in Listowel**. Cost is $10/person advance or $15/person at the door. For more information or tickets contact Fr. Keith Morrison at kmorrison@dol.ca or 1-866-559-5210 ext 4, Mike Cronin at mcronin@cyg.net, Family Foundations Institute at info@famfi.ca or visit https://famfi.ca/men-of-faith-conference-listowel/.

**Remembrance Day Service**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018** at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Memorial Park, (corner of Zurich/Hensall Rd. & Bluewater Hwy) St. Joseph, ON. Hosted by: St. Joseph & Area Historical Society.

**12 Hours for the Lord**

St. Peter’s Seminary invites you to a one day “come and see” experience on **Thursday, November 15** at St. Peter’s Seminary for men 16 to 45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. Participants will be able to attend classes with seminarians and experience a regular weekday at the seminary, including Mass, sports, and discussions to help in discernment. Contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca, or 519-432-1824 ext. 204, for more information or to register.

**Advent Mission**

You are invited to attend our Family of Parishes’ Mission the week of **November 17-21** (November 17, 18 & 19 in Goderich and November 20 & 21 in Exeter). It will run from Saturday to Wednesday and be conducted by Redemptorist Fr. Eugene O’Reilly. Join us and allow Jesus Christ through the richness of His Word, to love you into fullness of life and a deep sense of personal well-being. More details to follow.

**CCCB Initiative for Life and Family**

**Prayer for Families & Small Groups**

God of miracles and healing, make us whole. Help us to see the places that are cracked, and to offer them to your light and hope. Give us voices to cry out for the healing we need, that we might be witnesses to your healing power. Amen.
Events at a glance....

- **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 30 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- **First Friday Adoration** - Friday, November 2 at St. Boniface Church from 8:00 am - 4 pm
- **Bereavement Mass** - Friday, November 2 at St. Boniface at 7:00 pm
- **Catholic Update Study Group** - Tuesday, November 6 at St. Peter’s following the noon Mass
- **Bereavement Group** - Tuesday, November 6 at St. Boniface Church at 6:30 pm
- **Bereavement Group** - Thursday, November 8 at St. Peter’s Church at 10:00 am
- **Catholic Study Group** - Tuesday, November 13 at St. Peter’s following the noon Mass

Show your love for your parish by remembering to include your parish in your will.
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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
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Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
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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.

Parish Pastoral Council
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Cynthia Forler
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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)

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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

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.