Christ became one with us in the flesh for our salvation. We are made for one with us in the flesh and shared all our human experiences so we might realize that true love is possible only when we are united with them.

Dear Parishioners:

how wonderful it is that the world and the weather cooperates with (Canadian) Thanksgiving! I pray a blessed holiday for all our families and a special welcome to all returning students and family members.

Our Adult Faith Development is well underway, with two initial meetings (about the clergy sexual abuse) under our belt, and a host of good ideas for future topics: with this Sunday’s Gospel reading, we’ll dive right into marriage, divorce, annulments and cohabitation. Watch your in-box for some Catholic Update articles, or pick up a hard copy at the door of the church.

Our Canadian Bishops renewed their commitment to fighting clergy sexual abuse at their annual Plenary Gathering, by up-dating the From Pain to Hope document. The new policy - Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse is built around nine lessons the Church learned from our recent experiences. God bless our good Bishop Fabbro for his leadership on this - he wrote the forward to Protecting Minors and presented (along with an abuse survivor) the document to the bishops. A note for those who aren’t envelope users or preauthorized donation contributors: both our parishes give $1000.00 plus to the Diocese on a monthly basis. What used to be ‘the Bishop’s Campaign’ is now a regular assessment for the smooth running of the diocese and to contribute to certain special collections (ie. the Pope’s Pastoral Works and the Needs of the Church in Canada). Our parishes can re-coup some of these funds with a non-assessed Parish Thanksgiving Campaign: locally, we have decided to take this up by monthly collections via special envelopes and preauthorized deductions. One consequence of that decision is that our support of our Diocese becomes invisible, and casual contributions to the collection basket won’t address this complex situation. Thank you for your continuing generous support of our parishes and diocese, but please consider making your gift more effective by using envelopes or preauthorized donations. Our sacramental preparation hits high gear this week, with First Reconciliation Home Visits and Confirmation Preparation Small Group Meetings. It’s great to meet new families and renew acquaintances from previous years! Please pray for our young people and their families during this special time. It’s not too early to look ahead to our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Groups (daytime sessions at St. Peter’s, evenings at St. Boniface) scheduled to begin in November and run for six weeks. Is there someone in the family still hurting after the death of a friend or loved one? (Is it you?) Please extend a gentle invitation to anyone you think who would benefit from meeting with other people of faith in the same situation. The LORD reminds us we are made for heaven, for eternity: our latest skirmishes are nothing compared to the goodness and love of our God that awaits us everyday! God bless your family this week and always. 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.
**Gift Cards.** Enter by October 31.

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a written reflection or a short (2 minutes max) video

today. Simply go to www.dol.ca/be

Be Heard

As the church enters into the Synod on “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment” the Diocese of London is inviting Young adults aged 18-35 to share what it is like to be a young Catholic in the world today. Simply go to www.dol.ca/be-heard and provide a written reflection or a short (2 minutes max) video and you will be eligible to win one of three, $100 Visa Gift Cards. Enter by October 31.

**Office Closed**
The office will be closed on Wed. October 10.

**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 learn 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.

**Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association**
As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families, let us give thanks for the teachers, trustees and sports leaders in our Catholic schools who educate and encourage our youth to realize their potential as unique children of God. All are invited to celebrate the gift and blessing of Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools by visiting www.TogetherInFaith.ca.

**Stratford & District Right to Life Annual Dinner**
Stratford & District Right to Life 46th Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 20 at the Christian Reformed Hall, 190 Athlone Ave., Stratford with Keynote speaker Jakki Jeffs. Social: 5:30 pm and Dinner: 6:30 pm. For tickets contact Doreen Hartman at 519-237-3295 - Adults $25 and Students $18.

**Happy, Joyous and Free**
AA meeting “Happy, Joyous and Free” is now being held at St. Peter’s Church Hall on Tuesday’s at 1:00 pm. All that is required is a desire to stop drinking to attend.

**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 Epworth 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.

**Come and See Weekend**
St. Peter’s Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17-45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a first-hand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. For more info or to register, contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204.

**Jeremiah Day Soccer Challenge**
The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God’s plan for us. The Jeremiah Day Soccer Challenge, on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 am – 3 pm, is a day for young men in grades 8 - 12 to grow closer to God and to visit St. Peter’s Seminary. Activities include a tour of the seminary, Mass of Ministries, lunch, soccer tips from Bishop Dabrowski, and a soccer game with our seminarians in the afternoon. Please register by contacting Fr. Patrick Beneteau at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204.

**Tastefest Exeter**
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Catholic Update Study Group - Tuesday, October 9 at St. Peter’s following the noon Mass
- Catholic Update Study Group - Wednesday October 10 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- Finance Meeting - Thursday, October 11 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- Rite of Enrollment - October 13/14 weekend at all Masses for all Confirmation candidates
- 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
- St. Boniface CWL Bazaar - Saturday, October 27 from 10 am - 2 pm in St. Boniface School Gym

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

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**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.

**Website**

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

**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

**Parish Office:**
- 22 Mary St., Box 81
- Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
- 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

**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 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.