Dear Parishioners: thank be to God for the return of Spring-like weather! I need the humidity - my chemo treatments are doing a number on the lining of my nose, so you may have seen me shedding a few drops of blood - not to worry. (If the parish needs a new service of income, we could try to sell the salt that collects in my humidifier - I had a handful of crystals and a cloud of dust while changing the filter this week!) I am excited about the priests Retreat Day this Monday of Holy Week as the presenter is Fr. Murray Kuemper from the Seminary who will also be in charge of my silent retreat with the seminarians after Easter; I’m hoping for an introduction of what lies ahead. “Spiritual Maternity” is a topic pregnant with possibility! Please pray for all our priests as we reflect and make our confessions. The Chrism Mass - open to all - is a real jewel of our diocese: thank you to Pat & Elaine Jeffrey of St. Peter’s and Victor Regier of St. Boniface for being our parish representatives (bringing back the Holy Oils to us). You know how much I love the liturgies of Holy Week: please read the enclosed CCCB pamphlet and commit yourself to being as present as you can be. I had a particular request for an incense-free Holy Thursday Mass: while I’m hesitant to remove a powerful component of the Mass - the Sacraments are suppose to engage all our senses - we’ll have Holy Thursday, Good Friday (naturally) and the 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass incense free. (Please pass that information along to anyone who is affected by the use of incense.) The Passion of the Lord is the fuel of the Resurrection: I pray that our celebrations this day give you the fuel to live your new life in Christ. God Bless! Fr. Matt

Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Pat Mihm, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Dorothy Smith, Tillie Rau and all who minister in hospitals.

Bulletin News & Office Hours
The office will be closed on Good Friday, April 19. Please make sure to have all bulletin news to the office no later then Wednesday, April 17 at noon.

Mass of Chrism
Everyone is invited to the Mass of Chrism to be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm. Your presence in this celebration is an important sign to be strengthened in your ministry of service to the People of God by gathering together with our bishops at the Tables of the Word and Eucharist.

Good Friday Solidarity Luncheon
Our Good Friday simple service at 11 am at St. Boniface Church is followed by a solidarity luncheon. Use this last opportunity to fast and pray with the refugees of the world!
**Saturday Night Mass**

Our Saturday night Mass will move back to St. Peter's Church on Saturday, April 27 at 5 pm.

**St. Boniface CWL**

General Meeting - Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm. Joan and Rose’s group in charge. We would like to extend an invitation to the ladies from St. Peter’s to join us at 8:00 pm when Sharon Rompf will be teaching line dancing for our upcoming Western Themed Fun Night. Come out for a fun filled evening. Hope to see you there. March for Life vigil candles will be available for $5.00 each.

**Kelly Franklin from Farmtown Canada Presentation**

The CWL Councils of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Precious Blood invite the ladies of the Catholic Women’s League in Our Family of Parishes and their family members and/or guest to join us in listening to Kelly Franklin from Farmtown Canada. Kelly will speak to us about Farmtown, its response to Human Trafficking, Project ONRoute along the 401 corridor and how we can help with this serious issue. **Friday, May 10th at 7 pm at Precious Blood Church Hall, Exeter. Please note: No one under the age of 18; 16 and 17 year olds may be accompanied by an adult.**

**Share Lent Collection**

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. The money collected will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**Bible Study Group**

Bible Study will begin after Easter in St. Peter’s Hall on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am. We will be studying the Book of Revelations. If interested contact Martha at 519-236-7321.

**Eucharistic Adoration in May**

We have had trouble finding people to pray from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at our Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays. If you are able to fulfill one of the hours between 4:00 - 8:00 pm please call the office. If not we will continue with winter Eucharistic Adoration hours (8:00-am - 4:00 pm).

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB invites all married couples to attend this year’s Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm** at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary, phone your parish office, or use a sign-up form available at the back of the church.

**Goderich Ultreya**

Our April ultreya in Goderich this month is on **Sunday, April 28 at 7:30 pm** at the K of C Convention Centre, Goderich. We’re back to evening times. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

**2019 Pure Life Summit**

All high school, college and university students, young adults and parents are invited to the 2019 Pure Life Summit - **April 26 from 7:00-10:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Church, Kinkora.** Register online at www.famfi.ca or Contact Connie at evanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info.

**Cancer & Rural Connections...a day of healing**

A one-day symposium gathering speakers, health practitioners, contacts & resources to share with caregivers and those on a cancer journey. **Saturday, April 27 from 9 am - 3 pm at Exeter United Church.** For details and a registration form email: Cancerruralconnections@gmail.com or facebook search: Cancer & Rural Connections or call Patti Down 519-495-9120 or Carol Coleman 519-851-2342.

**Vocation Testimonies**

Isaac Longworth, seminarian

Companions of the Cross: 5th year of formation

Home parish: Holy Trinity, Woodstock, Ontario

_“I was very impressed by his talks on the love of God”_  
My journey to becoming a seminarian with the Companions of the Cross community began when I was very young. For starters, I have felt a call to the priesthood for almost as long as I can remember. At the age of six or seven I was setting up my stuffed animals as a ‘congregation’ and pretending to say ‘Mass’, with my younger siblings acting as altar servers. However, I was first introduced to the Companions of the Cross at the age of nine when Fr. Tim Devine, one of their priests, ran a parish mission in my hometown of Woodstock. I was very much impressed by his talks on the love of God, and the fact that he was able to say Mass and lead worship despite being completely blind. After the mission, I eagerly ran up to him and introduced myself, rambling on and on about how I wanted to be a priest when I grew up. He encouraged me and said, “You will become a priest one day.” He then told me a little about the Companions, and my interest in the community was kindled. I didn’t know all of this back then, all I knew was that Fr. Tim impressed me, and I wanted to be a priest like him. Thus, at the age of ten, I decided that the Companions of the Cross was where I thought God was calling me to serve as a priest. I still have the journal entry that I penned on that day, Oct. 22, 2004! I then proceeded to seal the deal by sending them a generous donation of $1.50 that I earned from doing chores around the house, complete with a hand drawn picture and letter. It was from this immature, yet sincere decision, that my journey with the Companions began. I am now in my fifth year of formation with the Companions, studying theology in Detroit, MI. I ask for your prayers for me as I continue on this path toward the priesthood, so that one day I can serve the Lord with the vocation I believe he is calling me to!

**About the Companions of the Cross:** The Companions of the Cross was founded in 1985, Ottawa, Ontario, by Fr. Robert Bedard, CC. We are a community of Catholic priests inviting people to know Jesus and empowering them to share Jesus. Our priests preach the Word of God with passion, celebrate the sacraments with devotion, and lead with confidence. www.companionscross.org
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Events at a glance....

- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, April 14 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- **Stations of the Cross with the School** - Monday, April 15 at 9:30 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Chrism Mass** - Monday, April 15 at 7 pm St. Peter’s Basilica Cathedral, London
- **Holy Thursday** - April 18 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church with Adoration until midnight
- **Good Friday** - April 19 at 11 am at St. Boniface Church and 3 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- **Easter Vigil** - April 20 at 9:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, April 23 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Saturday Night Mass Moves to St. Peter’s Church** - Saturday, April 27
- **First Friday & Adoration** - Friday, May 3 at St. Boniface Church

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.

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
Lynnette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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 St. André - Tuesday at the 11:30 am - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday at 6:25 pm - 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.