Easter Sunday - April 21, 2019

The risen Christ seeks to transform and redeem our lives. The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts - the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us - when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb - we can be confident in the words and promises of God.

Dear Parishioners: Alleluia – the Lord is Risen indeed! (Was it just me or did everyone think this Lent was a particularly long 40 days?) Welcome back to all who’ve been away students, snowbirds, cottagers or people who just like to celebrate Easter. Our parishes – and liturgies – are better when you are here! Thank you. We are praying in a special way for all our First Communicant Families, who will be celebrating individually during the Sundays of Easter and communally on Corpus Christi Sunday: please say a prayer and show some support for our young families! The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday, wherein the whole Church prays for priestly vocations; we will be starting a Vocation Support Prayer Program, where families and individuals will take a Crucifix home from Sunday Mass and make vocations their prayer focus for the week. Please consider joining this important initiative – call the Office to add your name to the list (materials & guidelines will be provided). The life and energy of Easter gives us a new power and purpose in our lives: Christ has conquered death and sin! In all the darkness of our world – the hate, the rage, the suffering – we are called to come out of our little tombs like Jesus and show our neighbours the eternal light and life of the Resurrection. Can you see Easter? Can you see our eternal destiny? Share that goodness with all those in need. God bless you and your family this Easter and always! 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, Nanci Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau and all who minister in hospitals.

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

Mass Notations
There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES celebrated at any of our parish sites from April 22 - 27.

Office Hours
The office will be closed on Wednesday, April 24.

Community Card Party
Tuesday, April 23 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone Welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in May
We have had trouble finding people to pray from 4:00 - 8:00 am 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).

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Bill Brand – The Brand Family
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  – Greg & Jan Denomme
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  – Pat & Elaine Mihm
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  – Ted & Janet Soudant & Family
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 - 28

MONDAY: April 22
(Vocation Support Prayer: Deacon Leonard Hughes)

TUESDAY: April 23 - NO MASS
(Rev. David Furlonger, C.Ss.R.)

WEDNESDAY: April 24 - NO MASS
(Rev. David Butler)

THURSDAY: April 25
(Rev. Zvonimir Kutlesa, O.F.M.)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 “Communion Service”

FRIDAY: April 26 - NO MASS
(Rev. Matthew Kucharski)

SATURDAY: April 27
(Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky)
St. Boniface Church - NO MORNING MASS
***St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm***

SUNDAY: April 28
(Rev. Bogdan Molenda, S.Ch.)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

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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.

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.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award Recipients
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the following exemplary models of Catholic service will be awarded with the St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award for 2019.
Fr. Clare Coleman - St. Patrick’s Dublin; St. James, Seaforth
Denise Morris - St. Joseph’s, Clinton; St. Peter’s, Goderich
Jim & Carla-Mae Nyenhuis - St. Patrick’s, Kinkora
Naomi Paul - St. Mary’s & St. Peter’s, Goderich
Angela Schuster - St. Joseph’s & Immaculate Conception, Stratford
Eileen Sleighholm - St. Mary’s & St. Peter’s, Goderich

The Board looks forward to recognizing the award recipients at its Catholic Education Week Mass being held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin at 5:00 p.m. We are honoured to have The Most Rev. Bishop Ronald Fabbro celebrate the Mass. The Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership Awards will also be given out at this time. Everyone is cordially invited to attend Mass. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Little Mermaid Musical
St. Boniface School presents the Musical “The Little Mermaid” April 24, 25 & 26 each night at 7:00 pm in St. Boniface School Gym. Cost: 3 Day Pass $12, Adults $6, High School Students $3, Elementary Students $2.

Zurich Prayer Walk
You’re invited to join the community churches for an hour of prayer and walking, hosted by Barry and Carolyn Southcott on Saturday, April 27 at 8:50 am at the Zurich Ball Diamond.

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 cvanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info.

Excerpts from the CCCB Easter Message
Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ.

On 21-24 February 2019, I attended a Meeting on the Protection of Minors in Rome which was called for by Pope Francis for all of the Presidents of Bishops’ Conferences across the world. It was likewise suggested that prior to the event, the Bishops could meet with persons who had been abused by clergy. Some asked to meet with me here in Canada and others in Rome. I thanked all of them wholeheartedly for their stories. I was deeply moved at hearing their pain and how it continues to affect their lives, their families and their communities. Their suffering reflects the mystery of the Cross of Christ that makes itself present today in many varied ways.

For those who witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion, death and burial, it was an experience of darkness and despair. The horrific pain that Jesus suffered left his followers helpless and hopeless. That Jesus would be nailed to a cross and left to die was unthinkable and unbearable. Then, on the third day after his crucifixion, just as their sorrow peaked, Scripture tells us that Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, then to the disciples of Emmaus and finally to the apostles, who had retreated out of fear and sadness, to learn the good news that He had risen and was living.

We are called to humbly place our trust in God’s promise that evil, sin and death will not have the last word on the human experience. As men and women of faith, who hold on to the promises of eternal life, our excruciating pain, suffering and confusion can give way to tremendous joy. From the reality of sin and evil, we are introduced into goodness and grace, holiness and life. With Easter the darkness of the tomb is transformed by the light of the resurrection. The Pascal Mystery is clearly present in many ways today: the suffering of death and the joy of life; the passage of Christ from the tomb to eternity and the passage from the pain of child abuse to the experience of healing.

Christ’s resurrection points to that primordial joy that the new mother experiences – and the family with her – as the child is born "given to light". The delight of a newborn, the elation of new life, the bliss of healing, the joy and the light of the resurrection – these all point to the call of living each day the abundant life of Jesus Christ. This is the Good News of the Easter experience. Confident in the saving and life-giving actions of Jesus, it is precisely because of Easter, that together we move forward to boldly proclaim in word and deed that Christ is Risen. In Him we have light and joy, life and love in abundance. Alleluia!

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and to your families and loved ones.

+Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.
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Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Events at a glance....

- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, April 23 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **St. Boniface School Musical** - Wednesday, April 24, Thursday, April 25 & Friday, April 26 at 7 pm in the School Gym
- **Saturday Night Mass Moves to St. Peter’s Church** - Saturday, April 27
- **First Friday & Adoration** - Friday, May 3 at St. Boniface Church
- **Catholic Education Week** - May 6 - 10
- **School Mass** - Friday, May 10 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **St. Peter’s CWL Bake Sale** - Sunday, May 19 after the 11 am Mass
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, May 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church

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

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

- Martin & Teresa Van Raay
  519-237-3255   Open M - F 9 till 5
  Call for weekends
  38 Ontario St     145 Huron Rd
  Grand Bend     Goderich
  519-238-3667     519-524-1520

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St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

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.

Parish Office & School Contact Information
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Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
519-236-4391
bluewater@dol.ca

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519-236-4335
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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 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.

Parish Pastoral Council
Kristie Cresswell
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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