21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2019

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Today we are given fair warning by Jesus that we should strive earnestly to enter the kingdom of God, and not simply assume a place will be reserved for us. So let’s make an effort, as we travel the path of discipleship, to travel lightly, unencumbered by unnecessary attachments to the things of this world.

Dear Parishioners: Greetings in the Lord, my fellow bean eaters! Welcome to all friends and visitors who are celebrating Bean Fest 2019! (Many thanks to the Organizing Committee who made our celebrations possible.) While we are all interested in stretching our glorious summer to its fullest extent, there are certain good things we can look forward to in our parishes during the months ahead. I am still very committed (to holding a Cheeseburger Theology series despite my medical adventures), where we can enjoy the last of the fine weather and grow in our faith by watching & discussing King’s College’s Veritas Series videos: stay tuned for more information. The Diocese’ Year of Prayer continues: please note the new time for Confessions on Wednesday evenings, and the Holy Hour each 1st Friday at 3 pm. I’ve been looking over some files and I see my evil twin (Fr. Peter) used to have a youth Cafe/Discussion Group: while I’m not in favour of getting our young people all hopped-up on caffeine, I am very interested in dialoguing with our youth. See today’s insert for the dates of our up-coming Slice of Faith Youth Discussion Group: my goal is to meet informally & socialize with our senior youth, and finally determine where the best pizza in Huron County is to be found. Jesus teaches us the Kingdom of God is a home of all peoples - indeed, the ones we least suspect! May our lives be a sign of that welcoming reality! God bless you.

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, Caryl Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Theodora Frances Cyr, daughter of Benjamin & Nancy, Alexander Earl Leverne & Poppy Marie Heywood, children of Ryan & Caitlyn who were baptized at St. Peter’s and Kinsey Theres- sa Fisher, daughter of Grant & Erin who was baptized at St. Boniface Church.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Luke Pennings & Megan Schade who were married at St. Boniface Church this month.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Kylie Ann Batten, infant child of Jeremy & Melissa who died. May she rest in peace.
Zurich Beanfest
Ecumenical Worship Service
A Worship Gathering by the Churches of Zurich on **Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the Lion’s Pavilion, Zurich Park.** We hope to see you there!

St. Peter’s CWL
**Summer Silent Auction** - One week left to get your bids in on 2 beautifully handmade items our CWL are auctioning off. A framed “Cross Stitch” and an unique rustic “Cross” made out of Horseshoes. Bidding will wrap up just before the **11am Mass, Sunday, September 1st, 2019.** Good Luck & “Thank You” for your support.

**Rethink, Reduce, Recycle** Look for the BLUE BOX at the back of St Peter’s church and drop in your used Ink, Toner and Printer Cartridges. When you recycle these items, you save on time, energy and natural resources to make new ones. We will keep track and update you in the fall on how many we recycled properly. Every little bit helps.

In support of “Development & Peace” St Peter’s CWL will be collecting used stamps on their behalf which will in turn help to back their emergence relief efforts. Please drop your envelope of stamps in the collection basket at any Mass marked “CWL”.

Children’s Liturgy at St. Boniface Church
We are in need of leaders and helpers to run this program. High school students will receive community service hours for their time helping with this program. If interested please contact Katie at Katie_Mathonia16@hotmail.com.

Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board
Parents are invited to contact our schools to register their children for Catholic education during the week of **Monday, August 26 to Friday, August 30, 2019** or on the first day of school - **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

- St. Boniface School 519-236-4335
- St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School 519-482-5454

**Planned Giving Session**
Income Tax Reduction and Estate Tax Elimination with Ryan Fraser on **September 17 at St. Joseph’s Church, Stratford.** Registration starts at 1 pm, presentation at 1:30 pm. You will learn how to minimize or even eliminate taxes on your estate; avoid double taxation on your “Red” retirement accounts; bypass paying upfront capital gains taxes when selling your investments; convert assets into an income You can’t Outlive and leave a Lasting Legacy. **Save taxes and Leave More to your estate!** To reserve a seat, please call Heidi at 519-914-1786 or legacy@dol.ca.

**King’s Veritas Lecture Series**
The Veritas Series for Faith and Culture endeavors to foster learning and dialogue by gathering our community together, as we seek to live lives of faith and justice. The word veritas comes from the Latin word meaning truth. It is taken directly from the College motto: “Christus est Via, Veritas et Vita” (Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life). The theme of this year’s series, RENEWAL, is drawn from the prophecy of Isaiah. In Isaiah 40:31, the prophet declares, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” In the midst of the many challenges facing our nation and our communities of faith, we will be presented with opportunities to consider and evaluate where we find our hope and our direction for the future. The first talk is titled “The Future of Truth and Reconciliation” and will be presented by Senator Murray Sinclair on **September 26 at 7 pm.** As always, admission and parking are free, and facilities are wheelchair accessible.

For a complete list of the 2019-2020 Veritas series, please visit [https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series/](https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series/)

**News Briefs from the August 2019**
**Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting**
Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team - A press release was issued on July 26, 2019 to make citizens of Huron Perth and Area aware that Blue Water Rest Home is partnering with over 50 other healthcare organizations across Huron and Perth to be considered by the Ministry as an Ontario Health Team (OHT). OHTs are intended to better integrate services around patients, families and caregivers and partners across the healthcare continuum including hospitals, primary care, community care, long-term care, mental health and additions and palliative care and others. The application is due on October 9, 2019 and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

Report of the Public Inquiry in Safety and Security of Residents in Long-Term Care Home System - On July 31, 2019, the Honourable Eileen E. Gillese released the 1500-page report which provides a series of recommendations for the long-term care sector to improve resident care and safety. The events leading up to this Inquiry has been shocking and distressing and our thoughts are with the victims’ families. We will continue to work hard to ensure that we deliver the very best care to residents at Blue Water Rest Home.

Rental Offices/Space - The Essence of Harmony Spa, owned by Amy Regier has been operating at the West Huron Care Centre since July 1, 2019. Community members and residents can access these services by appointment 519-236-7432.

Upcoming Event - Kids Cooking Camp – August 19-23, 2019 is being held at the West Huron Care Centre in our learning kitchen. This camp is being hosted by Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre.

**Blue Water Rest Home is a Non-Profit Charitable organization and donations of $10 and greater are receipted and $500 and greater are recognized on a Donor Plaque.**
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Bean Festival Ecumenical Worship Service** - Sunday, August 25 from 2 - 3 pm at the Lion’s Pavilion, Zurich Park
- **Summer’s End Coffee Social** - Following all Masses August 31 & September 1
- **1st Day of School** - Tuesday, September 3
- **First Friday Adoration** - Friday, September 6 from 8 am - 8 pm at St. Boniface Church with Holy Hour from 3 - 4 pm
- **Finance Meeting** - Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm
- **A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group - for youths grades 7 - 12** - September 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Cheeseburger Theology** - Saturday, September 14 following the 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s
- **Cheeseburger Theology** - Saturday, September 21 following the 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, September 24 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church

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

## 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.