3rd Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 16, 2018

The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks. On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer - all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

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2018 Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter’s Seminary

Bishop Fabbro has launched a plan to restore the outside of St. Peter’s Seminary, secure the building envelope from the elements and totally rebuild the interior to modern standards. The funds raised during this Advent Appeal will support these much needed renovations. Please read the Appeal card attached to this weekend’s bulletin to find out how you can help.

A Message from your Finance Committee

Our Parishes appreciate your generosity and depend on it continuing especially at Christmas time for our financial needs and the mission of the Church. Currently St. Peter’s is operating in a deficit ($2,573) and St. Boniface has surplus of $1,295 and we are still going to need a little more help to make a balance budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you!

The Finance Committee

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 17 - 23**

**MONDAY: December 17**  
(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Eugeniusz Dzedzic, C.S.M.A.)

**TUESDAY: December 18**  
(Rev. Augustine Ogundele)

- St. Peter’s Church  
  11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre  
  12:00 pm - Mass  
  +Joseph Sertic - Stephanie & Ivan Jagnic  
  +Ernst Ihrig - Stephanie & Ivan Jagnic

**WEDNESDAY: December 19**  
(Deacon Daniel Lemire)

- St. Boniface Church  
  6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
  7:00 pm - Mass  
  +Joe & Sylvester Kenda - The Family  
  +Leo & Cecile Meidinger - The Family  
  Int. of Fr. Matt George - Tillie Rau

**THURSDAY: December 20**  
(Rev. Matthew George)

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm  
  +Jerome Durand - Joe & Mary Ryan

**FRIDAY: December 21**  
(Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto, Youth Ministry)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am  
  +Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey  
  - Angela Watson & Family  
  Int. of Sean & Natalie Fisher & Family  
  - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family  
  Int. of TJ & Jocelyn Klopp  
  - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**SATURDAY: December 22**  
(Deacon Joseph Manzara)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
  "SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 8:00 - 8:45 am"  
  Int. of Fr. Matt George - Marie Cyr & Family  
  +Barb Regier - Elaine & Don Beauchamp  
  +Bernie Denomme - Ursula Regier

- St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: December 23**  
(Rev. Michael Ryan)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am  
- St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am  
- St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm - Sung Evening Prayer
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, Nanc Wilkins, Tim (TJ) Klopp, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Happy Birthday Fr. Matt!!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Fr. Matt who is celebrating a birthday on Wednesday, December 19.

Bulletin News for the Weeks of December 24 - January 6

Please have all bulletin news from December 24 - January 6 to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, December 19 at 4:30 pm as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin.

Sung Evening Prayer

- Sunday, December 16 at St. Boniface at 7 pm
- Sunday, December 23 at St. Peter’s at 7 pm

Advent Memorial Donations

Once again this year we are offering a way for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! We will be accepting donations from both parishes for flowers throughout the Christmas season to be donated in memory of your loved one. If you wish to make a cash donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by Monday, December 17, 2018. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

St. Boniface CWL

CWL Memberships - A reminder that all CWL Memberships Dues are to be handed in by the end of December.

Pre-Authorized Offertory Gifts

At St. Boniface & St. Peter’s we offer Preauthorized Bank Deductions to make your regular donations to the Parishes easier for you. Offertory donations may be made by authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account. You will never need to worry about forgetting your offertory envelope. **Thank you to all our parishioners who have already signed up for this program.** If you would like more information please contact Lori at the Parish Office.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2019 please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Donations for 2018

Please have all donations for 2018 into the church office no later then Monday, December 31 at noon to ensure that your donations are included on your 2018 income tax receipt. Any donations received after noon on December 31 can only be included on your 2019 income tax receipt.

Have a Rosary - Need a Rosary?

There is a box at the back of our Churches containing several rosaries. If you wish a rosary, please feel free to take whichever one you like. If you have extra rosaries at home which you are not using, please put them in the box. At the end of the year, if there is a large number, we will send them to the missions.

Retrouvaille Program

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the program, or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 1 – 3, 2019, please phone 519-243-0687, email retrouvail-lelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

News Briefs from the December 2018 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

Resident Family Christmas Dinner: The Resident Family Christmas Dinner was held on November 18, 2018 and 300 people were served including residents, guests, staff and volunteers. Entertainment was provided by the Doug Oesch Band and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the Board members and volunteers for helping making this event successful.

Medical Director Retirement Announcement: Dr. O’Connor announced he is retiring as Medical Director at Blue Water Rest Home effective December 31, 2018 and as Attending Physician effective January 31, 2019. A retirement celebration is being planned in early February 2019 and more information will follow. Dr. Hammond has accepted the Medical Director role and will roster all of Dr. O’Connor’s residents after his departure.

Holiday Greetings: On behalf of the Board of Directors at Blue Water Rest Home, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and looking forward to serving the community in 2019.

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.
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Events at a glance....

- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 16 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 23 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s
- First Friday Adoration - Friday, January 4 from 8 am - 4 pm at St. Boniface Church

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Times
Christmas Eve - December 24
5 pm St. Boniface
7 pm St. Peter’s

Christmas Day - December 25
9 am St. Boniface
11 am St. Peter’s
1 pm BWRH

New Year’s Eve - December 31
5 pm St. Boniface

New Year’s Day - January 1
9:30 am BWRH
11 am St. Peter’s

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

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**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

**Parish Office:**  
22 Mary St., Box 81  
Zurich, ON NO M2 T0  
519-236-4391  
bluewater@dol.ca

**St. Boniface School:**  
24 Mary St., Box 128  
Zurich, ON NO M2 T0  
519-236-4335  
stbonifaces@hpcdsb.ca

**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:**  
353 Ontario St., Box 490  
Clinton, ON NO M1 L0  
519-482-5454

**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 Pastoral Council**

Kristie Cresswell  
Cynthia Forler  
Lynnette 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

**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.

**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.