Dear Parishioners: what a difference a week makes! They turned me down for chemo this Wednesday - my blood levels hadn’t returned to my pre-feverish levels. I feel fine but now I’ll miss another Wednesday school visit this coming week. Looking ahead to our six weeks of Lent, I was going over the Development + Peace ShareLent material: when I took a break by reading the newspaper, you can imagine my surprise when I saw the Globe & Mail’s Report on Business magazine featuring Canada’s less-than-honourable history in the mining and resource extraction industries, anchored by a study done by the Osgoode Hall Law School. Imagine! Osgoode Hall - you cannot get more ‘establishment’ in Canada than Osgoode Hall! I find myself in the novel experience of exhorting all parishioners to read either the Development + Peace material or the Report on Business. I hope this remarkable harmonious message from both right and left of the political spectrum helps us as a Church to move beyond the labels our world is so quick to give. While all of us have personalities and preferences that are going to be expressed in a more traditional or progressive way, I hope that in this instance (at least) we can recognize a true pastoral discernment by our bishops and the Church in Canada, and have Catholics of every stripe united in calling our government and corporate citizens to account. That being said, I am pleased to announce that our two Adult Faith Development initiatives will have a distinctly different flavour to each of them. If you are more into stories of faith, please consider joining our Anglican-Catholic discussion group looking at the experience of inter-Church marriages. If study and research are more your style, please consider our Catholic Update/Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service series on Grace and the Sacraments. How does God share his life with us? What, exactly, does ex opere operantis mean? How long has it been since you’ve thought about grace and how the sacraments of the Church work? These larger questions are also worth our time and effort. What will your prayer life look like this Lent? Please consider building the Stations of the Cross and sung Evening Prayer into your week. St. Paul tells the Church in Corinth: “We have borne the image of the one of dust, so let us bear the image of the One of Heaven.” Will we put the dust of sin away and become a new creation? Let’s start living our Easter - our resurrection - right here and now. Have a blessed week! Fr. Matt

 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

MONDAY: February 25

TUESDAY: February 26 - No Mass
(Mrs. Maria Mollica, Youth Ministry)

WEDNESDAY: February 27
(Rev. Pio D’Oria)

St. Boniface Church
6:25 am - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
+Maria Kenda - The Family
Int. of Carolyn Rau - Joe & Marilyn Kenda
+Bill Brand - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

THURSDAY: February 28
(Deacon Steve Cartier)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Martha Overholt - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Theresa Regier - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: March 1 - First Friday Mass
(Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Adoration from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
+Maud Inwards - Kate & Michael Moriarty
+John Pluta - Kate & Michael Moriarty
Int. of Ray Hartman - His Children & Grandchildren

SATURDAY: March 2
(Rev. John Pirt)

St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: March 3
(Rev. Kazimieras Kakneviceus)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

Office Hours

The office will be open on Monday, February 25, closed Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27 and open again on Thursday, February 28 and Friday March 1.

Adoration

There will be Adoration on Friday, March 1 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

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. Matt George, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Joel Regier, son of Dennis & Lorraine who died this week. May he rest in peace.

Parish Community Card Party

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!


World Day of Prayer
World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, March 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm** in the Lobby at the Bluewater Resthome. Everyone is welcome. Refreshment to follow.

London Diocesan CWL Annual Lenten Retreat
Lent is a Time to Grow Closer to Jesus. **Saturday March 9th from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.** at the Spirit and Life Centre, Lunch. Cost: $8 per person. Facilitator: Ann Shore is a retired director of the Department of Theology at Assumption University and is a favourite speaker and workshop / retreat facilitator throughout Ontario, Quebec and Michigan on diverse religious and theological topics. For more information log onto [www.cwlondon.ca](http://www.cwlondon.ca). Please contact your Council President if you and/or a friend plan to attend. RSVP by Feb 28, 2019

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Awards
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the **15th annual St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Awards**, which recognize exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic – employees, parents, volunteers, priests and parishioners. The award recipients will be recognized at our **Catholic Education Week Mass** to be held on Monday, **May 6, 2019**. Nominations forms are available in each school, parish, and posted on the Board’s website at [www.huronperthcatholic.ca](http://www.huronperthcatholic.ca). The **deadline for nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019**. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

COR
**COR Youth Retreat (youth in grade 11 & 12 and up to age 21).** Another exciting COR retreat will unfold during the weekend of **March 29, 30, 31.** COR 34 will take place in Dublin, Ontario. It is a weekend where teens discover 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 John & Sarah Moylan at smoylan44@gmail.com or feel free to call 519-444-8025. Please submit applications by March 22nd at the latest (the sooner the better) for this amazing weekend for youth.

**SIGN THE PETITION**
**March 2/3 and March 9/10**
The Stratford and District Right to Life is teaming up with Alliance for Life in an attempt to acquire one million (1,000,000) signatures on a petition demanding **full protection for the unborn from conception**. This petition will be presented at the March for Life in Ottawa this May, on the 50th anniversary of the law that allowed legalized abortion in Canada. We encourage all people of goodwill, (age 14 and older), to sign the **Petition of One Million 2019** and encourage others to sign. We need to proclaim to all Canadians the message that every human life must be recognized and protected from his/her biological beginnings as a human being. A few people have already signed this petition at the CWL Fall Bazaar; please sign it only once.

Goderich Ultreya
Our Goderich ultreya this month will be **Sunday, February 24 at 3 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parson’s Court, Goderich.

Cursillo
Where is Christ in our life now? A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you the time to reflect and redirect your path, and spiritual food for reflection. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit and to better understand His abundant love for each of us. The retreats will be held at the *Michaelite House, London*. The **Men’s weekend is March 21 - 24** and the **Women’s is March 28 - 31**. For application forms and info call Francis & Doreen Hartman at 519-237-3295.

Veritas Lecture Series
**King’s and the Centre for Jewish, Christian, Muslim Learning invite you to join them at their next Veritas Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 pm.** Dr. Murray Watson will present “Rediscovering Our Lost Family: Highlights and Lowlights in Contemporary Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Dialogue” in the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre at the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre at King’s University College, 266 Epworth Avenue, London. Parking is free and admission is by freewill donation. Facilities are wheelchair accessible; for accommodation requests, visit kings.uwo.ca/accommodation.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
**Tuesday, March 5 from 5 - 7 pm at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Zurich.** Free will offering (proceeds to Benevolence and Youth Conference). Flour and Potato Pancakes and Sausages.

Lenten/Easter Season

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Sung Evening Prayer
@ 7 pm
Sun, March 10 at St. Boniface |
Sun, March 17 at St. Peter’s |
Sun, March 24 at St. Boniface |
Sun, April 7 at St. Boniface |
Sun, April 14 at St. Peter’s |

All Day Confessions
**Wednesday, April 10**
at St. Boniface Church

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Stations of the Cross during Lent
**Tuesday mornings**
at 11:30 am followed by Mass at St. Peter’s |
**Friday mornings**
following the 9:15 am Mass at St. Boniface
Pat Bedard Construction
General Carpentry
Renovations - Additions
Siding - Decks
519-236-4720

Bayfield Garage
519-562-2538
Don McIlwain, Owner
Hwy 21, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
Brakes - Front End - Suspension - Mufflers – Front Wheel Drive

Jeffrey Brothers Limited
Building Contractors
Residential, Commercial, Agricultural

D. Regier Construction
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RR2
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Fax: 519-236-4990
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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, February 26 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday and Adoration** - Friday, March 1 at St. Boniface Church
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 1 @ 2:00 pm at the BWRH

Ash Wednesday - March 6
9:15 am - St. Boniface School Mass
3:30 pm - Bluewater Resthome
7:00 pm - St. Peter’s

Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 10 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

Lenten Study Group - Wednesday, March 13 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 17 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church

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

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

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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
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 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.