4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3, 2019

We are witnesses to Jesus, primarily through our love for one another. God calls some people, such as Jeremiah, to be prophets - to bring others to him by speaking God’s words to them. Most of us, however, are called to be witnesses through the love that we show each day in our actions and words. No matter what we do, it must always be expressed in love.

**Dear Parishioners:** welcome Fr. John Comiskey back to our parishes! Fr. John kindly offered to take some weekends for his local pastors - he is a part-time Grand Bender - and so I gladly accepted: with my latest health developments, I think I need some time to catch my breath. I thank God for our observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (both our noon-hour series here and the wrap-up in Exeter): how good it is to sit in dialogue with our **sisters and brothers** and together discover what God is asking of our churches! I’m sure the **graces and blessings of this encounter** will inspire us all for some time. I found a wonderful article in Canada’s History magazine, which reveals the **Catholic roots** of Ground Hog Day (not so long ago, “Bear Day” in Canada!) in the celebration of **The Presentation of the Lord/Purification of Mary/Candlemas:** this 40th day after Christmas actually represents the halfway mark of winter in the old Catholic world - Italy, France, Spain and Portugal. A perfect time, if you think about it, to once again affirm **Jesus Christ** as the **Light of the World!** My thanks to those who participated in our **candlelight procession** this Saturday the 2nd. [This day is also **World Day for Consecrated Life:** it’s too bad that **Sister Mary** prefers to play it like a game of Whack-a-mole. We can’t seem to give her any recognition and appreciation for her **years of faithful service** and **continuing presence** among us: if she “pops up” in your life please give her the thanks of our parishes.] Jesus’ homily provokes an angry mob who try to kill him: when we see **God’s will being accomplished by “others”,** may we be more grateful to God, rather then stoke our own **murderous jealousy.** Have a blessed week!  

**Fr. Matt**

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**World Day for Consecrated Life**

Today we rejoice and celebrate **World Day for Consecrated Life.** Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

**Life at St. Peter’s Seminary**

To watch a short video about vocations and life at St. Peter’s Seminary, please visit the seminary Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SPSeminary. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and please keep the students and faculty of the seminary in your prayers. To learn more about St. Peter’s Seminary visit www.stpeterseminary.ca.
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.

St. Boniface CWL

Brother Bob Bake Sale - Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 before and after Mass. All proceeds to Jesu Ashram in India. Baked goods for our table would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off before Mass. Thank-you for your generous support.

Western Fun & Country Western Ladies Fun Night

Huron-Perth Region CWL members are invited to a Western Fun & Country Western Ladies Fun Night on Tuesday, May 7 at the Zurich Community Centre. Social Hour: 6 pm & Dinner: 7 pm. Cost: $25 per person. Live music by Mozart’s Melody Makers, Line Dancing, Wear your best Country & Western attire for the occasion. For more information contact Carrie Van Osch at crvanosch@gmail.com. Hosted by: St. Peter & St. Boniface CWL.

Share Lent Campaign Workshops

Workshops for this year’s Share Lent campaign are being planned in early February. This year’s theme is, “Share the Journey”. In the London Deanery the workshop will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm at St. Michael’s Parish. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool please call the church office.

Please Save your Postage Stamps

The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, will sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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.

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. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

Encounter as Bridging and Crossing with Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI on Thursday, February 7 at 7:30 pm at the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, London. The Culture of Encounter is a multi-dimensional call. We are challenged to build bridges across all that divides humanity, but we are also encouraged to cross the bridges others have built. What are the competencies today’s Christians need to embrace in order to build and cross bridges? Free parking and admission.

2019 Pure Life Summit

All high school, college and university students, young adults and parents are invited to the 2019 Pure Life Summit - February 9 - “Into the Deep” featuring Kelsey Skoch from FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) @ St. Andre Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London. Fr. Patrick Beneteau; Vocation Director for the Diocese of London and Patrick Hoffman; former CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) missionary will also be speaking. SOLI Sisters from Cambridge and Queenship of Mary Sisters from Ottawa will be joining us. Register online at www.famfi.ca or contact Connie at cvanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! This year’s theme is “Hope in the Midst of Suffering”. Takes place Saturday, March 2 from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. There will be inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring; there will be an adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits; there will be a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for youth. For additional info, please visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, call 647-243-9441, or email contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.
Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- School Mass - Friday, February 8 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Brother Bob Bake Sale - February 9/10 weekend at St. Boniface Church
- World Day of the Sick - Monday, February 11 - Mass at 11:30 am at St. Boniface Church with lunch to follow
- Sacrament of the Sick - Monday, February 11 at 2 pm at the BWRH
- Finance Meeting - Thursday, February 21 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- 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

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
Lynette 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 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.