The Ascension of the Lord - June 2, 2019

Christ calls us to unity with him and the Father. Jesus prays for his Church to be one, to be a visible sign of Christ to the world. In his great love, Jesus invites us into his own relationship with God the Father: *I in them and you in me.* God's powerful love enables believers to live in a unity so attractive it draws others into the love of God.

Dear Parishioners: Happy Ascension Day! I bless the Lord for the wisdom of our Canadian Bishops, who moved the observance of this feast from a Thursday (40 days after Easter) to the 7th Sunday of Easter — not that I'm a lazy so-and-so, but that more of the Faithful may experience and benefit from this important feast day. Christ has returned to his other 'natural' place — the right hand of the Father — alleluia! This World Communication Day, I challenge each one of us to increase our intake of Catholic media — I simply grew up with my mother's subscriptions to the Catholic Register, Catholic New Times and Western Catholic Reporter; my father supported dozens of Religious missionary groups, and their magazines flooded our home on a regular basis. I told you last week that I'm beginning to support a favorite on-line service www.cruixnow.org: please do what you can to support Catholic media. One of our important communications will be changing this summer: between Lori's and my vacation, it makes sense to have a monthly bulletin for July and August — please make sure you are prepared for those deadlines. I mentioned before that our 1st Communicant Families have asked to have the Mass times reversed for Corpus Christi Sunday (June 23rd) to allow their reception to take place in Zurich. While there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament following each Mass that day, please consider attending the 11 am Mass at St. Boniface to show your support for our young families. We have begun a Novena for Pentecost (starting Friday - whoops! I should've told you last week; sorry!), in preparation for our diocesan Year of Prayer. If you can join in the novena prayers, a rosary or Evening Prayer each night this week at 7pm at St. Boniface please do so. The Bishop's closing remarks at Study Days this week were inspiring — he called our time together and the spirit of those days a great sign of hope as we move forward with the Families of Parishes, and forming missionary communities that bring intentional disciples to life. Two initiatives I'd love to see take off this year are a youth Pizza-and-Faith discussion group in the fall, as well as a parish-wide Marriage prep and development program. (If you recall on the third page of the Catholic Update article on “The Joy of the Sacraments”, you'll have a general idea of what I hope to get going.) We'll be hearing from Annette Hartman about her involvement in NET, while her brother Mark has been featured in the diocesan monthly vocation witness story: how marvelous to see God calling these young people & their creatives responses! Help spread the Good News! God Bless. Fr. Matt

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 3 - 9

MONDAY: June 3
(Vocation Support Prayer: Deacon Rudy Terpstra)

TUESDAY: June 4
(Rev. Jose Lopez, F.M.M.)

St. Boniface Church - 1:00 pm***- School Mass
+Rev. Paul Mooney & His Deceased Family Members
+Emmanuel Francis Joseph - Fr. Matt George
+Joel Regier - The Earle Family

WEDNESDAY: June 5 - Feast of St. Boniface
(High School Campus Ministers)

St. Boniface Church
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass followed by a Social
In Honour of St. Joseph & St. Andre for a Special Intention
- Mary Lou Denomme
- Int. of Carolyn & Joe Rau - Mary Lou Denomme
- Int. of Shirley & Paul Bedard - Mary Lou Denomme

THURSDAY: June 6
(Rev. Vincent Gennardo, C.S.)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Ethel Masse - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Tom Smits - St. Boniface CWL

FRIDAY: June 7 - First Friday
(Rev. Joseph Langlois)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Adoration from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Int. of Phil & Patty LaPorte - Tillie Rau
+Hermann Gerdes - Ulrich & Anna Duttmann
+Greg Willert - Kathy Regier

SATURDAY: June 8
(Ms. Dianne O'Neill, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:00 - 8:45 am
+Gerald Smith - Eleanor Maloney
+Ed Smith - Ray & Janice Hartman
+Audrey Smith - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

St. Boniface Church - 1:00 pm
“Wedding of Paul Roelands & Ashley Bedard”

St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: June 9
(Rev. Barnabas Kiss, O.F.M.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Mass for the People

St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
Mass for the People

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One Time Only Mass Swap
Sunday, June 23, 2019

For Sunday, June 23 ONLY, the 9 am Mass will be at St. Peter’s and the 11 am Mass will be at St. Boniface to allow the 1st Communicants Corpus Christi reception to take place at St. Boniface following the 11 am Mass. Each Mass that weekend will feature a procession with the Blessed Sacrament.
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, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Brent Langan and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Parker Larry Bruce Thomson, son of Shaun & Melanie who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

First Friday Adoration

There will be Adoration on Friday, June 7 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Feast of St. Boniface

June 5th is the Feast Day of St. Boniface. Please join St. Boniface School as they celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface with a school Mass on Tuesday, June 4th at 1 pm. We will also celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface at our weekday Mass on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 pm with a social to follow.

Feast of St. Peter’s and Year End School Mass

All are Invited! Please come and celebrate our last school mass with us! This year we are doing something very special - we are making the trek out to St. Peter’s Church for our last school mass Tuesday, June 25. The students will rotate between praying the rosary in the Healing Garden, learning about St. Andre near the statues, having lunch in the hall and having a chance to look at the family displays, and ending with mass at 1:00pm to celebrate the Feast of St. Peter and Paul (actual feast day is June 29th). Please come and celebrate our school year with us!

Sincerely, Staff and Students of St. Boniface School

Priest Pension Fund Collection

This year’s Priest Pension collection will be taken up on Father’s Day weekend, June 15 - 16. Please keep all our priests in your prayers. Your generosity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after many decades of years having ministered to our spiritual needs. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, this Father’s Day let’s give back!

Bishop’s Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities

The Eleventh Annual Bishop’s Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at the London Convention Centre. This annual event gathers our community with Bishop Fabbro in a “Celebration of Faith, Friendship and Charity” to raise vital funds for Vocations London and St. Peter’s Seminary. This year we welcome three-time Juno nominee Emm Gryner with her band. For tickets or sponsorship information, please email Mrs. Frances Barnard at bishopsdinner@dol.ca or phone 519-432-1414 or 1-888-548-9649, ext. 255.

Merlin Shrine Pilgrimage

Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite the faithful to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, July 16. The day will begin with lunch at noon, followed by a concert performed by the Wallaceburg LifeTeen band at 1:00 pm. A rosary procession will take place at 1:30 pm, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Dabrowski and benediction at 2:00 pm. The faithful can join a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine, either: a 20 km walk departing from St. Ursula Church in Chatham at 7 am, a 10 km walk departing from North Buxton Museum at 10 am, or a 4 km walk departing from the Merlin Community Hall at 10 am. Parishioners are invited to organize a pilgrimage to this celebration.

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine

Save the Date: on August 15, Bishop Fabbro will celebrate a solemn Mass at 11 am to be followed by a Rosary Procession and benediction at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Merlin.

Room2Grow

Room2Grow is a pregnancy and parenting centre located at 9 Rattenbury St. Clinton that supports young families in Clinton, Exeter, Goderich and surrounding areas. We provide material, emotional, financial support to those who need it most and are the most vulnerable in our community. The need is so great. There are so many sad stories. Moms and children have been physically, emotionally abused and do not know where to turn for unconditional love. We see God’s handiwork at Room2Grow every week. We are hosting our annual Baby Bottle Campaign, our main fundraiser, once again until Father’s Day. We ask that you fill a bottle with your loose change...we will count it and any amount over $20 will receive a tax receipt.

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.

The Diocese of London on Social Media

Did you know that there are several Facebook pages relating to our diocese? In addition to the main Diocese of London Facebook page, there are also pages for Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach, Events in the Diocese of London, and most recently a new page for Diocese of London Missions. Additionally, the Youth Ministry team also has an Instagram page, and the Diocese has a Twitter account. Many parishes also have their own social media pages. Come join us in cyberspace! Find us using your search bar, or get the links at https://dol.ca/news/social-media.
Are you interested in placing an ad on the back of our church bulletin. Please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
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.

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 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.