1st Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2019

Jesus Christ freed us from the slavery of sin. As we begin Lent, our penance and fasts seems rather small in comparison with how Jesus suffered for our salvation. Our forty days does not quite compare to his forty days in the desert. We need only to call on Jesus, and he will deliver us from our sins. Each Lent presents a new opportunity to repent and grow in our relationship with the One who gave his all so we could be his.

Dear Parishioners: Happy Lent! I pray this season of prayer, fasting & alms-giving will bring new life to each of us, our families, our parishes and our world. Do not despair over our intense winter-lude: even now my fair-weather feline friend Lola is sheading hair by the handful! She knows it will soon be Spring in Jerusalem and Southwestern Ontario! God the All-Merciful will not allow her to be underdressed for the weeks ahead. Break your Fast warning: happily the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Tuesday this year! Please join us for Mass (Gloria! Creed! Holy Smoke! Music!) and the sweetest meat to follow: pulled pork on a chibatta bun. Please RSVP to the Office by March 10th, so we can prepare the pork, the alcohol permit (good wine, not a box of plonk) and enough chocolate cake for everyone. [Attention Social Committee; St. Peter’s Sacristans; Music Ministry; St. Peter’s Building Committee furnace operator delegate!] As our community namesake is the patron of the Universal Church and Principal Patron of Canada, we will limit the invitees to: 1) parishioners of St. Boniface and St. Peter’s; 2) all Catholic Christians; 3) residents of Canada. Do you know someone who should/can be there? Please invite them! The Liturgical Calendar (Ordo) insists that lenten preaching should focus on “the Pascal Mystery of Christ and the Sacraments” - please read along with our Catholic Update articles and/or K of C/Catholic Information Service booklets, available on-line or hard copies at the door of the church: please join our study group following Wednesday evening Mass at St. Boniface for further reflection on God’s sacramental grace. I mentioned earlier holding a discussion group with the Anglican Church on ecumenical matters: turns out they have a full Lenten schedule themselves, so we will be looking to get together after Easter. Will you “Share the Journey” with all the migrants and refugees in the world and their supporters in Development + Peace? On Solidarity Sunday, we’re holding a 20 km, 10 km or 5 km walk (from Clinton or Sebringville!) to meet in Dublin, celebrate sung Evening Prayer (maybe with the Bishop), enjoy a simple supper and watch a Development + Peace documentary. The Spirit moved Jesus those 40 days: may God’s Holy Spirit move our faith to action this Lent. God Bless! Fr. Matt

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 Tony Inwards, brother of Kate Moriarty and Rick Gingerich, husband of Marg who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 - 17**

**MONDAY:** March 11
(Vocation Support Prayer: Deacon Victor Salazar)

**TUESDAY:** March 12
(Rev. Gerard Bedard)
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass
+Albena Bedard - Her Estate
+Tony & Patsy Rau - Their Family

**WEDNESDAY:** March 13
(Rev. Joseph Kannath)
**St. Boniface Church**
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
Int. of Ben & Alicia Goes
- Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family
Int. of Fr. Matt George - Mary Lou Denomme
+Leo Stock - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

**THURSDAY:** March 14
(Mrs. Alice Chimnick, Catechist)

**Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm**
Int. of Alice Marchand - St. Boniface CWL

**FRIDAY:** March 15
(Rev. Russell Shantz)
**St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am**
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
Int. of Ray Hartman
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Greg Willert - Steve & Pat Meidinger
+Joel Regier - Gerard & Mary Ducharme

**SATURDAY:** March 16
(Sister Magdalena Vogt, C.P.S., Pastoral Minister)
**St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am**
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am
+Audrey Smith - Pat & Evelyn Regier
+Gerald Smith - Dorothy Smith
+Ed Smith - Don & Darlene Smith

**St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm**

**SUNDAY:** March 17
(Rev. Anthony Eboh)
**St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am**
**St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am**
**St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm - Sung Evening Prayer**
**Day of Confessions**

This year’s diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for **Wednesday, April 10**. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parishes are: **St. Boniface Church - 9 - 11 am; 1 - 4 pm; 6 - 9 pm.** Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**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.

**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.

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION RETREAT**

Next **Sunday, March 17,** the Mission begins. The Missionary will join us for the Saturday evening Mass, will preach at all the Sunday Masses and on through this “Sacred Week” in the Clustered Communities of St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes.** Beginning Sunday night, the Mission services will start at 7:00 p.m.** The evening services are scheduled to last approximately one hour. Each night following the mission, there will be an opportunity for questions and discussions with coffee in the Parish Hall for those who wish. The Mission concludes Tuesday evening with Adoration, Confession and Holy Mass.

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday** - Sunday, April 14 (Please wear red to Mass)
**Chriasm Mass** - Monday, April 15 - St. Peter’s Cathedral
**Holy Thursday** - April 18 - St. Peter’s Church at 7 pm with Adoration until Midnight
**Good Friday** - April 19 - St. Boniface Church 11 am - St. Peter’s Church at 3 pm
**Easter Vigil** - April 20 - St. Boniface Church at 9:30 pm
**Easter Sunday** - April 21 - St. Boniface at 9 am - St. Peter’s at 11 am

**LENTEN/EASTER SEASON**

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**Lenten Study Group**

@ St. Boniface Church
**Wednesday Evenings following the 7 pm Mass**
March 13, 20, 27
April 3

**Lenten Soup and Bread**

@ St. Boniface Church
**Mondays at 6 pm**
March 11 - April 8

**All Day Confessions**
**Wednesday, April 10**
**at St. Boniface Church**
**Mass** at 8:30 am followed by **Adoration** from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

**Confession Times:**
9-11 am, 1-4 pm, 6-9 pm

**AFTER THE STORM:**
**Building the Pope Francis Village**

Special Screening: **Tuesday, April 2 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church, Goderich**
Free will offering; all proceeds to Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. This documentary is an inspiring journey that follows poor coastal communities in the Philippines who lost everything to Super Typhoon Haiyan. When local organizations supported by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada arrive to work alongside these communities, they are confronted by survivors who are dispossessed, living in tents, dependent on aid, and facing eviction from the land they have always known. But what happens when you bring the people together? Find out in 'After the Storm', as Development and Peace works with 550 families to transform a piece of land into new homes, a new community and new lives.

**Prayer - Fasting - Alms**

Five Monday Evenings starting **Monday, March 11th to Monday, April 8th** at 6 pm please join us for **Lenten Soup and Bread** at St. Boniface Church. A short Development and Peace video will be presented. Free will offering. Thank-you! Development and Peace Representative, Kathy Regier.

Events at a glance....

- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 10 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Lenten Soup Dinner** - Monday, March 11 at 6 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
- **Lenten Soup Dinner** - Monday, March 18 at 6 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Lenten Study Group** - Wednesday, March 20 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, March 24 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Lenten Soup Dinner** - Monday, March 25 at 6 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, March 26 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church

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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.

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.

Parish Office & School Contact Information
Parish Office:
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519-236-4335
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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
519-482-5454

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
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