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Dear Parishioners: what a week! I’m excited to be working with the Cursillo team this weekend in London, but saddened by the death of Fr. Henry Cassano: we’ve lost a real character with Fr.’s passing. (Some friends in Dresden said if Fr. Henry was still there, making his vino, the husband would’ve converted!) This week also includes our schoolboard’s Catholic Education Celebration Dinner: we have so much to thank God about when it comes to our Separate Schools! Please take a moment to let our teachers, administration & trustees know what an important & blessed job they are doing! The schools teach our religion: it’s the parishes’ role to prepare our people for the Sacraments: this coming Wednesday features our teaching Mass (good for Grade 2s & more seasoned Catholics), with the retreat & Rite of Enrolment next week. Our discussion group is discussing the Eucharist as well: join us after Wednesday Mass or at least read along with our Catholic Update or KofC material at the doors of the church or your email in-box. The Sacraments are moments of love in our lives - the Greatest Love wants to be better known! I look forward to our regional CWL meeting next Saturday in Exeter: it is such an excellent forum to learn what’s going on at the Diocese & locally, & to catch some inspiration from these Catholic Leaders! Next weekend is also COR in our deanery: pray for our senior youth, that they will have a profound experience of both God & the Church. The desert (in California, at least) has bloomed! May God bring a rich flowering to all the dry areas of our lives this week - 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, Pat Mihm, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Tim (TJ) Klopp, Fr. Matt George, Dorothy Smith, and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Leo Overholt, brother of Linda Regier and Hermann Gerdes, brother of Anna Duttmann who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

At our recent K of C meeting the fate of our Zurich council was discussed and it was voted to dissolve the council. Any Knight wishing to remain a Knight may apply to transfer into the council of their choice. Anyone needing assistance in this matter may talk to Doug Debus. If you would like to transfer into the Exeter council contact Doug Debus at 519-236-4419 or if you would like to transfer to the Goderich council contact Phil LaPorte at 519-236-4876.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 - 31

MONDAY: March 25
(Vocation Support Prayer: Ministries to Refugees in the Diocese of London)

TUESDAY: March 26
(Mrs. Eva Fodeles-Freund, Pastoral Minister)
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass
+Leo Overholt - Phil & Linda Regier & Family
+Antoinette Miceli - Anne O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY: March 27 - “Teaching Mass”
(Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, O.F.M. Cap.)
St. Boniface Church
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
+Rev. Paul Mooney & his Deceased Family Members
  - His Estate
+Joe Regier - George & Marg Suplat
+Rose Regier - Warren & Helen Regier

THURSDAY: March 28
(Rev. John Sharp)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Clem Regier - Bonnie & Pete Regier

FRIDAY: March 29
(Rev. Pierre Wood O.F.M. Cap.)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
“Followed by Stations of the Cross”
+(29th Ann.) Matthew Denomme - Mary Lou Denomme
+Maria Mathonia - George Mathonia
For Deceased Members of the Regier & Dietrich Families

SATURDAY: March 30
(Rev. Donald Pamputis)
St. Boniface Church - No Mass
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: March 30
(Rev. Danny Santos)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
St. Peter Church - 7:00 pm - Sung Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 24, 2019

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St. Boniface CWL
Blessing’s Easter Food Drive - We will be collecting non perishable food for Blessing’s Food Bank until April 7. They are in need of tomato juice, apple juice, coffee (all kinds), tuna, jello, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Please place donations in the large container at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our local food bank.

St. Peter’s CWL
Now is the time to get your name on the list for our CWL Country & Western Ladies Fun Night!! Tuesday, May 7, 6 pm, Zurich Community Centre. Please bring your $25 per person to register after Mass on Sunday, March 24 or 31. Please see our poster hanging on the back of the church for more details. You may also contact Carrie Van Osch crvanoesch@gmail.com for more information or Barbara Coker abchaven@ezlink.ca for registration.

CWL Huron Perth Regional Meeting
The next CWL Huron Perth Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30 at Precious Blood Church in Exeter, 8:30 am coffee social with meeting to start at 9:00 am. All CWL ladies from both St. Peter’s and St. Boniface are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Share the Journey Solidarity Walk, Prayer & Meal
Support Caritas Internationalis’ campaign for refugees & forced migrants on Solidarity Sunday (April 7th) by waling 20, 10 or 5 kms to St. Patrick’s Church in Dublin. Join in sung Evening Prayer (6 pm) with Bishop Fabbro and enjoy a meal to follow. For more information, call (519) 236-4191, or find us on Facebook/Bluewater Parishes. Donate online at www.devp.org/walk/2521.

Day of Confessions
This year’s diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 10. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Confession is where we encounter Jesus”. In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten journey, every year on the fifth Wednesday of Lent, parishes all across the Diocese of London have priest available to hear confessions throughout the day and/or evening. 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.

Ultreya
Our March ultreya will be on Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm at the Knights of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parson’s Court, Goderich. Note the time change. For further information call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-2390.

Parish Community Card Party
Tuesday, March 26 at St. Boniface Church at 7:15 pm. Everyone is welcome!

AFTER THE STORM: Building the Pope Francis Village
Special Screening: Tues. 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.

News Briefs from the March 2019 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...
Medical Director Changes - A retirement celebration was held on February 7, 2019 to honour Dr. O’Connor’s 48 years of service at Blue Water Rest Home. It was a lovely ceremony and the Exeter Lakeshore Times Advance captured highlights of the event. We wish Dr. O’Connor and his wife, Wendy all the best as they embrace retirement and pursue some travel plans. We are so fortunate to announce that Dr. Michael Hammond accepted the role as Medical Director at Blue Water Rest Home effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Hammond joined our medical team as Attending Physician in July 2018 and has transitioned quite nicely into the Medical Director role. He is well respected by the staff and we have received many positive comments from residents about his bedside manner.

Zurich Mennonite Church Director Replacement
- We wish to thank Linda Hendrick for representing Zurich Mennonite Church on the Blue Water Rest Home Board for the past six years. Linda retired from the Board in December 2018. Zurich Mennonite Church appointed Dianne Loerchner to complete a three year term. Dianne is no stranger to Blue Water Rest Home as she worked here as a Registered Nurse and has transitioned quite nicely into the Medical Director role. Please place donations in the large container at the back of the church for more details.

AdvantAge Ontario – Celebrating 100 years - Our long-term care association, AdvantAge Ontario is celebrating 100 years and a submission on behalf of the organization has been completed to promote our intergenerational programs offered and the wonderful partnership with the West Huron Early Childhood Learning Centre. This is exciting public relations for us.

Upcoming Events - Audiology Clinic at the Bluewater Area Family Health Team on March 27, 2019. All appointments must be made with Heidi Kloppe, Wellness Co-ordinator 519-236-4373 x632. You do not have to be a patient of the Family Health Team.

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.
Events at a glance....

- 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
- School Confessions - Wednesday, March 27 at St. Boniface Church
- Teaching Mass - Wednesday, March 27 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Lenten Study Group - Wednesday, March 27 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, March 31 at 7 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Lenten Soup Dinner - Monday, April 1 at 6 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Finance Meeting - Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

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

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)

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.