Let us be faithful in speech and action. The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives - and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions.

Dear Parishioners: a new month, a new liturgical season! Ash Wednesday heralds the beginning of Lent, our preparation for Easter glory. May these holy days be one extended spiritual retreat for all of us who look to renew our baptismal promises in the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are receiving a wealth of resources with this bulletin: I especially recommend our Canadian Bishops’ pamphlet on the nature of Lent, the Catholic Update (digital or hardcopy) on praying day by day and the Development + Peace ShareLent material, suggesting how we could act to renew ourselves and our world in Christ. I mentioned last week how excited I was to start on some Adult Faith Development on Grace and the Sacraments (see bulletin for dates) as well as an Anglican-Catholic discussion group: as dates and times become available, I’ll be sure to post them on our Facebook page. I really enjoyed my classmate Murray Watson’s presentation at King’s College on some highlights - and lowlights - of Jewish/Catholic/Muslim interfaith dialogue this past Thursday. As Murray insists, even communities like ours (with very little non-Christian presence) have an important role to play in teaching the very nuanced truth of where our Catholic faith is actually at today, and the tremendous efforts that have got us here since the Second Vatican Council. I certainly hope to do an Adult Faith Development series on this topic in the near future. The LORD teaches us that we are to work on our own logs before we address the specks in our neighbours’ eyes. May our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us get a hold of the logs in our eyes! God bless you. 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.

Prayer - Fasting - Alms

Five Monday Evenings starting Monday, March 11th to Monday, April 8th at 6 p.m. 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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

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.

AFTER THE STORM: Building the Pope Francis Village
Special Screening: Tues. April 2 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Roman Catholic 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.

King's Open House
King's University College will be hosting an open house for future students, friends, family and alumni on Saturday, March 9 from noon until 4 pm. All are welcome. Attend program Ted Talks, tour campus and residence, and meet professors and current students to learn about programs for Fall 2019. For more information, please visit https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/media-and-communications/newsroom/kings-open-house-coming-march-9/.

12 Hours of the Lord
St. Peter’s Seminary invites you to a one day “Come and See Experience” on Wednesday, March 20 for men 16 to 45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. Participants will be able to attend classes with seminarians and experience a regular weekday at the seminary, including Mass, sports and outreach to help in discernment. Contact Fr. Patrick Beneteau at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204, for more information or to register.

Lenten/Easter Season

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

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 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

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)
     9:00 am  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

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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.