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4th Sunday of Lent - March 31, 2019
God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray. Jesus’ famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

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Blessing’s Easter Food Drive
St. Boniface & St. Peter’s CWLs will be collecting non perishable food for Blessing’s Food Bank (St. Boniface until April 7 and St. Peter’s until Easter). 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 31. Please see our poster hanging on the back of the church for more details. You may also contact Carrie Van Osch cvronosch@gmail.com for more information or Barbara Coker abchaven@ezlink.ca for registration.

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.

Easter Flowers
We will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. If you wish to make a donation in their memory place your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by April 14, 2019. The names of the deceased love ones will be published in our Easter bulletin.

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.

Vocation Testimonies
Sr. Kelly MacDonald
Final vows: September, 2005
Home parish: St. Joseph, Stratford
“What attracted me to the Servants of God’s Love was their joy.”
My community is called The Servants of God’s Love and we hail from Ann Arbor, Michigan. I grew up in Stratford and I attended St. Aloysius elementary school, St. Michael’s for grades 7 and 8 and then Northwestern Secondary School. I had a priest friend of mine, Fr. Graham Keep that really encouraged me in discerning religious life. It helped to talk with someone who really understood religious life. What helped me further to discern was a daily prayer life, receiving the sacraments as often as I could and talking with someone from the religious community that I was interested in visiting.

What attracted me to the Servants of God’s Love was their joy. When I visited them, I was struck by how much they laughed! Along with the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, we take a 4th vow to “The Common Life”. This vow means that we live a life in common and are accountable to each other to live holy lives in humility and honesty. We are also a Charismatic community, so worship is part of our daily prayer. All these elements of this community were very important for me to say “yes” to God’s invitation to be His bride.

About the Servants of God’s Love (Ann Arbor, Michigan): we began in April 1975 as a small ecumenical sisterhood in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Most of the founding sisters had attended the University of Michigan and had come to a deeper conversion to the Lord through involvement in The Word of God community, an ecumenical, charismatic group in Ann Arbor. In 1975 six of us began living together. Our rule of life was patterned on The Servants of the Word, an ecumenical brotherhood founded a few years before us. In 1983 the Lord made known the name He had for us, the Servants of God’s Love, and spoke to us anew about His desire that we be a sign of His strong, personal love for His people and also a sign of the kind of love He wants His people to have for Him. This is our charism and our mission.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- 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
- Lenten Study Group - Wednesday, April 3 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday Mass (no adoration) - Friday, April 5 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- 1st Communion Retreat - Saturday, April 6 at St. Boniface Church from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Rite of Enrollment (1st Communion) - April 6 & 7 at all Masses
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, April 7 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
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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.

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.