6th Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

The Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what Jesus taught. Jesus assures us in the Gospel that he will dwell within us, and the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what he taught. This is good news for us, because it means we are not making this Christian journey alone, two thousand years removed from a period in human time. We are today, like the early Church of Jerusalem, taught and guided by his Spirit. We need only to listen and have faith in his working in us.

Dear Parishioners: it finally feels like spring! (Our damp, cool days represent only a fraction of the massive storms that have been wreaking havoc down in the central plains of the U.S.A.: please pray for all who’ve had their lives up-ended.) One event in the diocesan spring calendar is this week’s Study Days for all pastoral personnel: pray that these “old dogs” can learn some new tricks! This Thursday is the Outdoor-a-palooza at St. Anne’s High School: if you enjoy making teenagers uncomfortable, please consider attending the Mass there that day. Cemetery Sunday prayers will follow immediately after Mass at St. Peter’s next Sunday (June 2nd): please spend a moment or two in communion with those who have gone before us in faith. I’ll be running to Goderich to check in with St. Peter’s Parish Picnic, then – alas! – have to skip the Fauré’s Requiem concert, so as to get to the Cathedral in time for the Wedding Anniversary Mass with our Bishop. Remember, you don’t have to be on one of the big numbers to attend; everyone who supports the Sacrament of Marriage should be there, in praise of God and supporting all our married couples! Ascension Sunday is also World Communication Day: here in Bluewater we’re blessed to have two missionaries presently serving across Canada – Annette & Michael Hartman – please read their remarkable updates, and we’ll be hearing from Annette June 8/9th on her new involvement with the National Evangelization Teams. One new thing for me is that I’m going to start supporting www.cruxnow.com, an online resource headed up by John L. Allen Jr., the former Time magazine Vatican correspondent. Our Diocese had him speak to us at a previous Study Days gathering, and I was so impressed with his grasp of the Church! While my coffee-and-doughnut monthly stipend won’t be paying for any new bureaus around the world, I do believe, given our digital age that we need to be putting resources towards good, reliable news sources to keep us informed, given the strange & un-Catholic (literally, not universal!) stuff on the internet that purports to be “Church” news out there. Please do what you can to help the Good News get its time in the limelight in our media-centred world, and check our Crux the next time you’re surfing around! June is Feast Day time for our parishes (St. Boniface on the 5th, Sts. Peter & Paul on the 29th), so let’s do what we can to brighten up our faith and our world! I’m so pleased that St. Boniface School is putting its energies into marking St. Peter’s day with activities & Mass at St. Joseph. Please join our students & staff – bring your own lunch and join in the celebrations! Our First Communicant Families have asked to have the 11am Mass & Eucharistic Procession & reception on Corpus Christi Sunday (June 23rd) “moved to St. Boniface Church: it seemed to work last year, so please be prepared to make the switch that weekend. God bless! Fr. Matt

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.

St. Boniface CWL

St. Boniface CWL will be doing a collection for the Goderich Women's Shelter during the month of May. Items they are in need of: regular size shampoo, conditioner, mousse, hair spray, deodorant, hair accessories (elastics, hairbands, brushes), tampons, new bras, underwear, and summer pajamas - sizes small, medium, large, journals and pocket size agendas. Please place your donation in the large container in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Novena

Copies of the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Boniface Church.

Parish Community Card Party

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

Cemetery Sunday

We will be celebrating Cemetery Sunday this year at St. Peter’s Cemetery on Sunday, June 2 following the 11 am Mass.

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

Everyone is invited to join St. Boniface School as they celebrate the Feast of St. Peter and Paul on Tuesday, June 25 (actual feast day is June 29th). The day will begin at noon with a picnic lunch on the grounds at St. Peter’s (please pack a lunch). Following lunch the staff and students would like to invite you to join them for their year end Mass at St. Peter’s Church at 1 pm.

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.

Thank-you from Development & Peace

On behalf of Development and Peace, we want to thank you in a very special way for all the stamps you sent us recently. More importantly 100% of the proceeds from our stamp sales (as well as postcard and any philatelic pieces) are turned over to Development and Peace to help our partners in the South. The sums collected will support development projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and provide emergency relief during natural disasters or man-made catastrophes. Development and Peace members have successfully raised more than $565,000 with this project since it was first started. Please continue to save your stamps!

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.

Marriage Annulment

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. This process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317 or email tribunal@dol.ca.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, May 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Cemetery Sunday** - June 2 at St. Peter’s following the 11 am Mass
- **Feast of St. Boniface School Mass** - Tuesday, June 4 at 1 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Feast of St. Boniface** - Mass followed by a Social - Wednesday, June 5 at 7 pm
- **First Friday & Adoration** - Friday, June 7 at St. Boniface Church
**Weekend Masses**

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**Office Hours:**

- Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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**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)

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**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.

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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 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.