24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15, 2019

We are all sons and daughters of our merciful Creator God. God the Father shows remarkable mercy to us when we stray from following him. When we sin, we are called to repentance and to accept God’s gracious mercy. By the same token, when others stray, we are to welcome them back with joy when they repent. We are all sons and daughters of the same merciful Father.

Dear Parishioners: here’s to cool nights, perfect for sleeping! I’m so glad to see the Fall weather upon us, much as I’d like Summer to go on forever! The “opening cycle” of the new school year won’t be complete until the first Mass with the students of St. Boniface School later in the month, but we had an excellent celebration at St. Anne’s High School this past week. It really is something to see such a large, praying community of faith! I encourage all parishioners to take in a Mass where our young people are the majority of participants: it changes your perspective on things! The federal Election has officially started, so I trust that we will be a more thoughtful & engaged community over the coming weeks. I have sent a copy of our Canadian Bishops’ Voting Guide to everyone whose email we have (send yours in if you haven’t!), and posted a link on our RC Parishes of Bluewater Facebook page: this resource really is better used digitally, because every issue the Bishops raise has a link to relevant resources – if you’re not online, please ask for a printed copy, but you’ll be missing out on the very meat of the message! I look forward to our first meeting of the Ministerial: the Christian Reformed Church will be hosting a “Christians Against Poverty” financial skills workshop in October. Please see their blurb for further information. Our Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering is starting to take shape: with 30 people in leadership from each parish, we’ll need a substantial meeting place! Fr. Ben from Exeter/Mt. Carmel has taken the lead on this, and his suggestion is our Community Centre in Zurich. Please keep Sunday, Oct. 20th from 2-6pm open on your calendar, so this next stage in our parishes’ history will get the attention – and effort – it deserves! Our “Slice of Faith” Youth Discussion Group had an excellent first meeting (Fr. has to get an Instagram account now, apparently!): while we will have much to discuss in the weeks ahead (next meeting on the 26th), if this does develop into a full-fledged youth group, I will soon be looking for people to run around and blow whistles (among other things). If you enjoy running around & blowing whistles, please consider offering your time to our youth. The Lord is prodigal (crazy-wastefully-overly generous) in his mercy! May the mercy we offer to our brothers & sisters be a sign of the goodness we have experienced. God bless you this week! Fr. Matt

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16 - 22

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**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, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

**Office Hours**

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this week and closed on Tuesday and Friday.
St. Boniface CWL
CWL Meeting - Tuesday, September 17 at 7 pm. Potluck and Pin Presentations. Debbie & Henrica’s meeting group.

Cheeseburger Theology Series
The next Cheeseburger Theology will be held at St. Peter’s Parish Hall on Saturday, September 21 following the 5 pm Mass. Come grow in our faith by watching & discussing King’s College’s Veritas Series videos and enjoy a cheese-burger.

Community Card Party
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:15 pm in the Narthex at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group
Our next Youth Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Come out and socialize and enjoy a slice or two of pizza!

Sacramental Parent Meeting
There will be a Sacramental Parent Meeting on Wed., Oct. 2 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for all parents/guardians with students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Communion. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to prepare their children for these Sacraments are asked to contact the Church Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting please contact the office.

Parish Pastoral Council News
A new year (and new terms!) is upon us. It’s time for new voices on the council: please consider serving your parish as a member of the pastoral parish council. See the outlines posted on our parish website at www.bluewater.dionet.ca. Pray for our parishes and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern our future as a faith community.

Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering
The first meeting of our Parish’s leadership will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Zurich Community Centre. The Diocese would like to have 30 people from each parish in leadership. If you have been involved in Ministry in our parishes, please consider attending this important meeting.

Planned Giving Session
Income Tax Reduction and Estate Tax Elimination with Ryan Fraser on September 17 at St. Joseph’s Church, Stratford. Registration starts at 1 pm, presentation at 1:30 pm. You will learn how to minimize or even eliminate taxes on your estate; avoid double taxation on your “Red” retirement accounts; bypass paying upfront capital gains taxes when selling your investments; convert assets into an income you can’t outlive and leave a Lasting Legacy. Save taxes and Leave More to your estate! To reserve a seat, please call Heidi at 519-914-1786 or legacy@dol.ca.

Bible Study
Bible study on the Book of John will begin on Tuesday, October 1st at 9:30 am in St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Please contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321 if you would be interested in attending.

Ham & Sausage Supper
The Exeter/Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus and the CWL’s are hosting their annual Ham and Sausage supper at Precious Blood in Exeter on Sunday, October 6, from 5-7 pm. Adults $15 and those under 12 are $7. The little guys are free. Tickets available at mass (and at the door) beginning September 21-22. Proceeds to the purchase of liturgical literary materials for Precious Blood and Mount Carmel. Come out and enjoy some fellowship along with a great meal.

King’s Veritas Lecture Series
The Veritas Series for Faith and Culture endeavors to foster learning and dialogue by gathering our community together, as we seek to live lives of faith and justice. The word veritas comes from the Latin word meaning truth. It is taken directly from the College motto: “Christus est Via, Veritas et Vita” (Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life). The theme of this year’s series, RENEWAL, is drawn from the prophecy of Isaiah. In Isaiah 40:31, the prophet declares, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” In the midst of the many challenges facing our nation and our communities of faith, we will be presented with opportunities to consider and evaluate where we find our hope and our direction for the future. The first talk is titled “The Future of Truth and Reconciliation” and will be presented by Senator Murray Sinclair on September 26 at 7 pm. As always, admission and parking are free, and facilities are wheelchair accessible. For a complete list of the 2019-2020 Veritas series, please visit https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series/

Christians Against Poverty
The Deacons of the Exeter Christian Reformed Church are offering a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) two night money management course on October 9th and 23rd at 7 PM at the Exeter Christian Reformed church (332 Huron St. W., Exeter). We would like to invite you to the course and ask that you share this opportunity with others within your church and community – there is no cost to attend. The course does not require you to provide any confidential financial information but simply provides participants with skills to manage their finances better. More information about CAP can be found on their website https://www.capcanada.org/. Participants can register for the course online https://www.capcanada.org/find-a-course/ or by contacting Ken Boersma by email at ken.boersma@ptmg.ca

CCCB Life and Family Prayer Suggestion
Loving Father, remind us to be constantly hoping for the “prodigal sons and daughters”. Even when we see no signs of repentance, may our compassion and kindness be an invitation for those who are lost to find another way. May we be ever ready to receive a prodigal home. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Cheeseburger Theology** - Saturday, September 21 following the 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, September 24 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - September 24 at 7 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall
- **A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group** - for youths grades 7 - 12 - September 26 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **School Mass** - Friday, September 27 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Cheeseburger Theology** - Saturday, September 28 following the 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s
- **Sacramental Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, October 2 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass
- **Blessing of Animals** - Friday, October 4 at St. Boniface Church following the 9:15 am Mass
- **First Friday 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, October 4 from 8 am - 8 pm

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

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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 7 to 12 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.

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 on Tuesdays at 11:30 am before the Mass at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 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.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Kristie Cresswell
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

Website

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.

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