26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 29, 2019

Lay hold of eternal life by keeping the commandments, and pursuing noble goods. The readings today are a challenge for all believers to consider the eternal consequences of our actions. God, in his infinite love, both calls us to himself and gives us the freedom to accept or reject his invitation. We can allow comfort to make us complacent, or we can pursue noble goods and be persuaded by the One who was raised from the dead.

Dear Parishioners: Now we’re getting serious! St. Boniface School has celebrated its first Mass, so the year must be really underway. I messed things up in the homily last week: while St. Peter’s (I think!) got the whole announcement, I need to set the record straight on our coming election. We do have a pro-life candidate running in Huron-Brace. Ben Lobb of the Conservative Party of Canada. The leader of the party has said that, should the Conservatives form the Government, they will not be introducing pro-life legislation. As a result, I do not think that our pro-life concerns should be the determining factor in deciding our vote, unfortunately. Please see our diocesan voting guide (included in the bulletin) and our Canadian Bishops’ guide (already distributed) for further info. Voting is one of the moral/ethical decisions we must make as adults: please invest all the time and energy this moment deserves.

I am excited about the shape our Eucharistic Adoration is taking on the First Fridays during our Year of Prayer. We have a lending library of materials (large print Bibles - see bulletin blurb) one in particular, Knitting Into the Mystery is a wonderful reflection on prayer shawl ministry; the chapter on contemplative knitting is worth the book itself. For all of us with busy hands, there are many things we can do to aid and focus our prayer during our times of Adoration! October is a time of rejuvenation: our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis will bring Pope Francis’ Season of Celebration to a close. We’ll cap this festive time with a Blessing of Animals immediately following the Mass Friday, October 4. After my strange summer of Wine & Roses, low blood pressure and radiation, I will be heading to the Maritimes to celebrate Thanksgiving with my family. I’ll return in time for our Family of Parishes meeting on October 20: please pray that this new era in our parishes’ history will be marked by the energy and goodness of everyone at the gathering. God rewards the sufferings of Lazarus with eternal bliss at the side of Abraham: may all our efforts for God’s glory be likewise exalted! Have a blessed week, Fr. Matt

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6

MONDAY: September 30
(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Richard Charrette)

TUESDAY: October 1
(Deacon John White)
St. Peter’s Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 11:30 - 11:50 am
11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
12:00 pm - Mass
Int. of the Langan Family-Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Emmet & Frances Cloran - Elizabeth Cloran
Int. of Phil & Patty LaPorte - Ken & Martha Mungar

WEDNESDAY: October 2
(Deacon Cap Van Au)
St. Boniface Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
+Madeline Denomme - Anna Marie, Martha, Elaine & Cathy
+Tim Bedour - Roger & Denise O’Brien
+Eugene & Maryanne Moriarty - Michael & Kate Moriarty

THURSDAY: October 3
(Rev. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Joel Regier - Virginia Denomme

FRIDAY: October 4 - First Friday
(Rev. Stephen Marsh)
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
12 Hour Adoration 8 am - 8 pm with Holy Hour 3 - 4 pm
+Ulrich Duttmann - Cecelia Farwell & Family
+Irene Paplinski - Cecelia Farwell & Family
+Audrey Smith - Tillie Rau

SATURDAY: October 5
(Rev. Richard Tremblay)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:00 - 8:45 am
Int. of Melissa & Jeremy Batten - Gerry & Debbie Pennings
+Ivan & Marjorie Meidinger - Gerry & Debbie Pennings
+Rev. Paul Mooney & his Deceased Family Members
St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: October 6
(Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am - Mass for the People
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am - Mass for the People

Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Reese Thompson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Carolyn Rau, Nance Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family Shea Michelle Thompson, daughter of Dylan & Stacey who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

Bibles
We will be purchasing some large print Catholic NRSV Bibles for use during Adoration. If anyone would like to buy a personal copy for $40 please contact the church office by October 15.
**Pope Francis’ Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

This is the season for *letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. Saint Bonaventure, the eloquent witness to Franciscan wisdom, said that creation is the first “book” that God opens before our eyes, so that, marveling at its order, its variety and its beauty, we can come to love and praise its Creator (cf. *Breviloquium*, II, 5, 11). In this book, every creature becomes for us “a word of God” (cf. *Commentarius in Librum Ecclesiastes*, I, 2). In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centeredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received.

**Blessing of Animals**

The Blessing of Animals will be held **Friday, October 4 following the 9:15 am Mass at St. Boniface Church**. Our pets are a blessing please consider getting your animals blessed.

**Blessing’s Thanksgiving Food Drive**

St. Boniface and St. Peter’s CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items for Blessing’s Food Bank until October 6. They are in need of juices (apple), jam, peanut butter, snack crackers and soda biscuits, cookies and coffee. Please place your donations in the containers at the entrance of the churches. Thank you for your continued support for our local food bank.

**Sacramental Parent Meeting**

There will be a Sacramental Parent Meeting this 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.

**12 Hour Adoration**

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, October 4 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 materials for Precious Blood and Mount Carmel. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship along with a great meal.

**Stratford Pro-Life**

**Movie Night - “Unplanned”** - The inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, The director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas who, after participating in an actual abortion procedure for the first time, walked down the street to join the Coalition for Life. **Friday, October 4** in St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, Stratford at 7 pm. Free Admission; Refreshments & Popcorn provided. (Rated 17+)

**Life Chain - Sunday, October 6 from 2 - 3 pm along Huron & Ontario Streets, Stratford.** Refreshments to follow at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall

**Annual Dinner - Saturday, October 19 at the Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Cr. Stratford.** Social: 5:30, Dinner: 6:30. Guest Speaker: Lia Mills a young fiery and passionate twenty two year old who’s life story proves that even the most unqualified can make a difference in this world. Tickets: Adults $25 and Students $18. For tickets contact Doreen Hartman at 519-237-3295.

**St. Peter’s Seminary - Jeremiah Day**

**Saturday, October 5 from 10 am - 3 pm.** This is a day for young men (grades 8 to 12) to grow closer to God and to visit St. Peter’s Seminary. The activities include a tour of the newly-renovated seminary, Mass of Ministries, lunch and a soccer game in the afternoon. Please register by contacting Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204.

**CCCB Life and Family Prayer Suggestion**

God of abundance, teach us to pursue you above all else. Protect us from greed. Give us opportunities to share our wealth with others, and to receive the gifts of others where we are in need. Amen.
### Events at a glance....

- **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
- **Saturday Night Mass moves to St. Boniface** - October 19
- **Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering** - October 20 at the Zurich Community Centre from 2 -- 6 pm
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, October 22 at St. Boniface Church at 7:15 pm
- **Finance Meeting** - Wednesday, October 23 at St. Boniface at 7:30 pm
- **A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group** - Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **School Mass** - Friday, October 25 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am

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**Parish Office & School Contact Information**

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bluewater@dol.ca

**St. Boniface School:**
24 Mary St., Box 128
Zurich, ON NoM 2T0
519-236-4335
stbonifacecs@hpcdsb.ca

**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:**
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON NoM 1Lo
519-482-5454

**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.

**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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**St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes**

**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)

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A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

**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 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.

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**Devotions**

**St. Joseph and St. André - Tuesday at the 11:30 am at St. Peter’s.**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday at 6:25 pm at 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.