Dear Parishioners: we start off this glorious month with prayers for both our nations – Canada Day and Independence Day give a wonderful focus for both thanksgiving and intercession, that we will be faithful citizens, worthy of our great patrimony of freedom and responsibility to our fellow citizens. God Bless Canada and the USA! This past Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and intensified our prayer for priests and bishops of our diocese: please cut out the prayer (beside this column) and add our diocesan Church to your daily offering. I need to get walking again so I can join in the diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine in Merlin for Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Feast Day: Bishop Dabrowski will be blessing the Brown Scapular and distributing them to all willing participants – I just feel drawn to wear some physical sign during the Year of Prayer to remind me what missionary discipleship looks like, especially as modeled by Our Blessed Mother! I again ask your prayers for a fruitful time of Scripture Study during the week of the 21st – with all my chemo treatments, clearing my mind will take extra effort this time ‘round’! I ask God to bless all of us with the gift of re-creation this month. May all of us with our hand on the ‘plough of the Kingdom’ not look back! God Bless, Father Matt

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, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Brice Henry Oudshoorn, son of Petrus & Tarynne who was baptized at St. Peter’s Church last weekend.

Thank-you!!!

Thank-you to all the supporters of the Travelling Vocation Cross Program. Please continue to pray for vocations!

12 Hour Adoration

There will be 12 Hour Adoration on Friday, July 5 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm with Holy Hour from 3 – 4 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.
**Vacation Bible School**

VBS will run from **July 8 - 12** at the Zurich Mennonite Church. **REGISTER** your kids at zurichvbs.ca. **VOLUNTEER!** VBS only runs with our courageous volunteers. We have spots for just about anyone! Sign up at zurichvbs.ca. **DONATIONS** are very appreciated. Cheques can be written to Zurich Vacation Bible School. **QUESTIONS?** Visit: zurichvbs@gmail.com or ask Kristyn Egli at 226-237-4310.

**St. Boniface CWL**

We will be holding a **Bake Sale** again this year on **Saturday, August 10** in front of the church, **8am - 12 noon**. This is the same day as the Town Wide Yard Sale. We will gratefully accept baking of all kinds - pies, tarts, cakes, squares, loaves, muffins, candies, jams, as well as fruits and vegetables. We will NOT have a booth at the Bean Festival so this will be one of our big fundraisers. Thank you for your support.

**St. Peter’s CWL**

All CWL Members - we have prepared the **Raffle Ticket Booklets** and and they are now ready at the back of the church for your pickup. This is one of our major fundraising opportunities and we need everyone’s help to make it a huge success by selling tickets over the summer months. GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!! **Draw date will be Sunday, September 1, 2019** at the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket(s) or have any questions call Carrie Van Osch 519-494-6456. **Rethink, Reduce, Recycle** -“Our Common Home” needs YOU! According to a research study, “11 ink cartridges per second and 1 million toner cartridges per day are thrown away instead of recycled”. When you recycle these items, you save on time, energy and natural resources to make new ones. Here’s how the CWL can help... Look for the BLUE BOX at the back of St Peter’s church and drop in your used Ink, Toner and Printer Cartridges. We will keep track and update you in the fall on how many we recycled properly. Every little bit helps.

In support of “**Development & Peace**” St Peter’s CWL will now also be collecting used stamps on their behalf which will in turn help to back their emergence relief efforts. Please drop your envelope of stamps in the collection basket at any Mass marked “CWL”.

**NET Appeal**

Anyone still wanting to donate to **Michael & Annette Hartman** in support of their missionary work with NET Canada this upcoming year can drop off their donation to the church office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “NET Canada”. Please include your name and address on the envelope. If you would like to donate directly to NET donation forms can be found at the back of the church. Also, please keep Michael & Annette in your prayers.

**Healing Mass**

A Healing Mass with Fr. Fernando Suarez MMMP will be held on **Tuesday, July 9 at St. Peter’s Church, Goderich.** 5:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend this Healing Mass will require an admission ticket. Tickets are limited to coincide with the church seating capacity and fire code regulations. Tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets may be picked up at St. Peter's Parish Office, Goderich during office hours. Tickets are free. We urge those attending to go to confession prior to the Healing Mass. Fr. Ronnie Tagnines will be available for confessions on Mon., July 8 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Goderich.

**Going to Toronto??**

We have some Religious Article Items for **Pontifical Mission Society in Toronto** that need to be dropped off. If anyone is going to Toronto and can drop these items off please contact the church office.
**Exult 2019**

Companions of the Cross including our own Mark Hartman, invites everyone to “Exult 2019” for worship, preaching and encounter on **Friday, July 5 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm** at St. Anne’s Parish in St. Thomas. Join the Exult Band and the Church on this night of revival.

**Holy Land Christian Families**

Holy Land Christian Families are visiting the parish on **July 13 & 14** to display the Olive Woods from the Holy Land. Due to religious wars and conflict; that lead many Christian families to leave their homes because of job loss. Hand Carving Olive Woods are Religious items that are hand made by these Christian families. Such as crosses, nativities, rosaries and statues. This is their only source of income and our mission is to help these families by selling their work to help with food, shelter and a better education. Especially during this difficult time. Thank you for your support.

**40th Anniversary of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program**

Bishop Fabbro has written a letter on the 40th Anniversary of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. “Forty years ago,” His Excellency writes, “Canadians were moved by the plight of the ‘boat people’ fleeing the violence and destruction of the Vietnam War. In response, over 60,000 Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian refugees were brought to Canada, many of whom were welcomed by faith communities. This unprecedented response led to the establishment of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program in 1979. Since then, it has been a vital component of Canada’s immigration system and has been recognized worldwide as demonstrating Canada’s humanitarian leadership. Through this program, over 327,000 refugees have been resettled in Canada. For the first time ever, our country has resettled more refugees than any other country in the world.” The Bishop’s entire letter, as well as a video link, are available on our diocesan website at www.dol.ca/news.

**Summer Leadership Camp**

Making plans for summer? Young people currently in grades 6 to 11 are invited to a fun-filled, confidence-building, faith-nurturing summer camp. Our Diocesan Summer Leadership camps offer a couple of different options. For those students going into grades 9-12 next fall, we offer Full Impact Camp, with two weeks to choose from; **July 29 - August 2** at Huron Church Camp in Bayfield or **August 5-9** at Gesstwood Camp in Essex. And the Empower Intro Camp is for those young people going into grades 7 & 8 in the fall and will take place **August 7-9** at Gesstwood. All the great details can be found at dol.ca/cclc

**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.

**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.

**Mass Online**

Did you know that Mass is live-streamed every weekend in the Diocese of London? Courtesy of St. George Parish, London, Mass is available at [www.youtube.com/user/sgtvilondon](http://www.youtube.com/user/sgtvilondon). There is even an archive of past Masses, homilies, and special liturgical events. Online viewing is a great option for those who are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness, infirmity, travel, or any other reason. And if you know someone who is “interested” in the Catholic Church but not quite ready to make the leap, this may be an easy introduction.