4th Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019

Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God has made to the House of David. Today’s readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises he made to his Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us.

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2019

God is at the heart of all Christian families. Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod’s plot to kill Jesus: He listened to God’s voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.
Merry Christmas!
May the warmth and joy of the Christmas Season remain with you throughout the coming year.

Thank-you!
Thank-you to all parishioners from both parishes for your support & contributions to our Food Bank over the past year and this Christmas season. Your support makes a real difference in the lives of many families in our community. Families are now able to enjoy the joy and magic of Christmas. Your kindness helped us help others. Merry Christmas to everyone! Blessing Food Bank

Donations for 2019
Please have all donations for 2019 into the church office no later then Tuesday, December 31 at noon to ensure that your donations are included on your 2019 income tax receipt. Any donations received after noon on December 31 can only be included on your 2020 income tax receipt.

Offertry Envelopes for 2020
Your 2020 weekly offering envelopes are now available in the entrance of the Church. Envelope numbers will change every year, so please be sure you don’t use your 2020 envelopes before January 1, 2020. Those who do not already have offertry envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertry donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church.

Faith of Steel
Young men, ages 14 years old and older, are invited to join in some pick-up hockey on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. The day begins with Mass at 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Mitchell, followed by a family fun skate at 10 am at the Mitchell and District Arena, and then at noon a pickup hockey game. Lunch will be provided at the arena. Players are asked to bring a $10 donation to help offset costs. For more information please contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at vocations@dol.ca or 519-435-1824.

8th Annual Men of Faith Conference
All men & young men are being invited to the 8th Annual Men of Faith Conference - Saturday, January 18, 2020 at St. Michael’s Church in London. NFL Superbowl Champion Quarterback, Elvis Grbac; and the Director of the Faith Explained, Cale Clarke will challenge us to grow in our faith in the world today. “2020 Vision - Courage & Fortitude To Do His Will” Sign up online: www.famfi.ca/. More info contact Mike at 519-518-2025 ext. 22 or Mike@LegacyPartners.ca.

“Unplanned” Film Free Screening and Discussion
King’s Campus Ministry will offer a free screening of the film, “Unplanned,” which speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. “Unplanned” brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. The film presents the story of Abby Johnson, whose best-selling book of the same title gives voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation. All are welcome to attend on January 9, 2020, at 7 pm in the Kenny Theatre, King’s University College.

Mailing Address
Have you moved this year? Do we have your correct mailing address on file with your complete civic/911 address? If there are any changes that need to be made please contact the parish office.

News Briefs from the December 2019 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting
Free Community Exercise Classes - Please join us for FREE GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES AT THE Blue Water Area Family Health Team on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30am & at Maplewoods Apartments on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15am.

40 years of Service Award - We are absolutely delighted to recognize Wendy Masse for 40-years of service at Blue Water Rest Home. Wendy has worked in many departments at the Rest Home and is commended for her dedication and commitment to the Residents.

Announcement Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team - Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team has been accepted as one of the first 24 Ontario Health Team s in the province. Blue Water Rest Home, along with 60 other healthcare partners across Huron and Perth and neighbouring counties will work together to bring a new model of healthcare that will better integrate with a seamless experience for our patients when moving between health care services, providers and setting.

The announcement was made on December 6, 2019 and more information will be follow in the coming weeks and months. For our residents and staff, there will be no immediate changes occurring. 2020 will be a year of implementation for the Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team.

Blue Water Rest Home is a Non-Profit Charitable organization and donations of $10 and greater are receipted and $500 and greater are recognized on a Donor Plaque.

Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers
Thank-you to everyone who made donations towards Christmas Flowers in memory of the following:

Louis & Marilee Ayotte – Loretta Ayotte
Bill Brand – Toni Brand & Family
Tony & Adeline Denomme, Bernie Denomme & Joel Regier
– Larry & Debbie Denomme
Matthew & Cody Ducharme – Martha Kisi
Ulrich Duttmann – Anna Duttmann
Deceased Members of the LaPorte Family
– Phil & Patty LaPorte
Patrick Mihm – Elaine Mihm
Mary Inwards & Mary Anne Moriarty
– Michael & Kate Moriarty
Deceased Members of the Smith & Bedard Family
– Gord & Cecilia Smith
Deceased Members of the Oesch & Soudant Family
– Ted & Janet Soudant & Family
George & Mary McGuire & John & Katharine Suplat
– George & Marg Suplat
Darl Rau – Tillie Rau & Family
Paul & Stephen Watson & Adam Morrissey
– Angela Watson & Family
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Youth Ministry Mission Update with Annette Hartman of NET Ministry with social to follow - December 21/22 at all Masses
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday Adoration - Friday, January 3 from 8 am - 4 pm at St. Boniface Church
- School Mass - Friday, January 10 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group - Tuesday, January 14 following the Mass at noon at Peter’s Church
- Scripture Bible Study - Wednesday, January 15 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 19 - 26
- Bible Sunday - January 25/26 weekend
- Community Card Party - Tuesday, January 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Times

Christmas Eve - December 24
5 pm St. Boniface         7 pm St. Peter’s

Christmas Day - December 25
9 am St. Boniface         11 am St. Peter’s        1 pm BWRH

New Year’s Eve - December 31
5 pm St. Boniface

New Year’s Day - January 1
9:30 am BWRH         11 am St. Peter’s
Parish Office & School Contact Information

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St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School:
353 Ontario St., Box 490
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-5454

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 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

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.

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.