MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 - 8

MONDAY: December 2
(Vocation Support Prayer:
Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 6:00 pm***
Dedication of St. Boniface Church
Int. of Fr. Matt George - Kathryn Regier
+Rev. Paul Mooney & His Deceased Family - His Estate
+Ethel Masse - Bill & Brenda DeGroot

TUESDAY: December 3
(Rev. Robert Champagne)

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
+Albena Bedard - Her Estate
Int. of Carla Smith & Family - Bible Study Group
Int. of Elsie Frijters - Bible Study Group

WEDNESDAY: December 4
(Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Communal Reconciliation

THURSDAY: December 5
(Rev. Dwayne Adam)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Joel Regier - The Regier Family
Int. of Ray & Janice Hartman - Virginia Denomme
Int. of Christa Ihrig - Fr. Matt George

FRIDAY: December 6
(Rev. Robert Weaver)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - First Friday
Adoration from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
+Stanley Ostrowski - Michael & Kate Moriarty
+Ulrich Duttmann - George & Marg Suplat
+Bill Brand - Clare & Mary Faye Regier

SATURDAY: December 7
(Deacon Lyle Lalonde)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:00 - 8:45 am
+(27th Ann.) Connie Risi - Joe Risi & Family
+Gerald Smith - The Love Family
+Madeline Denomme - Pat Flannagen & Susan Wilgfong

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: December 8
(Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am - Mass for the People
St. Peter's Church - 11:00 am - Mass for the People
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm - Sung Evening Prayer

1st Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019
In this season of Advent, we remember our place in salvation history. We remember that we, who again and again break the covenant established with God, are offered salvation through that same God who came as a baby to live, suffer, die and rise so that we may live forever with him.

Dear Parishioners: A blessed Advent to one and all! How I love these days as “we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ”. I am convinced this season and the message it brings are exactly what our world needs. Let’s lift every heart: the death of a loved one affects us more deeply during the coming holidays - please consider joining our ‘Seasons of Hope’ bereave- ment group on Tuesdays, following the noon Mass at St. Peter’s, St. Joseph. Soup will be provided; bring a sandwich, your Bible and a memento of your loved one and we will explore a path of healing and hope as people of faith. We’ve got a whole week of celebrations ahead of us! Pray for our young families: Sunday/today is First Reconciliation - may all our lives be reconciled to the Father’s love! Monday we celebrate the Dedication of (the new) St. Boniface Church: we’ll have a solemn Mass & Pot-luck dinner to follow. Tuesday, our Knights of Columbus invite you to Light Up for Christ: we will bless our Crèche & light display, do some old-time carolling and warm up with some hot apple cider! (Please consider making the intentional decision to have your Christmas lights aglow for the entire Christmas Season; from this Tuesday until the Baptism of the Lord on January 12th.) Wednesday will be our communal Reconciliation Service, with many priest-confessors present. Please use this opportunity to prepare in your heart a place where the Word-made-flesh may enter. This time of waiting ‘tunes’ our prayer life: our resources include the Catholic Update daily minute-devotions, an activity book for young families and sung Evening Prayer each Sunday at 7 pm (6 pm December 15th, the night of the Living Nativity). Come, Lord Jesus! Fr. Matt

Dedication of St. Boniface Church
Everyone is invited to the Dedication of St. Boniface Church on Monday, December 2. Mass at 6:00 pm with a potluck supper to follow.

Light Up for Christ
Our Knights invite you to join us for the Light up for Christ at St. Boniface Church on Tuesday, December 3 at 7 pm.

First Friday Adoration
There will be Adoration on Friday, December 6 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Sung Evening Prayer
- Sunday, December 1 at St. Peter’s at 7 pm
- Sunday, December 8 at St. Boniface at 7 pm
- Sunday, December 15 at St. Peter’s at 6 pm
- Sunday, December 22 at St. Boniface at 7 pm

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group
If you’re in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We will meet for six sessions at St. Peter’s Church beginning Tuesday, December 3 following the noon Mass. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship.
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, John Graham, Elsie Frijters, Annabelle Reinseth and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Tucker Adam Rennig, son of Thomas & Jeslyn who was baptized at St. Peter’s last weekend.

1st Reconciliation

Our Grade 2 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation this Sunday, December 1 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Advent Communal Reconciliation

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church where we will have the opportunity to experience God’s mercy and compassion and reconciling love at our Advent Communal Reconciliation.

St. Boniface CWL

Christmas Social - The St. Boniface CWL Christmas Social will be Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm hosted by Carmel & Patti’s group. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and wear your ugly Christmas sweater. Please note this year there will be NO gift exchange.

CWL Membership Dues - Please return membership dues ASAP. Envelopes can be placed in the basket.

Blessing’s Christmas Food Drive - We will be collecting non perishable food for Blessing’s Food Bank. The items they are requesting to help fill their Christmas hampers are: snack crackers, apple sauce, apple juice, boxes of stuffing, cans of turkey gravy, jello and Christmas cookies, chocolates and candies. Sorry they can not accept anything that is homemade. Please place your donations in the large container in the narthex by December 8. Thank-you for your generous support.

St. Peter’s CWL

December CWL Christmas Dinner - has been changed to Tuesday, December 3rd.

Preauthorized Donations

Thank-you to all our parishioners who have signed up for preauthorized bank deductions. This method of donation helps in the mission of the parish particularly in our budgeting. We are now preparing our records for next years preauthorized donations. If you are not already signed up and would like to make donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the office for a form. Please have all completed forms to the office by Dec. 3, 2019 to ensure automatic withdrawal can begin Jan. 2020.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2020 please contact the church office at 519-236-4191 or email bluewater@dol.ca.

Advent Memorial Donations

Once again this year we are offering a way for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! We will be accepting donations from both parishes for flowers throughout the Christmas season to be donated in memory of your loved one. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone please place your donation in a envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by Monday, December 16, 2019. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

The Baillairge Foundation

The Baillairge Foundation is a registered charity. It’s main mission is to help seminarians & missionary priests. If you want more information about the Foundation please visit their website at www.foundationbaillairge.org or phone 819-823-8392. Copies of the English Annual Report and French Information Pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

News Briefs from the November 2019 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting

Exciting News – Completion of West Huron Care Centre Hub of Services - See attached announcement

Meals on Wheels - Do you know anyone in the Zurich and immediate area who may benefit from Meals on Wheels? Meals are prepared onsite and delivered Monday to Friday between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. for a cost of $8.00 per meal. If interested, please call Patty Groot 519-236-4373 x 631.

Resident Satisfaction Survey - Every year residents or their power of attorney complete a satisfaction survey. In 2019, the completion rate was 86.4% and 89% of residents would recommend Blue Water Rest Home to others. We use the results from the survey to make improvements so that we continue to be a long-term care home of choice in Huron County and surrounding area.

Faith & Social Justice News by Brielle & Olivia

November 24, 2019

Here are some of the upcoming faith events at St. Boniface Catholic school.

- Last week was bullying awareness week and we focused on peace and kindness. We gathered in our Bulldog Packs to show that everyone belongs and is a special part of our school community.
- Last Thursday, the Grade 8s went to experience St.Annes and cannot wait to become Eagles.
- The Grade 7/8 students led our school November Mass and are excited about the upcoming Advent season.
- On Sunday, December 1, the Grade 2 students received Missals from the parish.
- On Sunday, December 13 at 9:15 am.
- Please join us for our school Advent Mass on Friday, December 13 at 9:15 am.
- Save the date for our school’s Christmas concert that will take place on December 17th.

Quote Of The Week: “God never leaves you” Hebrews 13:5
**Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish**

**Events at a glance...**

- **1st Reconciliation** - Sunday, December 1 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- **Dedication of St. Boniface Church Mass & Potluck** - Monday, December 2 at 6 pm
- **Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group** - Tuesday, December 3 following the Mass at noon at St. Peter’s Church
- **Light Up for Christ** - Tuesday, December 3 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Advent Communal Reconciliation** - Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday & Adoration** - Friday, December 6 at St. Boniface Church
- **Sung Evening Prayer** - Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group** - Tuesday, December 10 following the Mass at noon at St. Peter’s Church
- **Scripture Bible Study** - Wednesday, December 11 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

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**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

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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

Parish Office & School
Contact Information

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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 Administrative 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.

Celebrating Our Faith

Weekend Masses

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    St. Boniface  (mid October to mid April)
Sun  9:00 am  St. Boniface
      11:00 am  St. Peter

Parish Pastoral
Council
Kristie Cresswell
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Marg Suplat

Website
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures. www.bluewater.dionet.ca