**3rd Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019**

Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation, a time of preparation - for celebrating the birth of our Savior, and of readying ourselves for his eventual return. In God’s goodness he gave us his own Son, who willingly took on our humanity to save us. Jesus forgives sins, heals the suffering and teaches the truth - he is the long-awaited Messiah.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 - 22**

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**Dear Parishioners:**

God bless us all this Advent! There seems to be so many good things - put on by good people - during this time of year. The Live Nativity takes place this Sunday: if you’ve never been, prepare to have your heart melted by all the animals and baby Jesus! The Live Nativity really does set the tone for me. As we continue in our ‘spiritual retreat’ I do want to distribute some more information on the Psalms: please see Lori’s note about us having to re-build our email lists elsewhere in the bulletin. I’m so glad to see that South Huron Free Community Meals will be holding a celebration the day of Christmas from 2 - 7 pm at the Exeter Christian Reformed Church (dinner will be served at 5 pm): there’s really no need for anyone to be alone on Christmas Day. Looking ahead to January, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church has graciously agreed to host the noon-hour gatherings during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (20-24th) - they make great soup! Praying and sharing with our sister Churches is such a boost to my spirits: please consider joining us then. Come Lord Jesus! Help us ascend - and assent - to your truth! Fr. Matt

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**Happy Birthday Fr. Matt!!**

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Fr. Matt who is celebrating a birthday on Thursday, December 19.

**Sung Evening Prayer**

- Sunday, December 15 at St. Peter’s at 6 pm
- Sunday, December 22 at St. Boniface at 7 pm

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**A Message from your Finance Committee**

Our Parishes appreciate your generosity and depend on it continuing especially at Christmas time for our financial needs and the mission of the Church. Currently both Parishes are operating in a deficit {St. Boniface ($3,071) & St. Peter's ($4,063)} and we are going to need a little more help than normal to make a balance budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you! The Finance Committee

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**Zurich Annual Live Nativity**

Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 pm at the pavilion behind the Zurich Ball Diamond. Come out and join the celebration of the First Christmas!

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**Decorating of St. Boniface Church**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Christmas decorating at St. Boniface Church following the Mass & Social on Sunday, December 22. During this busy Christmas season what a great gift it is to give of your time.
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, Annabelle Reinseth, Pauline Tambeau-Burns and all who minister in hospitals.

Bulletin News for the Weeks of December 23 - January 5

Please have all bulletin news from December 23 - January 5 to the Church Office no later then Wednesday, December 18 at noon as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin.

Parish Wide Email

The Diocese has migrated our email to a new operating system and as a result, we have lost all previous distribution lists, one being our parish wide email listing. We must now create a new distribution list in order to email parish news, Catholic Updates, etc. We have sent out a test email this past week. If you didn’t receive the test email and would like to be on our parish email listing please send an email to: bluewater@dol.ca so we can add you to our new distribution list. We thank you in advance for your patience and we hope to have this corrected soon.

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 an 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 this Monday, December 16, 2019. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

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.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020

Your 2020 offertory envelopes will be available for pick up in the entrance of the Churches beginning next weekend. If you are registered at one parish but would like to pick up your envelopes at the other parish please call or email the office.

St. Boniface School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 18 at 1 pm and 6:30 pm in St. Boniface School gym. Snow Date: Thursday, December 19.

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.

Community Christmas Dinner & Celebration!

South Huron Free Community Meals invites you to join them for their Community Christmas Dinner & Celebration on Wednesday, December 25 from 2 - 7 pm at the Exeter Christian Reformed Church. Games, snacks and music in the afternoon. Full turkey dinner served at 5 pm. For more info or to arrange a ride please call Heather at 519-872-9144. Everyone welcome!

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend is being planned for January 17 through 19, 2020. The weekend retreat will be held at the Michelite House in Melrose, Ontario. To register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or call Greg and Anita Turner at 519-243-0687.

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.

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

CCCB Life and Family Prayer Suggestion

Saviour you long to set us free. The waiting is over and you have already worked it out. Help us to live through the moments of our own salvation, in the messy and long ways that you work in this world and the world to come. May we place our own salvation in the manger with you. Amen.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- Happy Birthday Social for Father Matt - December 14/15 following all Masses
- Sung Evening Prayer - Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- Zurich Annual Live Nativity - Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 pm at the Zurich pavilion
- Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group - Tuesday, December 17 following the Mass at noon at St. Peter’s Church
- Scripture Bible Study - Wednesday, December 18 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- 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

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
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.

Parish Pastoral Council
Kristie Cresswell
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Marg Suplat

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.