18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2014

The truth of our existence is this: God loves Us! His disposition toward us, his sons and daughters, is that we should again and again encounter God’s abundant love. Our challenge? How do we respond to such a gift? Will we strive to be as generous as possible with our own resources? Will we be limitless in our forgiveness?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF August 4 - 10, 2014

MONDAY: August 4 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Quentin Johnson, C.S.B.)

TUESDAY: August 5 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Wieslaw Gutowski)

WEDNESDAY: August 6 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew Durham, C.S.B.)

THURSDAY: August 7 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Michael Bechard)
    Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
    “Communion Service”

FRIDAY: August 8
(We Pray for Mrs. Dorothy de Bakker, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)
    St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
    Int. of Steve & Anne Harburn & Family - Ray & Janice
    +Marion Stock - Murray, Lori & Austin Armstrong
    +Blanche Ayotte - Mary Lou Denomme

SATURDAY: August 9
(We Pray for Mrs. Marie-Theresa Lamphier, Pastoral Minister)
    St. Peter’s Church - 3 pm
    “Wedding of Blake Griffiths & Jordan Lange”
    St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm
    “Outdoor Mass - Weather Permitting”
    Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SUNDAY: August 10
(We Pray for Rev. Thomas Blondin)
    St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
    St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am

From Your Pastor:

Dear Parishioners: I guess I’m your fair-weather priest! I’m off to the East Coast, where they’re enjoying the sunshine & warmth that we usually associate with July & August here in Ontario. The National Convention of the Catholic Women’s League takes place in Fredericton next week, & offers me the chance to reconnect with my brother’s family – I haven’t had out-of-province insurance coverage until now, so I’ve felt like somebody serving a two years-less-a-day sentence in one of our fine provincial institutions. As a result I can’t be present for the St. Brother Andre Healing Garden Dedication Service this coming Saturday, but it promises to be a great day for our larger faith community. I can’t tell you how many people from Windsor have told me that they often stop at St. Peter’s on their way to the cottage: I can see the Garden quickly becoming a point of reference for us locals, and all who travel the Bluewater Highway! Have you read the current policy and commented on the proposed changes to the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario Human Rights Code? (http://www.cpso.on.ca/) As Bishop Fabbro indicated last week, the College is asking for the general public’s input (by August 5th!) into their policies: please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the material, and respond to them. Our health care providers’ traditional rights of faith & conscience need to be explicitly preserved before they are lost in our everything-that-is-not-written-down-doesn’t-exist culture. (As a then High School law student, I remember my teacher musing about what would be lost as we abandoned our Common Law history in favour of a Constitutional model: too bad that debate never happened, as everything was shaped solely in terms of “repatriation”!) May the Spirit of Jesus move us to get bread for the hungry, and hunger for the Bread of Life! God bless you & your family.

Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, and Darl Rau.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Laci Marie Peeters, daughter of Nico & Amy who was baptized at St. Peter’s Church last weekend.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Andrew Gammie & Alexandria Peel who were married at St. Peter’s this weekend.

Thank-you!!!

A special thank-you to Jim & Diane Denomme for their many years of service to St. Peter’s Church. We wish them well on their move to the Windsor area.
St. Andre Healing Garden

Dedication of St. Andre Healing Garden - If good weather is with us on August 9th, the 5:00 pm Mass will be held outdoors! Chairs will be available but please bring your own lawn chairs if you wish. Following the Mass, the BBQ pulled pork dinner with beans, coleslaw and dessert will be ready for serving from the church hall. Your donation will be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs on August 9th at 10:00 in the morning. Other small tasks will require help as well. “Many hands make light work” before and after the meal is served.

St. Boniface CWL

Ladies if you are planning to attend the St. Andre Healing Garden Dedication next Saturday, August 9th we are asked to please bring a dessert to the Social.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - at St. Peter’s Church hall on August 7 at 9 - 10:30 am. Materials provided. Looking forward to sharing the Word of God with you.

Pilgrimage to Barcelona and the Shrines of Italy

Consider going on a pilgrimage with Fr. Dariusz Lewandowski, CSMA to Barcelona and the shrines of Italy, May 8 - 22, 2015. Visit the most historic and amazing religious sites: Barcelona, Montserrat, Nice, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loreto, Manoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant Angelo, Pompeii, Montecassino and Rome while also taking time to pray each day (daily Mass & other devotions). The cost of this trip is $3,949 plus airport taxes ($583). This trip is organized and escorted by the Travel Merchant - George Cifa. If you have any questions or would like to register please contact George at 1-800-361-1334 or travelmerchant@quadro.net.

Please Remember to Save Your…..

Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs or Doug Debus. St. Peter’s may drop off their pop cans at Mike Miller’s house.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty Laporte at 519-236-4876.

Campbell Soup Labels—St. Boniface School is still collecting Campbell soup labels. Please save your labels to help support our school. Labels can be left at either of our churches.

The Black Family

The Black Family is coming to Listowel! Sunday, September 28, 2014 at St. Joseph’s parish centre. They are a family of 9 playing old time fiddle music - a great event for the whole family. Check them out at blackfamilymusic.com. Tickets are $15 for adults and kids age 7 - 12 are $5, kids 6 and under are free! Call Mary-Lou Bross for tickets 519-291-3208 or maryloubross@gmail.com

Retrouvaille Weekend

Last chance to sign up for the August 2014 Retrouvaille Weekend. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? The program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 8,9 and 10, 2014 call 1-800-705-6356.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Tuesday, August 5.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - Thursday, August 7 following the 8:30 am Mass in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- Dedication of the St. Andre Healing Garden - Saturday, August 9 at St. Peter’s Church
- Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - Thursday, August 14 following the 8:30 am Mass in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- St. Peter’s CWL Bazaar - August 16/17 weekend in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- Bean Festival - August 22-24
- Second Annual Ecumenical Worship Service - Sunday, Aug. 24 at 1 pm on the Bean Festival Main Stage
- Coffee Sunday - Sunday, August 24 at St. Peter’s Church following the 10:30 am Mass

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St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

**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
  10:30 am  St. Peter

**Pastoral Staff:**
- **Pastor:** Fr. Matthew George
- **Secretary:** Lori LaPorte
- **Office Hours:**
  - Tuesday - Thursday
  - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
  - Friday - 8:30 am - noon

**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 every month 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 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am masses.

**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.

**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 before Mass on Saturday 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm 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 Saint André - Thursday after the 8:30 am mass - St. Peter’s.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - 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.

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

**Parish Council**

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