This Sunday, we light the pink candle in the Advent wreath. Its colour is a symbol of “JOY”. A life of discipleship and stewardship is itself infused with perpetual joy. We discover that a Christ-centered life, not a self-centered life, is both joyful and rewarding. The joy radiates from giving. Thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. The rewards are found in a balanced lifestyle that is free from the excessive consumerism and materialism plaguing our society.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF December 16 - 22, 2013**

**MONDAY: December 16 - No Mass**
(We pray for Deacon Brian McDonald)

**TUESDAY: December 17 - No Mass**
(We Pray for Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.)

**WEDNESDAY: December 18**
(We Pray for Rev. Eugene Bugala)

- St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
  Sacrament of Reconciliation - 7:30 - 9 pm
  Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
  Mass of Thanksgiving - George & Marg Suplat
  +Joe Kenda Sr. - The Kenda Family
  +Sylvestor Kenda - The Kenda Family

**THURSDAY: December 19**
(We Pray for Rev. Maurice Charbonneau)

- St. Peter’s Church - 8:30 am
  Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
  +James Truckle - Greg & Jan Denomme
  For the Seminarians of Group D at St. Peter’s Seminary

- Bluewater Rest Home - 3:30 pm
  “Communion Service”

**FRIDAY: December 20**
(We Pray for Rev. Matthew George)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
  “Communion Service”

**SATURDAY: December 21**
(We Pray for Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

- St. Boniface Church—5:00 pm
  Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4 - 4:45 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**SUNDAY: December 22**
(We Pray for Deacon Joseph Manzara)

- St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
- St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am

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**St. Peter’s Income and Expenses**

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**St. Boniface’s Income and Expenses**

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**Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Janice Hartman, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Nicole Brideau, Toni Brand, John LaPorte and Harold Dietrich.

**The Newly Baptized**

Welcome to our parish family Madison McKenzie Pole, daughter of Brian & Jennifer who was baptized at St. Boniface Church last weekend.

**Prayers and Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Arnold Martens, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

**Thank-you!**

Thank-you to everyone who supported the Epicure fundraiser. It was a great success! We managed to raise $220 for the Church building fund.

Patti Hunt, St. Boniface CWL

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**Sunday Missals**

New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2014 are available for purchase at the back of both churches or by contacting the church office.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2014**

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2014 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191. **Envelopes for 2014 will be available for pick up beginning December 21/22 weekend at your registered parish.** If you receive envelopes for St. Peter’s and would like to pick up your envelopes at St. Boniface or you receive envelopes for St. Boniface and would like to pick up your envelopes at St. Peter’s please contact the church office before Wednesday, December 18 to let us know.
**Bulletin News for the Weeks of December 23 to January 5**

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

**Donations for 2013**

Please have all donations for 2013 into the church office **no later then Tuesday, December 31 at 10:00 am** to ensure that your donations are included on your 2013 income tax receipt. Any donations received after 10:00 am on December 31 can only included on your 2014 income tax receipt.

**Christmas Office Hours**

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s (December 23 - January 1). The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 8:30 am.

**Relief Efforts for the People of the Philippines**

If you would like to make a donation to the Relief Efforts for the people of the Philippines please make cheques payable to your parish and place in an envelope marked “Philippines Relief Efforts”. The money collected will then be forwarded onto the Diocese of London in the next couple of weeks. The Diocese will forward all funds to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. All donations received by December 23 will be matched by the Canadian Government. Along with the funds, prayers are urgently needed at this time for the victims of their families. Your prayers, generosity, & assistance are greatly appreciated.

**Knights of Columbus**

Executive/General Meeting Our meeting for December will be on **Monday, December 16** with the Executive Meeting beginning at 7 pm and the General Meeting to follow at 8 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall.  

Membership Dues - for 2014 are due in the month of December. Dues are $40.

**Praise & Worship Jam Night**

Our next Jam session will be **this Sunday, December 15** at St. Boniface Church at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and sing, bring along an instrument to play or just come to sit and enjoy the music! Our theme for the evening will be O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

**Coffee from El Salvador**

If anyone is interested in purchasing ground coffee from El Salvador please contact Gord & Cecilia Smith at 519-236-4188.

**Zurich Annual Live Nativity**

**Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 pm** at the Zurich pavilion. Come out and join us for an evening of singing and hear the story of Christ’s birth.

**Get Your Raffle Tickets!!!**

Back by popular demand, the St. Andre Healing Garden committee is holding another “Shell Gas Raffle” - Only 300 tickets will be printed!  

- **1st prize - $400 Gas Card**; **2nd prize - $200 Gas Card**; **3rd prize - $100 Gas Card** Tickets are $10 each, draw will be held January 1! Makes a great stocking stuffer and what a great way to begin a new year and honour a great Saint at the same time. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church for the next few weeks. All proceeds go towards the St. Andre Garden.

**Anyone who has Gas Raffle tickets please return your tickets to Martha Mungar as soon as possible**. You can place them in envelope and put them in the collection basket or call Martha at 519-236-7321 to make arrangements for pick up.

**Bishop Fabbro’s Christmas Video Message**

Check out Bishop Fabbro’s Christmas video message on the Diocese of London’s YouTube channel. Go to www.dol.ca and click on the YouTube button in the top right hand corner to be redirected to our page.

**Gospel and Catechism**

If you are interested you can have the gospel and catechism email to you daily. In one year you’ll have read all four gospels and the catechism. To sign up all you need to do is go onto www.flocknote.com/gospel and www.flocknote.com/catechism and register. It starts December 9, 2013.

**Men of Faith Conference 2014**

There is a Men of Faith Conference at St. Michael’s Church, London on **Saturday, January 25, 2014**. This conference features excellent speakers and a great opportunity to strengthen your faith. Brochures can be found in the entrances of our churches.

**St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School**

A kind hello from St. Anne’s on this third week of Advent! In light of our preparations for the coming of Christ, St. Anne’s hosted a Social Justice Fair on Tuesday which was put on by the grade 12 religion class. The UN’s Millennium Development Goals were put into a Catholic perspective and displayed to educate students, staff, and community members about our responsibilities to our global brothers and sisters. St. Anne’s was also grateful to have a chance to experience the culture of some of these global brothers and sisters in our Indian Culture Night on Thursday. Live entertainment was provided by Band Bajha Brass, who generously provided an instrument workshop to our Arts and Culture SHSM students and band members earlier in the day. The sharing of artistic talent was seen on Wednesday and Friday as well; where Coffee House members from St. Anne’s and St. Michael’s CSS in Stratford performed at both schools. In addition to this, St. Anne’s is proud of its swim team, which competed in Goderich at the YMCA on Tuesday. Finally, many students danced their legs off at the annual semi-formal dance on Friday night to end off the second week of Advent! Ministers of Faith, Alex and Alyssa.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....
- 1st Reconciliation - Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Praise & Worship Jam Night - Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Adult Catechetical Class - Thursday, January 2 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, January 3 at St. Boniface Church

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface  7:30 pm @ St. Peter’s
Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2013
10:30 am St. Peter’s  1:00 pm BWRH
New Year’s Eve - Tuesday, December 31, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface
New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2014
10:30 am @ St. Peter’s
St. Boniface and St. Peter Churches

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. Graham Keep
Seminarian Intern: David Johnston
Secretary: Lori LaPorte
Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am – 3:30 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 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.

Parish Council
Chair
Martha Mungar
Vice-Chair
Bella Soudant
Brian DePaepe
Rose Marie Rader
Monique Hartman
Ken Forler

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Website
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