16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2014

The Lord desires that we be with him in eternity, but he will not violate our consciences in the process. For that reason, he allows us to make mistakes and then offers us his mercy. The experience of the mercy of God teaches us about his love and invites us to love our neighbors as well.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
July 21 - 27, 2014

MONDAY: July 21 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Andrew Sipek)

TUESDAY: July 22 - No Mass
(We Pray for Mrs. Christine Bresette, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

WEDNESDAY: July 23 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Redmond, O.M.I.)

THURSDAY: July 24 - No Mass
(We Pray for Mrs. Heather Cushing, Pastoral Minister)

   Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
   “Communion Service”

FRIDAY: July 25 - No Mass
(We Pray for Brothers of St. Louis)

SATURDAY: July 26
(We Pray for Deacon Jack Grim)

   St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm
   Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SUNDAY: July 27
(We Pray for Rev. Dennis Wilhelm)

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

Dear Parishioners: Greetings from Camp! I’m happy to be part of the team of counselors & priests serving at our diocesan Catholic Christian Leadership Camp down the road in Sylvan. Fr. Peter has already filled in a couple weeks, & Fr. Tony from Grand Bend & Parkhill will take the next session. Someone should really be studying these leaders: as the first mature generation of youth who’ve journeyed through our Comprehensive Youth Ministry model, I see these young men & women as having amazing resources & skills that were just not on the radar for me as a young Catholic. They are concerned with bringing the current youth along with them - and it’s marvelous! - in the way of service & leadership in all the parishes our campers have come from. Did you read Bp. Fabbro’s message about South Sudan last week? How tragic for this new nation to finally rest from 20 years of civil war, only to suffer this humanitarian crisis! Please be as generous as you can in response to our Bishops of Canada’s appeal. Final preparations are taking shape for the Dedication of the St. Brother Andre Healing Garden at St. Peter’s, this August 9th: please plan to attend what promises to be a signal event in our history with this remarkable Canadian saint, and a joyous shared meal as well! (I’m sorry I won’t be able to attend - the National CWL Convention begins that day - but we welcome back to St. Peter’s our own local product Fr. Louis Mousseau OFM Cap., and he is pleased as punch to preside at the dedication!) This week I’m off with Fr. Peter to a Scripture Institute in Dallas, PA: this will be our first time together since he’s returned from his first year of studies, & he’ll probably end up telling me how to fix the Vatican. I promise to pass all his tips along. In the weeds & wheat of our lives this week, may God be praised! Fr. Matt

A Summer Blessing

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.
Take time to have fun; its God’s way of teaching you strengths.
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.
Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.
Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let’s put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summer-time. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Harold Dietrich and Darl Rau.

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Patrick O’Shea, brother of Mike O’Shea, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Warren & Helen Regier on the Occasion of their “50th” Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated with family and friends this weekend. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.
Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - at St. Peter's Church hall on Thursday, July 24 at 9 - 10:30 am. Materials provided. Looking forward to sharing the Word of God with you.

Relief Efforts for the Crisis in South Sudan

We are still collecting for the severe crisis in South Sudan. If you would like to make a donation please make cheques payable to your parish and place in an envelope marked “Crisis in South Sudan”. The money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese of London. The Diocese will forward the funds to The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Along with the funds, prayers are urgently needed at this time for the people of South Sudan. Your prayers, generosity, and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Check Out Our Website

www.bluewater.dionet.ca

Check out our Parish Website to get the latest news about our parishes, daily readings, the weekly bulletin, calendar of events for the current month, parish information, weekend mass times, pictures and our youth page. Keep up to date with parish news all the time.

Authentic Witness and Evangelization (A.W.E.)

Christ Connecting Leaders and Youth

A conference offered by the Institute for Catholic Formation, to be held at Brescia University College, London from August 18-22: In collaboration with week 6 of Catholic Christian Leadership Camp (CCLC), the A.W.E. conference is for adults engaged in faith based relationships with youth - parents, youth ministry leaders, campus ministry leaders, teachers, etc. The goal is to leave the A.W.E. experience spiritually renewed, and equipped with practical tools for effective faith witness in our encounters with young people. For more information visit www.stpetersseminary.ca. Register online - Registration deadline is July 31, 2014.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationships. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experience 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 9, 10 and 11, 2014 call 1-800-705-6356.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - Thursday, July 24 following the 8:30 am Mass in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study - Thursday, July 31 following the 8:30 am Mass in St. Peter’s Church Hall
- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, August 1 at St. Boniface Church
- 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
- St. Peter’s CWL Bazaar - August 16/17 weekend in St. Peter’s Church Hall

Show your love for your parish by remembering to include your parish in your will.
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.

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

Website
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