28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 2014

Many of us want things for a cheap or a reduced price, yet we are told that the best things in life are free. God generously gives us all that we need. We can enjoy God’s abundance in this life and the next by listening to the Lord and following his will in our daily lives. What a bargain.

Dear Parishioners: God rest Billy Watson, our 103 year-old parishioner. What a remarkable person, and a remarkable span of life! May his family & all who mourn him take comfort in the hope of the Resurrection, and may all of us strive to be worthy of the great wedding banquet to which the Lord calls all people! A blessed Thanksgiving to all our families, especially to any who have come home to celebrate with family: God be praised for the abundance that is ours, courtesy of the earth’s fruitfulness & the labour of our farmers. This week I was able to meet with our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Lectors: I thank these people in the name of our parishes for the excellent service they have rendered for many years & how they have enhanced our experience at each Sunday Mass. I was impressed by our frank discussions, and hope that any small changes in procedure will not throw any of them — or people in the pews off. Probably the most visible change will be the EME’s not washing their hands before distributing Communion. The presider at Mass washes his hands as a sign “in which the desire for interior purification finds expression” (General Instruction #76): I believe having the EME’s wash their hands — for sanitary concerns — in a common bowl with a common towel confuses people as to its purpose, introduces a superfluous motion (a procession to the credence table) and does not even accomplish its stated purpose. We trust in our society that people exercise good hand hygiene: when flu season comes around, we will provide all ministers of Communion with small bottles of hand sanitizer, so they can clean their hands in the pews, following the Sign of Peace. Two Sundays from now we’ll celebrate Bible Sunday (I see in the L’Osservatore Romano that the Pope celebrated the 58th National Bible Week on September 12th) by blessing & distributing free Bibles for all children in our parishes in grade 4. Please spread the word so we reach every family, even those not in St. Boniface School. All families involved in First Communion Preparation are invited to a Family Catechesis Session on Saturday, October 18th, following 9am Mass at St. Peter’s Church & Hall. May God bless all our efforts to know our God more deeply, & celebrate the mysteries of our Faith with all that we are! Have a blessed week. 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.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Watson, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family, Braylee Alivia Baldwin, daughter of Zack & Brittany and Eli Richard Overholt, son of Brandon & Alysha who were baptized last weekend at St. Boniface Church.
Reminder!!!
Our Saturday night Mass will move back to St. Boniface Church Saturday, October 18 at 5:00 pm. Sunday morning Masses will remain the same.

Installation of Fr. Matt
This Tuesday, October 14 at St. Boniface Church at 7:00 pm our Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Phillip Joseph will install Fr. Matt as pastor at St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Parishes. Following the Mass there will be a social in the Narthex.

Knights of Columbus
Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, October 15 in St. Boniface Church Hall. The Executive Meeting will begin immediately following the Mass. General Meeting to begin at 8:00 pm.

St. Boniface CWL
General Meeting - Tuesday, October 21. Karen Mathonia will be our guest speaker. She will be talking about her recent trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Graham. Debbie Pennings and Henrica Masse’s group in charge of meeting.

Youth Group
Thursday, October 16 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Boniface Church - Getting to know Father Matt.

Office Hours
The office will be closed on Friday, October 17.

Family Catechesis Session
Our first of two Family Catechesis Session for all 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion candidates and their families will be held on Saturday, October 18 following the 9 am Mass at St. Peter’s Church.

“Calling All Men”
Christian Men of Bluewater (C.M.O.B)
Join a Catholic men’s ministry devoted to supporting and equipping men to stand up and live the life they were called to by their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The next C.M.O.B. program will begin on October 28 with a 12 week series called “Godly Man”. The program will run from October 28th through December 2nd and resume on March 24th, 2015, through April 28th, 2015. Meetings will be held at St. Peter’s Church Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Pick up a flyer at the church office to sign up!

St. Peter’s Kneelers
Over the next month and a half, the kneelers at St. Peter’s will be removed for a much needed restoration. So as not to inconvenience parishioners, only 15 - 20 units will be done at one time, and re-installed before removing the next 20. We hope to have this completed by the middle of November.

Right to Life Dinner
The Right to Life Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 25 at the Army Navy Hall in Stratford. Adults $20; Students $15. For tickets call Bella Soudant at 519-236-4178.

Community Influenza Clinics
The Bluewater Area Family Health Team is having Community Influenza Clinics on the following Dates:
- Bayfield - Tuesday, October 28 at Trinity Anglican Church from 4 - 6 pm
- Zurich - Wednesday, November 5 at Zurich Community Centre from 4 - 6 pm
- Dashwood - Saturday, November 8 at Zion Lutheran Church 10 - 11:30 am
Please bring your Health Card and wear a sleeve that will roll up!

Rosary Apostolate Visitors Needed
This month we celebrate the Holy Rosary given to St. Dominic by our Blessed Mother. Today we give thanks for so many things - We are so very blessed to have the Rosary Apostolate team go into the school each month to teach the children this very important prayer devotion. We are in need of a few more rosary visitors. Please pray about becoming part of this very important ministry. Please contact the church office to sign up!

Calling all 3 Year Olds
Welcome to Kindergarten!!! The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board, its Catholic elementary schools and its community partners are pleased to offer a quality learning opportunity for our young children entering school for the first time. Junior and Senior Kindergarten offer a place where your child can grow and learn in a positive Christ-centered environment. Have you Registered Your Child for Kindergarten Yet? If you haven’t registered for 2015-2016 school year, please contact your local Catholic School for a registration package. Registration appointments begin November 2014.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School
Another great week in the busy, friendly, and faithful halls of St. Anne’s beginning with our Thanksgiving Coat Drive which gave many students and their families the opportunity to clean out their closets and donate their gently used clothing and winter wear to Blessings in Zurich and St. Vincent de Paul in Goderich. We had our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Friday where students who went to India this past summer on a mission trip shared their life changing experiences, memories, and transformations. Also this week we are preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year "Walk 4 Wellness" that is happening next Thursday, October 16th. If you know of any Eagles in your community and you would like to support our fundraising goal of $18000. This year we are raising money for: Chapel renovations, Co-Curricular subsidies, Caritas Emergency Appeal and St. Anne’s Families in Need. Please help us and pledge them. This week we are also selling St. Anne’s spirit wear with our newest items being lanyards and ball caps. Lastly, as for our athletics the Girls Rugby team went to a tournament in Goderich, our varsity boys hockey team started tryouts, girls basketball and boys volleyball teams are well into their seasons, and our cross country team had some terrific results at the last meet and their Huron Perth meet is next week in Blyth. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ministers of Faith - Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg