30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 2014

The definition of love has carried many different meanings throughout history. We do not need a degree in psychology to be able to know authentic love. We can look to those we know to find the meaning of true love. The greatest example of love is Jesus. Sure models of true love are Mary and the saints.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF October 27 - November 2, 2014

MONDAY: October 27 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Brian Jane)

TUESDAY: October 28
(We Pray for Rev. Patrick Beneteau)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Mass of Thanksgiving - Ron & Marjorie Overholt
+(11th Ann.) Clare Masse - Lucille Masse & Family
Int. of Nico & Amy Peeters - Lucille Masse & Family

WEDNESDAY: October 29
(We Pray for The Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help”
+Leo Meidinger - Cecelia Farwell
+Cecile Meidinger - Steve & Pat Meidinger
+Glen Overholt - Mary Lou Denomme

THURSDAY: October 30
(We Pray for Mrs. Patty Coenen, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)
Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Fr. Peter Keller - Yvonne Jeffrey
+Alphonse Jeffrey - Edna Milne

FRIDAY: October 31 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Antonio Del Ciancio)

SATURDAY: November 1
(We Pray for Rev. John Bezkowski)
St. Peter’s Church - NO MORNING MASS
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: November 2
(We Pray for Rev. Robert Rocheleau)
St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am

Office Hours
The office will be open this Monday, October 27 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and closed on Friday, October 31.

November is the Month of Remembrance
The “Book of Life” will be on the altar at St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Parishes throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones and friends in the Book. At each Mass in November, these names will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Dear Parishioners: Welcome to all our families of Grade 4 students, celebrating Bible Sunday with us! How wonderful when leadership from our Bishops (via the Born of the Spirit Canadian Catechetical Series – our Religious Education program) brings together our school-parish-family connection. My heartfelt thanks go out to our Catholic Women’s League Councils and Knights of Columbus of our parishes for making the Bibles available. Our Parishes’ Pastoral Council has just today (Saturday) participated in a retreat with Bishop Fabbro: look for a summary of the day (and the diocesan model for PPCs) in the weeks ahead. I trust that the recent domestic attacks on our Canadian soldiers & Parliament has challenged all of us to renew our commitment to being better neighbours & citizens of our country; how tragic the loss of life of people serving in our Armed Forces, and our disaffected young men who turn to violence in the name of religion. Make sure that you are sufficiently “in the life” of your community that you vote in the upcoming elections, and there are no “lone gunmen” living sad lives completely cut-off from their friends and neighbours. The month of Saints & Souls – November – is soon upon us [which means Hallow‘en: see the informative article on All Saints’ Day (and read about Gregory III who instituted the Feast – and sent St. Boniface to the Germans!) at Wikipedia: there was an awful lot more going on than just the Irish running around with candles in their turnips!]. As we wind up the liturgical year with the approaching Feast of Christ the King, I like to preach sermons (as opposed to a homily on the Readings) on The Last Things: death, judgement, Heaven (Purgatory) & Hell. I know they are not very popular topics, but in our death-denying society, the people I have preached to have always found it to be a worthwhile endeavour. Our parishes will celebrate a Mass for all who have died in our faith communities this past year on Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm at St. Boniface Church. Please consider attending & showing your solidarity with the Dead & all who mourn their passing. May all who have gone before us continue to inspire and intercede for us! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Matt

St. Andre Garden Financial Update as of October 23, 2014

Revenue to Date $43,364.88
Expenses to Date $44,522.11
Surplus (Deficit) ($1,157.23)

Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm there will be a Memorial Mass at St. Boniface Church, especially in memory of all those who died this past year from our parish community. Following the Mass there will be a time fellowship in the Narthex. All are encouraged and welcomed to come.
Almost daily news stories appear in the media related to end of life issues. There are numerous events happening in the public square about a person’s choice when and how they will die. Our faith has much to contribute to this conversation. In order to assist people of faith entering into this conversation with their families and friends, I have invited Dr. Moira McQueen, executive director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute to present a workshop that will address issues such as the death and dying process, our choices and options, and the state of the conversation on euthanasia and assisted suicide. Workshops will take place from 7 pm – 9 pm on November 4, 2014 at St. George, London and November 5, 2014 at Holy Name of Jesus, Essex. There is no charge to attend.

**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, Darl Rau and Paul Bedard.

**Bulletin News for the Weeks of November 3 - 16**

Please have all bulletin news from November 3 - 16 to the Church Office no later then Wednesday, October 29 at noon as we will be doing a 2 week bulletin.

**Knights of Columbus**

Card Party - Tuesday, October 28 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church.

**“Calling All Men”**

**Christian Men of Bluewater (C.M.O.B)**

The next C.M.O.B. program will begin this Tuesday, October 28 with a 12 week series called “Godly Man”. Meetings will be held at St. Peter’s Church Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Pick up a flyer at the back of the Church. For any additional information please contact: Ken Mungar 519-236-7321 / mkmunzar@hay.net or Mark Tucker 519-236-4925 / mtucker27@aol.com.

**Blessed Remnants of Wood**

There are numerous Blessed Remnants of wood from the timber that was used to make the cross in the St. Andre Healing Garden at St. Peter’s Church. These remnants were blessed at the Healing Garden Dedication service. These blessed remnants can be found in a basket at the entranceway of St. Peter’s, please help yourself.

An invitation from Bishop Fabbro to all parishioners and friends:

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**REACH - A Life-Giving Opportunity for Students to Accomplish Service Hours**

Are you looking for an opportunity to complete some of your community service hours or a chance to serve others in our community? REACH is a one day event sponsored by the Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach that will provide you with 10 hours of community service, while gaining a greater knowledge of why and how we serve as Catholic Christians. This event will take place Friday, November 7, at St. Patrick Parish in Dublin from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm. Transportation will be provided! Register at dol.ca/FamilyYouth/events.

**A Living Tribute**

The Memorial Angel Tree at the Blue Water Rest Home offers participants a unique way to honour a loved one by donating a light to our tree. The tree will be lit at a Service which will be held at 7 pm on November 16, 2014. Each loved one’s name will be listed on a brochure which will be distributed at the service. New donations each year will be added to the list, and program participants will be acknowledged at the event. For further information please contact Patty Groot at 519-236-4373 ext 631 or p.groot@bluewaterresthome.com.

**Men’s Retreat**

There is a men’s retreat weekend at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley on November 21-23. There will be Mass, opportunity for sacrament of Reconciliation, conferences, sharing, or enjoy the quiet peace and beauty of this holy ground. Facilitator will be Fr. Quinn, and the theme is “Discipleship”. Cost is $155. Contact Mary Salmon at 519-738-6136 or locally Francis Ryan at 519-393-6967. Car pooling may be arranged.

**Alliance for Life 2014 Workshop Series**

A Life Not Worthy to be Lived - Oh Really! Featuring Mark Mostert who has over 30 years experience on disability-related issues. Saturday, November 1 from 10 am - 4:30 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Parish Centre (South Door). Register by October 29 by calling 1-866-LUV -BOTH or email aflo@mgl.ca. Other Topics include: Modern Day Eugenics, The Dangers of Organ Harvesting, Recognizing the Pro-Death Propaganda & Tactics.

**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!

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

A busy week at St. Anne’s for our co-curriculars with our field hockey team travelling to Mitchell. Our boys volleyball and girls basketball both hosted home games this past week. Also our varsity girls and boys hockey teams have begun their tryouts. Our music program is in full swing with concert band, jazz band, and choir practicing every week. Last Tuesday, St.Anne’s hosted the elementary cross country meet and many of our Eagle students braved the cold weather to help run the event. Our Energy SHSM (Students High Skill Major) students traveled to the Bruce Nuclear Plant in Kincardine and to learn more about the Wind Turbine Power. Upcoming events at our school are the Grade 10 retreat, our Franken-Funk dance, a Halloween civies spirit day and our Halloween for Hunger food drive.

Ministers of Faith: Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg