27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 2014

We have been given life by our Creator, who nurtures and sustains us. Yet, each day, we Christians are asked to choose between God’s commands and society’s norms. Whom shall we follow? If we bear in mind that we have been called to bear fruit in God’s kingdom, we shall have no anxiety about facing God’s certain judgment.

Dear Parishioners: so much for our summer-like weather! Here’s hoping we’re in for a glorious fall season – you’ll find I’m the biggest booster of hot apple cider. After consulting with our sacristans, we’ve come up with a better new schedule for daily Masses: we’ll start with Reconciliation at St. Boniface on Tuesdays at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm; Wednesday remains unchanged; Thursday Mass will be at Bluewater Rest Home at 11am; Friday doesn’t change; Saturday at St. Peter’s, with Reconciliation at 8am, followed by Mass at 9am. I’m very thankful to everyone whose timetables have to change to because of the new schedule and I am convinced offering more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will go a long way in making us a holier, happier community. We’ll start our new schedule the day the Sunday Vigil Mass changes venue, on October 18th. Speaking of the Sacraments, I was very pleased with the turnout at our Sacramental Preparation meetings. First Reconciliation instruction will soon begin at St. Boniface School on Fridays, and our Confirmation Candidates will soon start gathering for their in-home groups. For that matter, mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 14th, when our Episcopal Vicar Fr. Phillip Joseph comes to install me as pastor at a 7pm Mass: I’ll make some muffins and bring the cider. On the health front, I’ve had some interesting news after a CAT scan and colonoscopy this week: I don’t think I should show you my scars at Mass (à la L.B.J. – people who remember L.B.J. or saw the Forrest Gump movie are encouraged to explain that cultural touchstone to the unaware), so I’m inviting current parishioners to join my Cancer Information (email) Group: send me an email with “CIG” in the subject line, and I’ll forward you my periodic updates. (Sadly, you’ve missed the funniest stuff already, for example when I asked the surgeon to pause during his original procedure, so that I could kiss a certain part of my anatomy goodbye.) I’ll be away for Priests’ Study Days next Mon.-Wed.; please pray for all your priests as we work on our professional development, and as we celebrate our retirees & jubilarians. Our lives really are founded on the faithful, lifelong service of so many good people who give of themselves, and in a mostly unnoticed way: I pray this time of reflection makes me more aware of the gifts we all receive every day. Lord, help us love your vineyard!

Fr. Matt

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.

Eucharistic Minister & Reader/Commentator Meetings

There will be a meeting for all present and new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers/Commentators. Anyone interested in these ministries is asked to please contact the office prior to the meeting. The Eucharistic Minister meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8 after the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church and the meeting for the Readers will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF October 6 - 12, 2014

MONDAY: October 6 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Jan Pochwala)

TUESDAY: October 7 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Nelson Cabral)

WEDNESDAY: October 8
(We Pray for Mr. Ian Duckworth, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help”
+(30th Ann.) Theodore Soudant & Hank Soudant
-Jeannette Regier & Family
Int. of Bill & Toni Brand - John & Mary Jacobs
+Leonard Maloney - Mary Lou Denomme

THURSDAY: October 9
(We Pray for Deacon John Vezina)

St. Peter’s Church - 8:30 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
Int. of Anthony LaPorte on the Occasion
of his “80th” Birthday - The Family
Int. of Fr. Graham & Family - St. Peter’s CWL

Bluewater Resthome - 11:00 am
Int. of Lucille Masse - Theresa Regier

FRIDAY: October 10
(We Pray for Deacon Charles Stillwell)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Lucille Masse - Joe & Diane Kaak
+Douglas Keep - Gerard & Mary Ducharme
+Gunter Keller - St. Boniface CWL

SATURDAY: October 11
(We Pray for Rev. Ted Johnson, C.S.B.)

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

SUNDAY: October 12
(We Pray for Rev. Greg Bonin)

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

On behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land, they very much appreciate your help by purchasing their Olive woodcrafts. Your help has made a difference to many families in Bethlehem and surrounding areas. Words cannot express how thankful they are for the opportunity you have given them to display the religious woodcrafts at St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Parishes. Please keep the Christians in the Holy Land in your prayers as you are always in theirs. God Bless.

“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 back of the Church. For any additional information please contact: Ken Mungar 519-236-7321 / mkmun gar@hay.net or Mark Tucker 519-236-4925 / mtucker27@aol.com.

Calling all High School Students

Do you want to simply survive in this world or do you want to thrive? The Diocese of London invites you to join us for our Thrive Retreat from 10:30 am Saturday, October 18 to 3:30 pm Sunday, October 19 at the Lambton Retreat Centre in Lambton Shores. We have invited a NET team to facilitate the retreat and we would love for you to join us. If you have been to CCLC or participated in the GR8Festival last spring in Sarnia, this is a great follow up activity but we want you to join us for the weekend even if you have never done anything like this before! Registration is $40 and all the important information can be found online at dol.ca under the Family and Youth tab, or contact Claire Bondy at 519-433-0658 ext. 264.

YDisciple Program

All High School aged students are welcome to attend our YDisciple program in Dublin beginning Monday, October 6. We have many committed adults already to get going again. This program is going to be running every week first and third Monday of the month. We meet at St. Patrick’s Church basement from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Please encourage your kids to attend. For more information contact Karen Doyle - CYM (519-2345-2972, ext. 26).

Precious Blood Fundraiser

Murder Mystery Dinner

You are invited to a Murder Mystery Dinner and Theater, October 25, 2014 at the South Huron Rec Centre, Exeter. Sailing at 6 pm on The Grand Illusion. Tickets are $50 each. Includes your dinner, entertainment and a glass of wine. All proceeds will go to the Precious Blood Building Fund. Tickets are available from Father Len, Marlene Moore (519-235-0460), Diane Wilds (519-235-0176), Exeter Flowers or The Jewellery Box in Exeter. Tables of eight or twelve only for reservations.

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

Welcome back from our long weekend. Those who returned from Freedom Day last week spoke about an amazing experience and how we are so fortunate to have freedom here in Canada. There were several speakers who each had their own individual messages to share about their personal experiences and how we can make the world a better place for not only our brothers and sisters around the world but also in our school and parish communities. Along with Freedom Day is We Day where many students traveled to Toronto and listened to performers and inspirational speakers that each impacted everyone differently. At our awards assembly last week the Girls Rugby Team was recognized and received the OFSAA Sportsmanship award from and OFSAA Executive Member. This is a very big honor for the team and the school to be recognized province wide for the dedication. We are so grateful for the support all of our teachers, staff members and students put into our athletics and clubs. We’re proud of all of our athletes who are doing well in Fall season play and our Girls Hockey Team had their first try-out. This coming week we are beginning our Thanksgiving Coat Drive and with Thanksgiving around the corner we will be having a prayer service next week. We’re also grateful to our teaching staff today as we celebrate World Teachers Day. May God bless them in their service to Catholic Education. Have a faith filled week in the greater glory of God.

Ministers of Faith Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg

Finances as of September 30, 2014

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance......

- Eucharistic Ministers Meeting - Wednesday, October 8 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- Reader/Commentator Meeting - Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Last Saturday Night Mass at St. Peter’s - Saturday, October 11
- Youth Group - Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church/School
- Saturday Night Mass begins at St. Boniface - Saturday, October 18
- Family Catechesis Session for our 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Families - Saturday, October 18 at St. Boniface Church beginning at 9:30 am
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass

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 – 4:30 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 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.

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

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.

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

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