Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2014

The cross was an instrument of punishment and suffering. Christ transformed it into a symbol of resurrection, courage, love and victory over all that is evil in our world. When we gaze at the cross of Christ today, may our lives also be transformed as we seek a deeper relationship with him and strive to serve those in need in our world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 15 - 21, 2014

MONDAY: September 15- No Mass
(We pray for Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Minister)

TUESDAY: September 16- No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Daniel Vere)

WEDNESDAY: September 17
(We Pray for Rev. Michael Michon)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
+(Ann.) Matthew Ducharme - Martha & Family
Mass of Thanksgiving - Darl & Tillie Rau
+(30th Ann.) George Regier - The Family

THURSDAY: September 18
(We Pray for Deacon Henry Kling)

St. Peter's Church - 8:30 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
Int. of Fr. Peter Keller & Family
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
+Ruth Hogan - Phil & Patty LaPorte

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Alphonse Jeffrey - Yvonne Jeffrey
+Gary Jeffrey - Yvonne Jeffrey

FRIDAY: September 19
(We Pray for Rev. Josef Morawski, C.S.M.A.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
+(1st Ann.) Wayne Smith - Audrey & Family
Int. of Lucille Masse - Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Bill & Toni Brand - Ray & Janice Hartman

SATURDAY: September 20
(We Pray for Rev. Pio D'Oria)

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

SUNDAY: September 21
(We Pray for Rev. Zbigniew Zawicki)

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

From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners: how about we change the signs around here? I’m thinking “Storm Coast” might be closer to the truth than what the County has up now. My personal plans have changed, with the recent death of Fr. Peter’s father, Gunter Keller (may he rest in peace): my trip to visit Fr. Peter in Rome has been put off until February. It’s just as well, really, given all the activity in our parishes that we need to plan and prepare for! The Sacraments of Initiation will focus our work and prayer in the next little while: do we have any adults desiring Baptism, or other Christians seeking full communion with our Church? I would like to start a regional R.C.I.A. group (as well as continue Fr. Graham’s catechetical series for adults), as soon as I hear back from our neighbouring parishes. First Reconciliation & First Eucharist will begin with a Parent Meeting Tuesday, September 30th, following a 7pm Mass. Confirmation preparation will begin with a Parent Meeting Wednesday, October 1st, following the 7pm Mass. Our Bishop has requested that each parish appoint a representative for Development & Peace, to both encourage greater participation in all D+P initiatives, and improve the communication to and from our parishes: as a former Diocesan D+P Council member, I heartily encourage this move: far too many important things have died on the desk of the pastor, rather than getting into the hands of the faithful. If approached, please consider serving our parishes and Bishop in this important role. In all of the above efforts, we will be counting on many volunteer ministers, as leaders for our youth & companions for adults on their faith journey: as such, I will need help with volunteer co-ordination, following the diocesan model of the Called, Gifted & Sent program (on the diocesan website, click on “Employment & Volunteering”). If you can help with recruiting, developing & appreciating our parish volunteers, please consider serving in this crucial role. Role descriptions for all the above will be posted on our parish website as they become available. While on the topic, I might as well shoot for the moon and include the formation of a Liturgy Committee for both our parishes: this group will coordinate our present liturgical ministries, and study the Liturgy, to give focus & greater understanding to our worship. There you have it! In all our endeavours together, may the Cross of Christ be revealed with greater clarity & power. Have a blessed week!

Fr. Matt

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The St. Boniface and St. Peter’s CWL are doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for Blessings Community Food Bank. They are in need of canned meats, fruits, vegetables, juices and school snacks. Boxes will be set out in the entrances of both churches. Please be generous with your giving and thank you in advance.
Youth Group
St. Boniface/St. Peter’s Youth Group will resume on Thursday, September 18. Our first evening will begin at 7 pm. Please meet at the school for registration and to get to know one another. High school youth leaders are encouraged to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills as well as earn volunteer hours. Contact Lora-Lea at 519-236-7845 or email at leanelsondesign@hay.net.

Children’s Liturgy
We will begin our Children’s Liturgy program at both parishes next Sunday, September 21. It is extended to children up to the age of grade 2 who have not yet made their 1st Communion.

“First Aid” Kits at St. Peter’s
In St. Peter’s Church a “First Aid” kit can be found on the closet shelf outside the Sacristy. In the church hall, the “First Aid” kit can be found on the shelf in the kitchen.

Alzheimer’s Coffee Break
The Alzheimer’s Coffee Break will be held at the Bluewater Rest Home on Tuesday, September 23 from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone welcome.

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture at King’s College
The Promise of Pope Francis: Our Hopes and Fears - Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm with Rev. Donald Cozzens. At least in the Catholic West, the obvious cultural and theological polarization of the faithful has contributed to the internal tensions that appear to be high on Pope Francis’ agenda for renewal and reform. This lecture will examine the factors and forces shaping the present state of the Church and the challenges Pope Francis will likely face in working for a more unified Church. Without the healing of the current cultural divide, his inspiring pastoral vision in The Joy of the Gospel may well be held in check. Lectures will be held at the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Avenue, London, ON. Free parking and admission. Wheelchair accessible.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School
Greetings from St. Anne’s! Now that we are a week into the school year many students have settled in and the school routine is a part of their daily lives. This past Tuesday we had our Co-curricular fair which encouraged, informed, engaged many students to actively take part in several clubs and teams offered at St. Anne’s. Next week we will be having our Welcome Back Liturgy. Our classes our focusing on various forms of prayer to be still in the presence of God. Have a wonderful week in the glory and grace of God. Lexi and Yris, Ministers of Faith

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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, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, and Darl Rau.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family, Adelyn Mary Skinner, daughter of Trevor & Jennifer, who was baptized last weekend at St. Boniface Church.

Congratulations!!!
Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Kevin Finnie & Kathleen Keller who were married at St. Peter’s Church this weekend.

Knights of Columbus
Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, September 17 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
CWL Potluck Dinner - On Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm St. Boniface CWL will have their Potluck Dinner followed by a pin presentation and meeting in the Narthex. It will be Patti Hunt and Martha Overholt hosting the meeting. Will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the potluck.

CWL Fall Regional Day - Will be held in Woodstock on September 27 from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. If you are interested in attending please let Kathleen Roulston know ASAP.

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Events at a glance.....

- St. Boniface CWL Potluck Social - Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Church Narthex
- St. Boniface School Open House - Tuesday, September 16 from 6 - 8 pm at St. Boniface School
- Youth Group - Thursday, September 18 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church/School
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Parent Meeting - Tuesday, September 30 at St. Boniface Church beginning with Mass at 7 pm
- Confirmation Parent Meeting - Wednesday, October 1 at St. Boniface Church beginning with Mass at 7 pm
- First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, October 3 at St. Boniface Church

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

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Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0
Phone: 519 236-4191
E-mail: bluewater@dol.ca

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.