25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2014

The first reading today offers a beautiful admonition: “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is still near.” Some reasons why it is important to do this is because God is good and loving, gracious and merciful, and offers us peace and salvation. Let us seek the Lord so that we may receive God’s good gifts.

Dear Parishioners: God be praised for the return of the sun! I usually wait for February before cabin fever sets in, so our few days of sunshine are well appreciated by me. Some minor changes you might notice: I haven’t yet been able to gather a Liturgy Committee (which would ideally research, debate & advise me on matters like the following), but henceforth we will have a larger presider’s host at Sunday Masses. Our ritual insists that “a substantial number of the faithful” should be sharing in the same host elevated above the altar: if you remember St. John Paul II’s Mass at the Aqueduct Racetrack (Queens, NY) in 1995, he lifted up a host larger than his head. Now that’s a host! Starting Wednesday, October 1st, I intend to change the Daily Mass schedule. People have informed me that Fr. Graham found the present schedule necessary for his further studies: since I don’t have those concerns, I intend to offer Mass at 7:00 on Tuesday Evenings (beginning October 7th) at St. Peter’s; Wednesdays will remain unchanged; Thursdays will be only at Bluewater Rest Home Chapel at 11:00am; Fridays stay the same; Saturday Daily Mass will be at St. Boniface at 9:00am. Besides simply offering more options for Mass times, there are a few principles I would like to share with you: first, we should only have one celebration of the Daily Mass within a parish (just as we should not be “collecting” Masses on a Sunday, but celebrating that Feast – either at the Vigil Mass or on the day itself – once, and celebrating it well). Although there will be many occasions when it makes sense for a person to celebrate many Masses on the same day (e.g. a Saturday Daily Mass; a Funeral Mass; a Wedding Mass; an Anniversary Mass; the Vigil of Sunday), those are separate, different celebrations, not a repetition of the same one. Having a Saturday Daily Mass will also give us the option of celebrating Our Lady’s Saturday (votive) Mass, if there is not a proper Mass for that day in the Liturgical Season or the Calendar of Saints. As to the Thursday change for Bluewater Rest Home, I want to visit St. Boniface School & St. Anne’s High School on alternating Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons: I’m guessing there will be many days when I will have to linger after school hours in Clinton, to connect with our young people and staff members there. I also want to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation more available, by offering it one hour prior to the Tuesday Evening Mass & the Saturday Morning Mass. Our time before a Sunday Mass is better spent greeting the assembled Body of Christ around us, than dashing off to the confessional. Of course, I am always available by appointment if you ever wish to celebrate Reconciliation at any hour. Sorry for the extended piece! As I continue to adapt to this place (and vice versa), I’m sure we’ll all get used to the new normal. May God bless all our labours on behalf of the Kingdom! 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF September 22 - 28, 2014

MONDAY: September 22- No Mass
(We pray for Miss Caitlyn Bondy, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

TUESDAY: September 23- No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Daniel Morand)

WEDNESDAY: September 24 - No Mass
(We Pray for Ms. Melissa Page-Nichols, Campus Minister/Pastoral Counsellor)

THURSDAY: September 25
(We Pray for Rev. William Riegel, C.S.B.)

- St. Peter’s Church - 8:30 am
  Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
  +Don Rau - Greg & Jan Denomme
  +Edward Grellette
  - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
  +Tony Rau - Mary Lou Denomme

FRIDAY: September 26
(We Pray for Deacon Mark Stagg)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
  Int. of Lucille Masse - Joe & Diane Kaak
  Int. of Bill & Toni Brand - Mark & Dianne Tucker
  Int. of Fr. Peter Keller & Family
  - Angela Watson & Family

SATURDAY: September 27
(We Pray for Rev. Kenneth McKernan, C.S.B.)

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

SUNDAY: September 28
(We Pray for Rev. Christopher Pietszko)

- St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
- St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am
In St. Peter’s Church a “First Aid” kit can be found following the 7 pm Mass.

Parents of children in Grade 2 are asked to attend a Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 30 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to prepare their children for these Sacraments are asked to contact the Church Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting please contact the Church Office.

**Confirmation Parent’s Meeting**

There will be an important meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for all parents with students in Grades 7 & 8 who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to prepare their children for this Sacrament are asked to please contact the Church office as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting please contact the Church Office.

“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 Reverend 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.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE STATUE OF ST.MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FROM GARGANO, ITALY
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SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2014
Friday, Sept 26: 6.30 PM Mass
Saturday, Sept 27: 9AM Mass
Monday, Sept 29: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 6.30PM Mass
- daily recitation of the chaplet of Praise of God with St. Michael
- act of consecration to St. Michael
- daily recitation of the chaplet of Praise of God with St. Michael
- Sept 29: outside procession with the statue and a healing prayer

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Goderich Ultreya

The Goderich ultreya this month is on Sunday, September 28 at 7 pm at the Knight’s of Columbus hall on Parsons Court. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

This past week has been very busy for many staff and students at St. Anne’s. Beginning with our field hockey, girls basketball, boys volleyball, golf and tennis teams who have all began their seasons. This past Thursday our Me To We club had a brand new fundraiser called the Lunch Box Social where several different types of lunches were made by students and auctioned off during lunch to other students. The highest bidder got to enjoy a picnic lunch with their friends outside in the courtyard. Proceeds from this event went to a clean water and health facility in Ghana, Africa. Another fundraiser was on Friday where students brought $2 and were able to dress in yellow to support those who are affected by Leukemia and Lymphoma. Our social justice began its first initiative recognizing the climate march in New York this weekend to gather students voices onto a petition. We had our first Mass of the new school year with Fr. Matthew George and Fr. Keith Morrison. Students were encouraged to participate in Why Catholic where they can meet every Tuesday after school and can share, connect, and reflect on several different types of prayer. So be sure to encourage any Eagles from your area to join. Also we pray for the individuals and families of Huron County who have been affected this past week by the heart breaking tragedies. Be sure to stay tuned for our upcoming events such as the Grade 9 Retreat, Me To We Day, Freedom Day and our first school dance!

Ministers of Faith, Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- **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
- **Youth Group** - Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church/School
- **First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, October 3 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

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# St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

## Weekend Masses

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### 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

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### Website

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.

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