Family of Parishes
Holy Angels’  Our Lady of Sorrows  St. Anne’s
Third Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 24, 2019

Our Mission
Jesus said, “Go make disciples…I am with you always.”

Our Vision
Strengthened by the Eucharist, we are moved to bring healing to a wounded world.

Contact Information
Central Office Located at St. Anne’s Parish
Phone: 519-631-3640 or 519-631-3052
Website: http://www.elginrccparishes.ca
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Office
Phone: 519-773-8582  Hours: Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Holy Angels’ Parish
502 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, ON, N5P 1C2

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
116 John Street S., Aylmer, ON N5H 2C4

St. Anne’s Parish
20 Morrison Drive, St. Thomas, ON, N5R 4S6

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Holy Angels’: Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows: Saturday 5:00 p.m.;
                    Sunday 9:30 a.m.
St. Anne’s:        Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
                   Traditional Latin Mass
                   Sunday 1:30 p.m. at Holy Angels’ Church

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION
Pastor: Father Graham Keep  Ext. 104
Associate Pastor: Father John Johnson  Ext. 105
Associate Pastor: Father Charles Akinloye  Ext. 110
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Email: blewis@dol.ca
Pastoral Worker: Sister Mary Boere C.S.J.  Ext. 108
Pastoral Minister: Laura Lee – Call Office
Catechist: Natasha Contestabile – Call Office

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Email: mmclaughlin@dol.ca
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Business Administrator: Bob Bray  Ext. 103

St. Anne’s Centre:
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Holy Angels’ Cemetery:
Manager: Ed Steer  519-878-8377

Queen of Peace Cemetery:
Manager: Matt Gubbels  519-765-2005

SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Holy Angels’ Parish on Monday beginning at 7:30 p.m. after the
7:00 p.m. evening Mass.
Our Lady of Sorrows on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. before Mass
St. Anne’s Parish on Thursday from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. prior to the
9:15 a.m. Mass. (Except July and August)

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are expecting a child or have a
child to be baptized, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: At least 6 months notice required.
Marriage Preparation required by Diocesan regulations.

Sacrament of the Sick: To arrange for Sacrament of the Sick,
please call the Parish Office. Communion to Nursing Homes and
Shut-ins, please call the Parish Office.
MESSAGES AND CATECHESIS

LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Friday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Anne’s; Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels’ and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Monday evenings after the 7 p.m. Mass at Holy Angels’; Thursday mornings from 8 – 9 a.m. at St. Anne’s; Our Lady of Sorrows: Saturdays at 4 p.m. before Mass. Confessions will also be offered on Thursdays from 3 – 6 p.m. at St. Anne’s.

All Day Confessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th. Confession times are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Anne’s and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows. This enables us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Frances reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus.

Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction are scheduled for Thursdays at St. Anne’s Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Benediction at 8:30 p.m. Please take some time this Lent to come and be with Our Lord during these times of Adoration. This is an opportunity for us to 1) offer thanksgiving to God for His unconditional love shown to us, 2) pray for our new family of parishes, and 3) to pray for our personal/family needs.

Lenten Prayer Group invites you to join us for an hour of prayer for vocations every Friday during Lent at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Anne’s Church. Everyone is welcome.

Blessed Palms can be returned to your Parish; since they are a sacramental and should not be thrown in the garbage.

St. Anne’s Apostolic Committee Mission Cans are available at St. Anne’s for your Lenten almsgiving.

40 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration in the mind & the hearts of the Saints

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist. (St John Paul II)

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart. (St Alphonsus de Liguori)

Adoration will begin on Wednesday, March 27th at 8:30 a.m. and ends on Friday, March 29th at 8 a.m. at St. Anne’s Church. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of our Churches.

HOLY ANGELS’ – OUR LADY OF SORROWS ~ ST. ANNE’S LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

A Lenten Reflection Series for all men from our Family of Parishes will be held on Sunday evenings until April 14th from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Columbus Club, 265 Wellington Street, St. Thomas. The Wild Goose Series deals with different experiences of the Holy Spirit.

“40 CANS FOR LENT” FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual “40 Cans for Lent” Food Drive during Lent. You are invited to donate one can of food or other non-perishable food items for each day of Lent. Donations may be made during Holy Week at the Knights Hall or drop them off at the entrance of Holy Angels’ Church or in the St. Anne’s Meeting Room. This year, we will also be collecting food items at all our Catholic schools. If you would like your donation picked up from your home, please call Joe Fleming (519-633-0335) or Tim McFadden (519-633-3398).

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS is to educate people in the teaching of the Catholic Church. The next class is on Wednesday, March 27th from 7 – 9 p.m. in Holy Angels’ Church Hall. Topic: Hell, Purgatory and Heaven.

EMAIL SCAM

Please know that emails appearing to come from a parish staff member, asking for money, gift cards etc…are NOT from us, EVER. If there is a need to be filled, the request will come through the appropriate avenues. Thank you

ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS

For fellow Catholics who no longer attend Holy Mass that they will “Come Home”.

TOTAL PRAYERS from our Family of Parishes so far:

1,394,871 Hail Marys!

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**SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS: March 25 - 31, 2019**

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| **Monday**<br>March 25 | Holy Angels’ | 7:00 p.m. | Victor Imbroll – May Zammit and David & Mariella Dingli  
Josephine & Stan Ivak – Douglas & Valerie Ivak  
Mass of Thanksgiving – Rick & Angie Haasen and Family |
|           |          |            | Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass                                                      |
|           |          |            | Feast of the Annunciation at Holy Angels’ Church at 5:30 p.m. (Latin High Mass)               |
| **Tuesday**<br>March 26 | St. Anne’s | 8:00 a.m. | Albert VanRoestel – Diane VanRoestel  
Intentions of Harry VanRoestel & Annie Baertsoen– Diane VanRoestel  
Hue Chung – Roger & Hieu Reid and Family |
| **Wednesday**<br>March 27 | St. Anne’s | 8:00 a.m. | Shirley Kennedy – Len & Ronnie Parkins  
Bernard Clarke – St. Anne’s Parish Choir  
Leo Callaghan – Kathleen Saunders |
|           |          |            | 40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at St. Anne’s Church at 8:30 a.m. and continues until Friday at 8 a.m. |
|           | OLOS     | 10:00 a.m. | Julie Piche – Frank & Hilda Dujardin  
Simonne Marchant – Ann Maloney  
Herman Caers – Mary & Andy Verhaeghe |
|           | Holy Angels’ | 12 Noon  | Mary Prendergast – Connie Hambly and Family  
Our Grandparents – The Vu Family  
Souls in Purgatory – The Vu Family |
| **Thursday**<br>March 28 | St. Anne’s | 9:15 a.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation – 8 – 9 a.m.  
Shirley Ritchie – Carol McConnell and Family  
Mike Jordan – Carol McConnell and Family  
Deceased Halle Family Members – Bob Halle |
|           | Holy Angels’ | 12 Noon  | Terry Sullivan (12th Anniversary) – Rita & Pat  
Joe Van Nuland – Jean McPhail  
Mike Keating – Cathy Taylor and Betty Szura |
|           | St. Anne’s | 12 Noon  | Sacrament of Reconciliation – 3 to 6 p.m. |
| **Friday**<br>March 29 | St. Anne’s | 8:00 a.m. | Steve Namespetra (Birthday Remembrance) – Jo-Anne Namespetra  
Angela Sobry – John & Norma Loehndorf  
Martin Wynands – Norma Loehndorf and Debbie Durocher |
|           |          | 8:30 a.m. | Stations of the Cross |
|           | Holy Angels’ | 12 Noon  | Doug Srigley – Carl & Maureen Ryan  
Joan Peters – Holy Angels’ CWL  
Cathy Maginn – Holy Angels’ CWL |
|           | 7 p.m.   |           | Stations of the Cross at Holy Angels’ and Our Lady of Sorrows |
| **Weekend**<br>Mass Schedule | Holy Angels’ | Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Latin Mass 1:30 p.m. |
|           | Our Lady of Sorrows | Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
(Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 4 pm) |
|           | St. Anne’s | Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. |

Please contact the Church Office to schedule Mass Intentions.
**SHARE LENT**

*Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar*

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace’s long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingyas! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)

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**FORMED PICK**

**The Bible and the Virgin Mary**

*Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord*

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke’s account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary’s “yes” in a whole new light!

One “Yes” Changed Everything

Watch on formed.org

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**Holy Week and Easter Celebrations**

**Holy Angels’ Church**

- Good Friday, April 19 – 3:00 p.m. (The Passion of the Lord)
- Easter Vigil, April 20 – 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m. and Latin Mass – 11:00 a.m.

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

- Good Friday, April 19 – 3:00 p.m. (The Passion of the Lord)
- Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9:30 am

**St. Anne’s Church**

- Wednesday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae *(A devotion of word, light and song)*
- Holy Thursday, April 18 – 7:00 p.m. (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)
- Good Friday, April 19 – 3:00 p.m. (The Passion of the Lord)
- Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Please note: Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Celebrations will be alternated between the parishes yearly. Also, there will be NO 7 p.m. Mass at Holy Angels’ on Easter Sunday.*

**POLISH MASS AND CONFESSIONS AT HOLY ANGELS’**: W sobotę, 30 marca o godz. 19:00 - spowiedź i Msza św. w języku polskim w kościele Holy Angels’ w St. Thomas. Po Mszy św. spotkanie w sali parafialnej.

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**: Poświęcenie pokarmów w kościele Holy Angels w St. Thomas – w Wielką Sobotę, 20 kwietnia o godz. 14:00.

**K OF C ROSE SUNDAY**: On the weekend of May 4/5, Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467, will have its annual Rose Sunday where we will have our roses promoting the rights of the unborn. Monies raised from this endeavour will mainly go to the local St. Thomas and District Right to Life with a small portion being given to Violence Against Women Elgin and Fresh Start Maternity Program in St. Thomas. Please support us in this annual appeal to protect the rights of those who are not able to protect themselves.

**FFI’s ANNUAL WOMEN’S SEMINAR**: Saturday, March 30th at John-Paul II High School, London from 10 am to 4 pm. This year’s theme is FRIENDSHIP and keynote speaker is DR. KATHLEEN LALANDE, C. Psych who will speak on the vital importance friendship plays in a woman’s life – both for her benefit and for the benefit of a stronger society. $35/person in advance, $45 at the door, lunch included. Register at [www.famfi.ca/annual-womens-seminar/](http://www.famfi.ca/annual-womens-seminar/) or contact info@famfi.ca for more information.
HOLY ANGELS’ CWL GARAGE SALE is scheduled for the end of May and we are looking for donations. Donations can be dropped off in the Church basement.

OLOS - Fresh Start Maternity: Your change can change a life. It is time again for the Fresh Start Maternity Baby Bottle Drive in Aylmer. During the weeks of Lent, we will be distributing and collecting baby bottles from the church entrance. Thank you in advance for supporting them.

SERIOUS SHOPPERS WANTED: OLOS Annual CWL Rummage Sale will be held on Friday April 12th from 9 am – 1 pm in OLOS Church Basement. Donated items can be brought to the church basement on Thursday, April 11th in the afternoon. Please no appliances, large pieces of furniture or stuffed animals. We are looking for donated clothes, toys, games, kitchenware, garden tools, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne at 519-773-3626. Come out and find your treasures!

Turkey Pot Pie Time Again! Pies will be ready for pickup after Mass on March 30th and 31st. For more information, please call Sue Z 519-773-2568 or Mary V 519-773-3301.

Queen of Peace Cemetery in Aylmer is looking for applicants to maintain the cemetery. The main focus will be to trim, weed and cut the grass, but also to remove dead flowers and plants and collect any garbage. Lawn mower and trimmers are provided. This will require on average a commitment of 8 to 12 hours per week, depending on the rate of growth of the grass. Applicants can contact Matt Gubbels at 519-765-2005 for further details.

St. Josephine Bakhita African-Caribbean Catholic Community, London invites all Africans, Caribbeans and anyone who would like to join us, to our monthly Mass on the 4th Sunday at St. Michael Parish, 511 Cheapside Street at 2:30 pm. Kindly join us for this amazing time in the presence of the Lord.

Mass this month is this Sunday, March 24th at 2:30 pm.

Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ernie Deslippe Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Columbus Council 1467 Father Ernie Deslippe Memorial Scholarship, for those Young Adults, who are planning to attend College, University or Trade School, are available at the Church Office, 20 Morrison Drive. It is NO LONGER AVAILABLE at the School Guidance Offices this year. This is a one time chance to apply. This is for the Practicing Catholic Young Adults that are either in a Catholic, Non Catholic, Home School, Private, or any other Secondary School.

PLEASE READ RULES PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION. Applicants can also apply to several other scholarships…Only the winning candidates will be notified. Knights of Columbus Supreme at http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/scholarships/4thdegree/patria-scholarshipCA.html. PLEASE READ RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE WEBSITE.

An Invitation from St. Mary’s Church, London
In keeping with Venerable Patrick Peyton’s mission to strengthen family life in our Diocese where families pledged to pray the Rosary together, please join us at St. Mary’s Church, 345 Lyle St., London for the First Saturday Marian Devotion on April 6th at 4:15 pm prior to the 5 pm Mass. There will be recitation of the Most Holy Rosary during the Marian Procession of the Immaculate Conception Statue with the Knights of Columbus and their Honour Guard.

Following the 5 pm Mass in St. Mary’s Parish Hall, a special $5.00 Italian Pizza Dinner & Fellowship will prelude the highly acclaimed and awarded 2004 Religious Classic Film “The Passion of the Christ” by Director Mel Gibson. Due to graphic violence in some scenes, it is recommended that audience members be 18 years and older. For more information, please contact 519-434-9121. Everyone is welcome!

St. Mary Catholic School Choir and Orchestra Program
We are STILL accepting Applications! St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2019/2020. Brochures with application forms are available in all LDCSB elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423. Applications are due to back to St. Mary School by May 31, 2019. Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 Students. All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the LDCSB.

Monday, March 25th - Feast of the Annunciation at Holy Angels’ Church at 5:30 p.m. (Latin High Mass)
St. Anne’s CWL Morning of Reflection
Saturday April 6, 2019
at St. Anne’s Centre
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Prayer, Light Breakfast, Presenter and Lunch
Presenter: Rob Renault, Seminarian at St. Peter’s Seminary
will be speaking on VOCATIONS.

All women of our Family of Parishes (16 yrs. and up) are
invited to attend. Please complete the registration form below
and place it in the collection basket marked “St. Anne’s CWL
Morning of Reflection” or submit it to the church office before the
deadline of Monday, April 1, 2019.

St. Anne’s CWL Morning of Reflection
Saturday, April 6th at St. Anne’s Centre

Name: _________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________________

___ Yes, I have enclosed the $3 registration fee to cover costs

St. Anne’s Easter Flower Memorials

Parishioners will have the opportunity of remembering deceased loved ones by making a donation. These funds will go towards the purchase of flowers to decorate St. Anne’s Church during the Easter season. This year all donations made over and above the cost of the flowers will go to St. Anne’s School and Monsignor Morrison School Snack Programmes.

Please fill out the following form and return it, with your donation, to the church office or place it in an envelope marked “St. Anne’s Easter Flowers” and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Note: You will receive the entire amount of your donation on your 2020 tax receipt.

We need to have all forms in no later than April 15, 2019

Name of contributor: _________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ Amount of Donation: ___________________________

Donation in memory of: ______________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________________________
**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER – March 25-31, 2019**


**LITURGY OF THE WORD: Third Sunday of Sunday**

First Reading: “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Second Reading: Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel: I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42].

**VOCATION VIEWS:** “What ought we to do?” Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

**Holy Angels Loan Fund & Interest Payments**

The chart above shows the progress made to reducing the Holy Angels’ Loan Fund over the past 10 years. Many thanks to those who have contributed towards paying this off!

**OFFERTORY UPDATE**

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Regular Offertory: Amount needed to cover all operating expenses (excludes Diocesan Assessment). Excludes Easter and Christmas collections as these are to be used for savings. Excludes Donations (Ministry, Parish Social Activities, etc.). Excludes donations for loan fund or capital projects.

Diocesan Assessment: Amount we owe to the Diocese for their services/support.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**HOLY ANGELS’**:
March Pre-Authorized donations: $6,974.00
March 17, 2019: Offertory: $4,968.30; Restoration: $980.00

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**:
March Pre-Authorized donations: $3,060.00
March 17, 2019: $2,572.75; Building Fund:

**ST. ANNE’S**:
March Pre-Authorized donations: $6,815.00
March 17, 2019: $3,897.61

**PLEASE, PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Anibal Almiron, Richard Bethel, Marianne Bisson, Jeanette Boyd, Ron Buchanan, Paul Bugiel, Deanna Brouwer, Charmaine Bullock, Joe Burns, Shawn Carey, John Ciapka, Betty Clark, Gerry & Mickey Costello, Sam Craven, Mary Cunningham, Mary D’Angelo, Larry Dawson, Helene Diesbourg, John Doucette, Clare Doyle, Samuel Dunn, Agnes Elford, Sharon Emery, Elizabeth Finkenzeller, Eva Galley, Andrew Gibson, Marilyn Gracey, Rina Grech, Don Greer, Maureen Griffiths, Rosamond Grizzle, Mary Louise Harrison, Jerry Horan, Jim Howie, Marian Hudson, Susan Janssens, Michael Juhasz, Grazyna Juchniewicz, Joe Jurasek, Pat Keogh, Christine Koustrup, Bill Laverty, Kristin Legault, Erica Lucas, McKenna Lumley, Patty Lyons, Bob MacDonald, Louise Macdonald, Dorothy Marek, Diane Martin, Peter Mitrovic, Donna Moore, Joe Moser, Kim Moss, Dan Muscat, Ginette Nadon, Malaya Noad, Yvonne Oliver, Josephine Oniszeczko, Sonja Oslach; Joe Pineau, David Pineau, Barb Pinnegar, Helen Robicheau, Shawn Robicheau, Jeffery Rowe, Emily Scanlon, Monica Schoutens, Pat Sheridan, Otto Siebenmorgen, Brandon Simpson, Verne Sim, Jack Sims, Shirley Slaght, Ted Smith, Rev Charles Sweeting, Laurie Sunderland, Michelle Sylvester, John Taylor, Peter Taylor, Grant Teeple, Harry Terpstra, Glenn Tisdall, Ron Vader, Maryke Vanderzon, Joe Vella, Angela Vivola, Brian Webster, Aniela Zmudzinski.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Pray for all those who have died, especially, Nellie Harbaruk, Annie Vanderheyden, wife of John, mother of Herman and Connie; Debbie Foubert, sister-in-law of Elaine Orton, Ted Tkacz; Moe Jones, brother of Susanne Dewan, Mary Jane McKenzie, and Patrice Ollson; and all the faithful departed; through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS**
‘Church Restoration’ has two complementary meanings for the Holy Angels’ faith community. There’s the ongoing work of the Parish Pastoral team to restore and increase the church, meaning the people, by implementing the Mission and Vision on the front of the weekly bulletin distributed at our various worship sites. There’s also the team of volunteers that has been responding to Sister Mary Boere’s call in 2000 to help restore the church, meaning the building in which the ‘other’ church assembles in communion. Sister’s volunteers (too numerous to list here and including some now deceased) demonstrate how we can live our faith in the way St. Paul instructed the faithful about personal responsibility (Romans 12): “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us … If it is serving, let him serve; … if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously”. By organizing and sustaining a Recycling Program, a group of parishioners have generated funds to help pay down the debt incurred to restore Holy Angels’ (one might say: members of the church are working to restore the church). Volunteerism continues and, with St. Paul’s guidance in mind, all members of our Family of Parishes are invited once again to review how they can enhance this mission.

What Can You Do?
If you are not already participating in the Recycling Program, start now. If you’re already contributing, please consider ways to increase your recovery and diversion of the following items from your household or business:

1. Aluminum pop cans
2. Newspapers and their inserts (e.g., the London Free Press, the Elgin Market, and all their inserted flyers)
3. Empty alcohol containers (i.e., anything that can be returned for deposit at the Beer Store)

Please do not mix non-newsprint or other home ‘blue’ or ‘gray’ box recyclables (e.g., printer paper, envelopes, catalogues, food cans, or plastic water bottles) with your donations. Appropriate recyclables can be dropped off in the gray bins beside the large steel storage container at the west end of the Holy Angels’ parking lot or by the easternmost garage at St. Anne’s. Collected materials are processed most every Tuesday morning at Holy Angels’.

Every Little Bit Helps
The Recycling Program generates about $9,000 a year recently. While that’s an impressive amount, it’s been decreasing and really only takes a bite out of the annual interest accruing against the restoration debt. We can improve on that and so parishioners across our Family of Parishes are invited to collect as many of the recyclable items specified above and to adopt a personal weekly or monthly mission to drop off their collected materials before or after they attend mass.

Join the Team
Jesus said, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20). We’re sure He’d agree the Spirit is even stronger when even more collect to perform charitable work to improve His house. Team members are welcomed from across our Family of Parishes to serve to the best of their abilities, from making coffee to sorting and from loading to simply accompanying drivers for company: don’t ask if you can serve … ask only where and when.

For more information contact:
- Jim Lumley: (519) 633-1681; klumley@rogers.com
- Gord Smith: (519) 633-1261; gosmit@execulink.com
Our Family of Parishes is blessed to have members that Jesus surely had in mind when He taught, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome" (Matthew 25: 34-35).

Since 2013, the Community Outreach Lunch ministry has seen a group of volunteers serve lunch to the needy on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the downstairs hall at Holy Angels'. Lunch attendance now averages about 70 people who are served by up to 40 volunteers that provide over 1,000 hours of this form of evangelization annually. The numbers of guests attending lunches has grown steadily and typically peaks at over 100 people attending the special Christmas luncheon held each year. No one is turned away but as awareness of the monthly hospitality provided at Holy Angels' has increased, so have the challenges to sustain this mission at even current levels. Without your ongoing support, the work to provide monthly refuge and a nutritious meal for the many disadvantaged in our community will be at risk.

What Can You Do?
First and foremost: donate money (and preferably on an ongoing basis). The Outreach Lunch team is indeed blessed to be supported by volunteers as well as donations of both food and money. The costs to operate this mission run to about $4,000 annually and are entirely ‘donation-dependent’. Parishioners across our Family of Parishes are again invited to consider making regular or periodic cash donations, for example by depositing ‘folding’ money or warm ‘hard’ cash (loose pocket change) in the “Can You Spare a Nickel, Dime or Quarter” container at the main entrance to Holy Angels’. Anyone wishing to make relatively higher monetary donations for charitable receipt is asked to please make arrangements with the program contact and parish office. While all donations are appreciated, they have been declining in recent years.

For those that can donate fresh food, please only do so following discussion with the program contact as space is not readily available to provide long-term cold storage for large quantities of meats or other perishable food items. The operation of the Outreach Lunches is not quite ‘just-in-time’ inventory control but the focus is on fresh and nutritious food. The Outreach Team runs an efficient operation and while there is rarely anything ‘left-over’, they network with others in St. Thomas including the monthly Community Lunch and Dinner (at Trinity Anglican Church), supported by many local churches, and the St. Thomas Elgin Food Bank (The Caring Cupboard), so that little goes to waste.

Join the Team
Volunteer help during the monthly lunch is both needed and welcomed. On the ‘Monday Eve’ before a lunch, many come out to help set up the hall and prepare the meal that will be served the next day. Then every 4th Tuesday sees volunteers finishing the preparation, welcoming guests, serving meals and cleaning up the dishes and the kitchen. Some volunteers contribute by sitting and listening to guests, hoping in that way to also lift their spirits. All parishioners, their families and friends throughout our Family of Parishes are invited to drop by a monthly lunch, to pitch right in or simply get to know what is being done to lessen the burden so many of our fellow citizens carry each and every day.

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