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2017 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

A Prayer for the New Year

Another fresh new year is here
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to
right some wrongs,
To pray for peace,
to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful song!

William A. Ward (1921-1994)

It's a new year and many are making commitments to better themselves with goals or resolutions to fix bad habits. We often focus on getting organized, or physically fit - but how about adding something to deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer and acts of service. After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has died down, try to integrate daily prayer in your schedule. Prayer is when we both talk and listen to God. In any relationship communication is vital, so in order to know God, we must spend time with Him.

Acts of service also bring us

closer to God. By serving others we can learn to love as Jesus loves. Consider volunteering at your local church or community center. It does not have to be every week, however by giving of yourself even once in awhile we can learn to put the needs of others before ourselves. We can give up something that we want, to meet the needs of others.

Here at Mosacks, we are always ready to assist you in anything that is needed to deepen your spiritual life. If strengthening or starting your prayer life is something on your resolution list, then we can gladly offer our assistance

with our many spiritual books, devotionals, and daily prayer books. Whether you want to pray the rosary every day, learn the Liturgy of the Hours, Common Book of Prayer, Lutheran Prayer Book or just read a quick meditation from the bible we are sure to have something. Minute Meditation books are inexpensive and provide uplifting thoughts to begin each day.

We hope that your relationship with our Lord increases, and that He blesses you continuously throughout the New Year.

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CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS



Cathie M. wins Fontanini Nativity Set

December 15th was the happy day for several Raffle Winners! Our MOSACK'S staff enjoyed calling and awarding prizes to seven lucky shoppers this holiday season:

Cathie M. won the 9 Piece Fontanini Nativity Set (\$240.00 value). She purchased tickets when visiting the store to buy presents for her Secret Santa Co-Worker. What a surprise to win!

See more winners on page 7



**FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY HOME
BLESSING:**

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord. God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to an entrance:

+20 C M B 17+

This stands for the first half of the current year (+20)

*the Latin phrase **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** - May Christ Bless this House and/or the names of the 3 Kings **Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar** (C M B)*

and the last half of the current year (17+)

JANUARY – Fresh Start the Month for Prayer & Renewal

After the rush and business of the Christmas Season, it is good to take a respite and focus on “Ordinary Time”. As we head back to work, return to school, and take up our daily tasks, we have chance to focus on the basics. Let us consider what God is doing through our faith in Christ in the Church and in the world.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Sunday, Jan 18th through Jan 25th. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the theme: “Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us” (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. Reach out to your neighboring parishes and pray for a world-wide return to Christian values.

Martin Luther King Day, Jan 16th reminds us all to look upon one another with brotherhood and understanding.

Saturday, Jan 21st is a **Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person and Prayer for the Dignity of Life**. Check your local church and Right to Life centers for holy hours, prayer vigils, life-chains or other area activities in support of Respect Life.

Catholic Schools Week, Jan 29th –Feb 4th challenges us to focus on learning and the importance of religious education.

FAMILY LIFE – SURROUND IT WITH LOVE!

Is your home a safe haven, a place where parents and children nourish one another, a place where relatives and friends visit and strangers are welcome? Take time in 2017 to surround your loved ones with God’s blessings. Our homes should be the place where we will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God. Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors (see Epiphany Home Blessing insert) helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!



World Marriage Day Feb.11-12:

Focus on love as the power that unites and generates the capacity to be life-giving and to inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

Valentine’s Day Feb. 14: a time to cherish those we love, not only as sweethearts, but also as parents, grandparents, children, and treasured friends.



Coming in February

Feb. 2nd, the **Feast of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus** in the Temple of Jerusalem, falls midway between the winter solstice and the spring. Churches bless and distribute candles on this day a sign of Jesus the True Light of the World.

On Feb. 3rd, the **Feast of St. Blaise**, candles are used to bless throats and guard against illness. Legend records the miraculous cure of a choking child by the Bishop Blaise in the early years of the church.

St. Agatha's chastity and courage in martyrdom, is

commemorated on Feb 5th. Agatha is the patroness of women suffering from breast cancer and the patron saint of nurses.

Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th is a time to remember and pray for all couples that they may treasure and grow in the blessings of marriage.

Feb. 20th is **Presidents Day**. Wave the flag and show your patriotism!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

World Day of Prayer for the Sick occurs on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11th. In the year 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes France. Bernadette, along with her sister and some friends went to the pig's grotto to gather firewood, when Bernadette felt a strong wind, and looking up saw the Blessed Virgin. Mary would appear to Bernadette a few other times, each time more and more people came from all over the country. Some thought that she was crazy because only she could see Mary. At one apparition, Mary told Bernadette to dig in the ground, which she did. From that time till now water flows miraculously in a stream and has led to many healings, both physical and spiritual. Being so humble, Saint Bernadette never said that Mary had appeared to her. She referred to her as "a beautiful lady". The Parish priest told Bernadette to ask for the lady's name, which she did. Mary told her that she was the "Immaculate Conception", which during that time in history, was being discussed if such a title could be given to the Blessed Mother. Mary would appear to Bernadette a total of 67 times. Today a huge Basilica is in Lourdes France and each year millions of people from all over the world travel there to seek some type of healing.



ST. JOSEPH OUR MODEL

The feast of St. Joseph falls on March 19th and is widely celebrated throughout the world. In fact, many Dioceses allow this feast day to be a break from Lenten fasts. St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus, and chaste husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph is a great example to follow because he never questioned what God set before him. At times, things may have been hard or difficult for him to understand or accept, rather than questioning, he silently prayed and waited for God to lead him. He is the patron Saint of workers as well as those who are trying to sell their home.

CELEBRATE WITH ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick's feast day is March 17th. Born in Scotland Patrick was kidnapped when he was a teenager and taken by barbarians to Ireland. He was forced into slavery for 6 months as a shepherd. He escaped and returned to his own country for a few years only to be made captive again. This only lasted 2 months and he again returned home to his parents. During this time God gave him many visions and wanted Patrick to return to Ireland in order to teach the people about God, for the worshiping of idols was greatly practiced there. Patrick went throughout the country teaching the faith to the people and baptizing them into the faith. He is commonly pictured holding a clover, which he used to preach to the people about the Trinity.



"Repent and Believe in the Gospel!"



LENT BEGINS MARCH 1, 2017

The word "Lent" comes from an Old English term that means "Springtime". Like the new life that is born in the spring, the season of Lent calls each of us to renew our life in Christ as we look forward to Easter renewal and the Resurrection. How will we spread the Christian message of salvation? This year, let us use the six weeks of this holy season to join in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are praying, fasting, and giving alms as we await the resurrection of the Lord. Together, we can make our world a better place!

WEEK ONE: BEGIN AT HOME UNITED STATES

PRAYER: For family and friends who no longer go to church that they may come to know Christ and find strength in the faith of those who love them. Place a crucifix in the center of your family's table and write the names of those you are praying for on slips of paper placed at the foot of the cross.

FASTING: Make a sacrifice to turn off the television and computer one night this week. Play a game, go for a walk, read a book, do something together!

ALMSGIVING: Select three cans of your favorite foods from the kitchen cupboard and give to the local food pantry or soup kitchen.



MODEL: ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first native-born American to become a saint. The mother of five children, she founded a religious order after her husband died. She is credited with helping begin the Catholic School system in the United States.

WEEK TWO: HEAD SOUTH TO LATIN AMERICA

PRAYER: For Immigrants that they may find welcome, support and better opportunities in their new home. Light a candle with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on it and pray that all people will have food, clothing, shelter and the basic necessities of life.

FASTING: Exchange chores with a co-worker or family member and do the tasks cheerfully!

ALMSGIVING: Secretly put a gift card for gas or food in the mailbox of someone who is out of work or having a hard time.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, appeared to St. Juan Diego asking him to build a church in her honor and assuring him of her motherly love. As a sign of favor, she left her image on his cloak. St Juan Diego is the first native Mexican to become a saint.



PRAYER:

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus: Thessalonians 5:16-18"

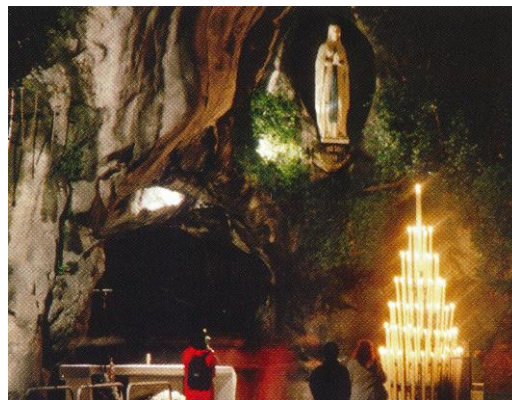
WEEK THREE: CROSS THE OCEAN TO EUROPE

PRAYER: For a renewal of faith and a return to Christian values throughout the world. On a map of Europe highlight the major religious sites such as Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, Assisi, Medjugorje, Ephesus, Santiago de Compostella, Jasna Gorge and read about their history.

FASTING: Eat at home or give up dessert one night this week and donate money you save to the poor.

ALMSGIVING: Go through your closets and take gently used clothes to your local Vincent De Paul Society or the City Mission.

MODEL ST. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI (1901-1925) Pier was a young Italian student who loved the outdoors and his friends. His charity and concern for the poor led Pope John Paul to call him a man of the beatitudes.



WEEK FOUR: GO INTO THE DESERT

AFRICA:

PRAYER: For Missionaries as they carry the message of Christ to foreign lands that they may be received with hearts open to God’s Word. Support your local church’s missionary efforts by making care packages to send to those in need.

FASTING: Fast from criticism and make an effort to say only kind and encouraging words to each other this week.

ALMSGIVING: Donate old eyeglasses to the local Lion’s Club who recycles them to the poor.



MODEL: ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: Josephine was a native of Senegal who was taken into captivity and made a slave. When her owners moved to Italy, she was freed and entered a convent where she trained missionary sister.

FASTING:

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward” Matthew 6:16

WEEK FIVE: EXPLORE THE VAST REGION OF ASIA

PRAYER: For all those suffering from earthquakes, floods and natural disasters that they may find comfort and healing in the assistance of others. Search online for Catholic Relief Services, The Red Cross, Christian Children’s Funds, Unicef, or other disaster assistance agencies and pledge your support.

FASTING: Instead of going to the movies, concerts, or sporting events visit someone in the hospital, nursing home, or hospice and spread some holiday cheer.



ALMSGIVING: Look for the Salvation Army Kettle or Toys for Tots holiday campaign and support those whose Christmas depends on your efforts.

MODEL: BLESSED JOSEPH VAZ (1651-1711)

Blessed Joseph Vaz was a priest in India who became a missionary to Ceylon (now know as Sri Lanka) when priests were forbidden entry. He brought the healing love of Jesus to the people of Ceylon.

ALMSGIVING:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:35-36

WEEK SIX: JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

PRAYER: For peace in the Middle East and throughout the world. Reflect on the stations of the cross and realize how much Jesus loved you.

FASTING: Turn off the TV, video game, or computer, and do that one thing you have been putting off.

ALMSGIVING: Give a hug to each member of your family and tell them how much you love them.



MODEL: ST. MOSES THE BLACK (330-405)

A former robber, St Moses the Black became the leader of a group of hermit monks in Egypt. He struggled mightily and long with his violent nature, even as a monk, but eventually became known for his non-violence. Even though struggling with inner turmoil, his outward calm prevented harm and facilitated God’s grace to others. He is honored as the patron of nonviolent resolution of conflict. His relics and major shrine are found today at the Church of the Virgin Mary in the Paromeos Monastery.

Friday Meatless Meal Pita Pizza

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pita bread round
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic salt

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat grill for medium-high heat. Spread one side of the pita with olive oil and pizza sauce. Top with cheese and mushrooms, and season with garlic salt. Lightly oil grill grate. Place pita pizza on grill, cover and cook until cheese completely melts, about 5 minutes.

For more “meatless meals” from around the world, visit <http://osv.cm/rFVYjJ>.



500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION



The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. In October of 1517, German priest, theologian and religious reformer, Martin Luther, nailed his famous proclamation commonly

known as “The 95 Theses” to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany. It basically decried the practice of selling indulgences in order to raise money. Luther was ordered to recant his objections to this practice, which, he refused to do. He was eventually excommunicated. This led to the separation of Christians in many parts of Europe from the “historic” Church.

The “Lutheran” movement snowballed over time and resulted in a fragmented Church which exists to this day. The dynamics of the bitter rift between the Lutherans and Catholics began to change in 1962 when Pope John XXIII opened the doors of reconciliation through Vatican II. Shortly thereafter a series of dialogues began between Lutheran and Catholic theologians which eventually resulted in the signing of a document of common

beliefs in the year 2000. On October 31, 2016, in Lund Switzerland, Pope Francis participated in a joint Lutheran-Catholic prayer service, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. At this event Pope Francis praised Martin Luther as a man of great integrity and vision.

Whereas the relationship between Lutherans and Catholics has healed immensely since 1962, there remain significant challenges – one of which is a common understanding of the Eucharist and Eucharistic sharing. Another is the nature of the Papacy itself and its relationship to all of Christendom. We can only pray that, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may one day be “all one body” in form and substance. In the meantime, we continue to seek common ground and explore further opportunities for joint ministry.

BOOK REVIEW: Angels of the Lord

Scripture is full of references to angels. As Christians, we believe that angels have been given the sacred mission to assist, protect, and guide human beings. **“For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go.”** (Psalm 91:11) Angels are our very real and constant companions. Let them inspire and guide you daily. Week after week these amazing heavenly creatures will coax you closer to God, to prayer and to the sure knowledge of our Creator’s endless love.

From day to day you will be fascinated and inspired by:

- Scripture passages and church teachings on angels
- Stories of early martyrs who received courage and consolation from angels
- Readings from the Fathers and Doctors of the Church who shaped church teachings about angels
- Anecdotes about saints who saw and spoke with angels
- Accounts of ordinary people who encountered angels
- Testimonies from writers, artists and musicians inspired by angels.



JAN. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



I am Beth J., I have been working at Mosacks for three and a half years. I am a student at the University of Cincinnati and am currently studying civil engineering. My favorite time at Mosacks is the First Communion season. I grew up in

Mentor-on-the-Lake and went to Lake Catholic High School where I was in the choir and on the swim team. I now spend most of my time in Cincinnati and work at Mosacks during college break terms. I love working at Mosacks and I enjoy helping customers find candles for any occasion. In my free time, I like to keep busy and find things to do around town.

CONGRATULATIONS MY SAINT MY HERO
RAFFLE WINNERS



Julie H. is the Winner of the My Saint My Hero Miraculous Medal Blessings Bracelet



Kathi S. is the Winner of the Divine Mercy Blessing Bracelet.

CONGRATULATIONS NE'QWA ART RAFFLE WINNERS

Lois R. from Harrisburger, PA is our Ne'Qwa Ornament Grand Prize Winner. *"I want to thank you for such a wonderful grand prize. I received it yesterday and I am so pleased. I hope you have another personalization event next year and I can find some more NeQwa ornaments! Again Thank You and Merry Christmas to you all."*

Three Petite Ornament Winners each received a Christmas Cardinals Ne'Qwa Ornament: Andrew S. from Painesville, OH; Ricky S. from Madison OH and Pam G. from Chagrin Falls OH



Ricky S.

Pam G.

Andrew S.



FEB. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Hello my name is Laura K. I have been at Mosack's since 2011. Born in Painesville I moved out to Cherry Valley Ohio with my dad, mom and older sister where we lived on a small farm. We were homeschooled and enjoyed the simplistic quiet country life-style. One day however, everything changed when I witnessed my older sister being dragged to death by a horse then a few days later my parents got divorced. My dad and I left the country to move to Mentor, Ohio. My faith grew very strong during this time, I realized that with trust and faith in God all things are possible. Without my Catholic faith I do not believe that it would have been possible to overcome these trials in my life. I went to All Saints Elementary School from 6th to 8th grade, than went to Lake Catholic High School. Currently I go to St. Bede the Venerable parish where I love to be involved and assist in any way that I can. During my free time I enjoy going to daily mass, volunteering and attending church, reading about the Saints and the Catholic Faith, playing my violin, and repainting/repairing statues. I want to enter into religious life so I try to serve the church as much as I can. God gives us challenges in life, in order that we may grow closer to Him for He will help us in all things if we let Him into our lives.

CONFIRMATION

MOSACK'S carries a wide selection of Patron Saint medals, statues, biographies and holy cards perfect for Confirmation Students and RCIA Candidates. Bibles, Prayer Books, Crucifixes, Rosaries and other inspirational items are wonderful gifts to encourage new found faith. Visit us online at www.mosacks.com for a look at our selection of Confirmation Gifts.



GIFTS & RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Communion Dresses * Suits * Veils * Gloves * Socks * Purses
- Ties * Tie Clips * Lapel Pins * Jewelry * Patron Saint Medals
- Four-Way Medals * Sports Medals * Rosaries * Rosary Boxes
- Wall Crosses & Crucifixes* Statues * Figurines * Valencia
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- Communion & Confirmation Photo Frames & Photo Albums
- Invitations * Thank You Notes * Party Goods
- Greeting Cards



FIRST COMMUNION

As First Communion season approaches this year, we invite you to visit our Catholic Store or shop online at www.mosacks.com. Find the items and gifts that will help your family members and friends on their journey with Christ. Our embossing and engraving service is very affordable and adds a personal touch to your keepsakes. Our courteous staff is looking forward to serving you.

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