

MOSACK'S

Church Goods & Religious Gifts



2016 Ne'Qwa Art In-Store Event Tour



MOSACK'S is honored to host a Personal Appearance Tour with Trieste Cordova, artist for Ne'Qwa Art Ornaments on Thursday, Nov 17th. One-of-a-kind Ne'Qwa Art revives the centuries-old discipline of painting richly detailed art in reverse on the inside of delicate glass. Trieste will perform an in-store demonstration of this fascinating technique. She will be able to sign and personalize all Ne'Qwa Art items pre-sold in advance and sold on the day of

the Event. Shop early either online or in-store, to select your favorite ornament. This is a wonderful chance to have "Merry Christmas", "Baby's Name for First Christmas", or "Our First Christmas" written on a Ne'Qwa Art ornament. It's a personal touch that will make each Ne'Qwa Art piece not just a decoration but also a memory to put on your tree for years to come. Each Ne'Qwa Art Ornament is hand-painted and presented in satin-lined

velour box with a certificate of authenticity. Make this a Christmas tradition!



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NOV. TIME TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! In 1863 Abraham Lincoln set aside the fourth Thursday in November as a Day of National Thanksgiving for Americans. Nov. 24th is a time for family and friends to gather with all the laughter of happy children, the glad greetings of family re-united and the humble gratitude of the Christian heart shared with those less fortunate.

Take time to count your blessings as you feast on turkey with all the trimmings and prepare for the official launch of the Christmas Shopping season! MOSACK'S carries serving dishes, figurines, decorations, books and gifts for Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DINNER BLESSING:

Almighty and gracious God, we give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them.

Make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need.

*We spend this day among family and friends sharing the blessings you have given us. Guide us in the service of your name.
Amen.*

NICHOLAS A Saint for Christmas

Jesus was born in a Bethlehem stable, but He came to find a home in our hearts. St. Nicholas shows us how to respond to the gift of God's love. Born about 17 centuries ago in what is now the country of Turkey, Nicholas was a kindly bishop known for his generosity to the poor. He gave away his money to those in need, but tried to do it secretly so no one would know he was responsible. When people found out and praised Nicholas, he reminded them that God is the source of all goodness. Often children leave their shoes out the night before St. Nicholas Day (Dec 6th) in the hope that they will be filled with treats by morning. Cookies, cakes, candies left by a secret giver who was filled with the love of Jesus are traditional favorites. The tradition of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas.

ADVENT: WAKE UP TO JOY!

What make you JOYFUL? Christians are people whose true happiness comes from following Jesus and living by the call to love God and neighbor. Jesus came to share our life so that we might have joy and have it to the full (John 15:11). Advent is the perfect time to take stock of our lives, to pray, and to invite Jesus into our hearts.

Don't let the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, gift-giving, Christmas carols, tree trimming, and parties overwhelm you. BE JOYFUL! Remember the warmth of friendship and the support of loved ones that sur-

rounds you. Spread joy to those less fortunate or burdened. The wonder and joy of Christmas is knowing our Savior came to free us from sin and death so that we might share the very life of God, now and forever!



OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY – RESPECT LIFE

St. Pope John Paul II called the Rosary “*the school of Mary*” a special devotion that teaches about the close relationship between Mary and Jesus. “*The Rosary is a prayer loved by countless Saints ... Simple yet profound, it is a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness ...With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the Faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer*”. (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*) October 7th celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary honoring Mary's example and guidance to her child, Jesus. By praying the rosary and meditating on the mysteries, we open our lives to Mary and Jesus. We learn how to share God's love with the world.

Whether you are looking for a special Swarovski Crystal, Natural Gemstone, Mother-of-Pearl,



Birthstone, or Wood Rosary MOSACK'S is your shopping destination. We even have inexpensive plastic and cord rosaries. Rosary bracelets, finger rosaries and chaplets are also in stock. Scriptural Rosary Books, and Mysteries of the Rosary pamphlets will help you focus on the lives of Jesus and Mary and pray without distractions, CD's are perfect for playing in the car on the way to work or daily at home.

October is also dedicated to prayer and sacrifice for Respect Life. The National Campaign for Life (Sept 28th through Nov 6th) encourages 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. As we consider life issues during October and prepare to vote in November, let us open our eyes to the many ways in which human life is at risk in our world and find constructive ways to witness the Gospel of Life.

CELEBRATE LIFE!

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10)

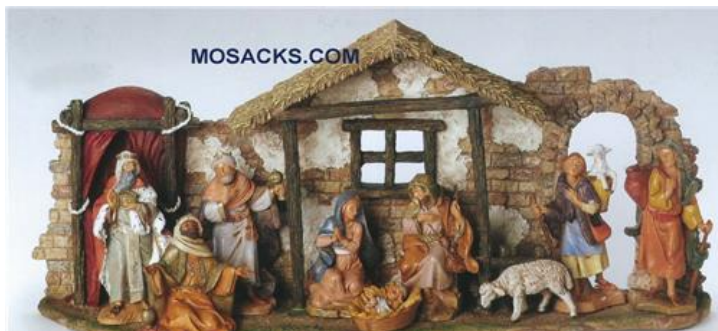
As Christians, we believe that all human life is sacred – from conception to natural death. We value one another because we are created in God's image. Here are some ways you and your family could cherish human life:

- Visit an elderly facility; listen and share stories with some of the residents. Gather to sing Christmas Carols with them during the holidays.
- Help a family in your parish or neighborhood with a newborn by bringing a meal or offering to run errands for needed supplies.
- Pray for abortions to end in our country and around the world. Check with your local Right to Life chapter for services or prayer vigils planned for your area.
- Participate in your parish Hunger Center, Soup Kitchen or Sharing Tree programs

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

The Advent wreath is full of symbolic meaning:

- **The Evergreen Branch:** Symbolizes that God's love is never ending and lasts forever. God is life and we have life by dwelling with Him.
- **The Circle:** The Advent wreath is made in the circle because it shows that God is one, and shows that He loves us without stopping. Also as a circle has no beginning and no end so does God and his love for us.
- **The Red Berries:** Demonstrates to us the sacrifice that Jesus makes for us on the cross.
- **The Purple Candles:** The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works that we should do at this time. Purple is also a color of royalty, which a king would wear. There are normally 3 purple candles.
- **The Pink Candle:** The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday, which is Latin for Rejoice Sunday. We rejoice because the coming of Christ is near.
- **The white candle:** The white candle which is normally in the center of the Advent wreath symbolizes the purity of Jesus and Mary who are without sin.



CRIB BLESSING: *God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.*

Lord, bless this crib and all who look upon it. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



Advent Calendars help families count the days until Jesus' Birthday.

Mini Book Calendar: For the first 24 days of December there is a mini book that relates a Bible Story, offers a special prayer, or features a familiar Christmas song. Once you read each little book, you can hang it on your Christmas Tree. The unique Advent Calendar makes celebrating Advent at school or home truly meaningful.

Chocolate Calendar: Upon opening each window of the Stable Chocolate Advent Calendar, one finds a wonderful piece of gourmet milk chocolate along with a bible text that tells a part of the Nativity story



Oplatki is an Eastern European wafer like bread, almost identical to altar bread. However rather than being round, Oplatki is shaped like a rectangle and may have the image of the Holy Family, the three wise men or a star. Normally it comes in a pack of four, three white ones and a pink one. European cultures such as the Polish break the Oplatki at the Christmas Eve feast. After prayer, the head of the family breaks off a small piece of it and passes it down. Once everyone has a piece of the Oplatki, they eat it, then begin their feast.

This is to symbolize unity of the family who are united through Christ.



COLLECTIBLES OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 22

Kick-off the Holiday Shopping Season on Saturday, October 22, 2016 with our Annual Collectibles Open House. Refreshments will be served!

Featured Collections include:

- Outdoor Joseph’s Studio Nativities
- Outdoor PVC Nativities
- Outdoor Resin Holy Family Nativity figures
- Precious Moments Christmas and Everyday
- Willow Tree Nativities, Angels & complete line
- Jim Shore Heartwood Creek
- Foundation Angels
- Seraphim Classics
- Veronese Bronze Dipped Statues & Plaques
- Joseph’s Studio Statues & Wall Panels
- Kneeling Santa
- Pipka Santas of the World
- Fontanini Heirloom Collection *(see also Fontanini Open House on Nov 12, 2016)*

Select Retired Pieces will be sold at special discount prices

Special Purchase with a Purchase items available from Precious Moments and Willow Tree Collections

MOSACK’S COLLECTIBLES OPEN HOUSE



MARY CLARE OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



I am Mary Clare Z., a six year member of the MOSACK’S team. Born and raised in Euclid, Ohio, I attended Catholic grade school and high school, Lakeland Community College and completed my education at Cleveland State University, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Arts and Art History; I worked for American Greeting for 27 years. I continue to enjoy drawing, painting, photography, and traveling throughout the United States and Europe. I am an avid gardener, love to crochet and sew and frequently exhibit at local Craft Shows.

My time with American Greetings provided many of the marketing, layout, and photo shop skills that I use day to day at MOSACK’S working on the E-Commerce website. My tasks include everything from editing the Newsletter, managing the website, ordering product, and –of course, serving our customers.

After college, I was given the opportunity to pursue a Pastoral Ministry Certificate from Notre Dame College in South Euclid to gain the background needed to be more actively involved with my church community as a Liturgical Coordinator, Art and Environment Planner, RCIA volunteer, and Music Minister. Faith in God’s goodness and mercy remains at the center of my life.



2016 JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

As we close the door on Jubilee Year of Mercy, we must continue live in the spirit of mercy and compassion for the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, and the oppressed. Through prayer and action we are called to sustain the focus of the Jubilee of Mercy as Jesus did throughout his life. As disciples of Jesus, we too are called **today** to shape the world in accordance with God's love.



Pope Francis has challenged us to think about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy, and to examine our own spiritual journey that begins with a conversion and grows to discipleship. Each of us needs to have the mercy of God at the center of our hearts and minds as we move forward together. Our call is to live in the light of the Lord's words: *'Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful'* (LK 6:36)."

"The call of Jesus pushes each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we are dealing with a person. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable of." (Pope Francis)

No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one. Its doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, so much the greater must be the love that the Church expresses toward those who convert. Dare to believe that Jesus longs to forgive us. "Ask Mary, our Mother, to guide us through our conscience and help us hear the quiet whisper of God's merciful voice:

- Show me where and how I worship idols of power, fame, possessions.
- Show me where and how I seek my selfish desires, my advantage, my convenience.
- Show me where and how I long to control, to possess, to use others.
- Show me where and how my heart lusts after food, sex, comfort.
- Show me where and how my mind judges, boasts, condemns.
- Show me where and how I loathe, I harm, I hate myself, my neighbors. and you. mv God" (Father Eric Cadin)

JUBILEE PRAYER

*Gracious God,
in giving us Jesus,
you have forever changed
our human destiny.*

*Through Christ's birth,
preaching and healing,
you show us how to live
as your sons and daughters.*

*By Christ's death
and resurrection,
you breath new hope
within us, reconciling
and renewing us.*

*Heal us of our brokenness,
so that as one holy people
we might be a light
to the nations,
bringing your peace
to the world,
preparing us for the return
of your Son who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.*

Don't forget to pray for the success of the November elections. May God's voice be heard!

MY SAINT MY HERO TRUNK SHOW



My Saint My Hero Trunk Show
Nov. 1st through 12th 2016

SPECIAL APPEARANCE:

My Saint My Hero Ambassador Stephanie will be in-store Nov 1st to share stories and the history of My Saint My Hero including the prayers prayed for customers

Refreshments Served

MY SAINT MY HERO MISSION STATEMENT

My Saint My Hero was founded on the belief that *God is real, prayer works and love heals*. Our pieces are wearable blessings that remind us we are loved.

We want My Saint My Hero to be more than a Company, but *a community*, inspired by God to help transform lives and make the world a better place. Crafted in love and prayer, our wearable blessings empower women through meaningful work.

Our prayer is that these pieces help awaken souls to live in the presence of God and know:

I AM true, I AM good, I AM beautiful...

I AM BLESSED.

Our logo is a shield to signify our commitment to battle against today's culture. It is our prayer to create a brand that signifies a lifestyle grounded in faith and the knowledge that we all have a purpose in life and are greatly loved. Designed by our Vatican Artist Mariangela, at the center of our logo are the intertwined letters 'A & M', *Auspice Maria*, which is Latin for under the protection of Mary. The monogram is surrounded by the Cross of the Knights of Calatrava, this cross with Our Blessed Mother at the center signifies our belief in her intercession, always bringing us to the foot of the cross with her Son and to the protection and love that was born there.

Each one of us has the chance to make our world a better place every single day. We do so by choosing to do what is right and good, and choosing to avoid what is wrong. God has given us an internal sensor that helps us seek good and avoid evil; it's called our conscience. He has also given us the Holy Spirit to keep our conscience strong and clear, but we still find it hard to say no to temptation and sin. The Benedictine Blessing Bracelet is an extra help in your battle to make the world a better place and follow the path to heaven. It's like a secret weapon, and it is special for two reasons: The St. Benedict medal has both the image of St. Benedict and the Benedictine Cross. The Benedictine Cross is one of the Church's most powerful symbols of divine protection. It was created in the mid 600's as a symbol of the spiritual truths that enabled St. Benedict and his many followers to resist evil and do good. "The Holy Cross be my Light," is written in Latin on the front of the cross, which is used all over the world to help spread Christ's Kingdom of love and light. The images of the St. Benedict medal are rich in symbolism with each detail carrying a specific meaning. If you research and learn, you can discover the meaning of all of the signs and letters on the medal; let them teach and inspire you. Wear this ancient symbol to help protect your soul, your loved ones and your home from anything contrary to God's goodness.

Father John Bartunek, LC ThD

FONTANINI OPEN HOUSE

Visit MOSACK'S on Saturday, Nov 12, 2016 for our Annual Fontanini Open House. All the new 2016 Nativity Sets, Stables, and Figurine are in stock. Special Pieces featured this year are:



2016 Event Ornament
Holy Family



Cherub with Lantern



Limited Edition
Dionysius
Wine Maker

Online shoppers can view these special pieces and all the 2016 Fontanini Nativity Sets, Village Buildings, Stables, Figurines, Animals, Accessories, and more by visiting SHOP BY BRANDS / FONTANINI on our website: mosacks.com

Nativity Sets and Figures are available in 3.5", 5", 7.5", 12" scales – larger outdoor Nativity Sets are also on display. MOSACK'S has, in stock, the full line of Fontanini Nativities, Glitter Domes, Musicals, Christmas Ornaments, Angels, and Giftware by Roman Inc. FREE SHIPPING is available on any order of \$100 or more.



**Annual
Open House
Nov. 12, 2016
10 - 6:00 pm
Refreshments Served**

AUDREY NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Hello, I am Audrey B. and I work at MOSACK'S on the sales floor and on the E-commerce team. I was born in Cleveland and have lived most of my life in Northeast Ohio. I graduated from St. Mary's of the Assumption Grade School, right next door to MOSACK'S and Lake Catholic High School. I ventured outside Ohio and graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics. I really enjoyed my time in Boston and visited many sites of historical interest there.

I worked at Progressive Insurance for over 28 years in Control and Finance departments. The company really grew in the years I worked there and it provided a lot of opportunities to learn and grow along with the company. MOSACK'S is also a really interesting place to work with the local customers that I am getting to know and the customers across the country and across the world who have found us through our website.

I love to travel and have travelled in 4 continents (North America, Europe, Africa and Australia). I also love to read and enjoy the book room in the store. I am a fan of Cleveland Sports teams and our Metro Park system. I am a member of St. John Vianney parish in Mentor, Ohio and am active on our cluster parish Social Justice Committee, help at our summer festival and bake for the mission circle.



DARLENE DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

I am Darlene W., a proud employee of MOSACK'S since January 2015. Every day that I come to work and interact with customers, I feel like I am in ministry. My best days are when I am helping those who come to MOSACK'S Christian store with a special purpose in mind. After 22 years as an elementary educator and 30 years as a pastor's wife, it is my pleasure to be in conversation with those who enter this unique Mentor store.

I grew up in the Salem, Ohio area and have lived in several Ohio counties after my marriage to Dr. Henry F. W., who was a United Methodist pastor at the time of our marriage. Prior to attending college, I was a small business secretary, a part time church secretary, a floral designer, and a church volunteer. I went on several summer mission trips in various states in the US. I was a non-traditional college student who attended Kent State, Lorain Community College and Cleveland State to complete a B.S. in education. During my second year of teaching I began my masters work and completed my Master of Library Science at Kent State University in Ohio. I taught in the Bedford City Schools and the Chardon Schools during my teaching career. I was named a Jennings Scholar Teacher in 1999 and retired early from teaching in 2012. In July 2012 – July 2013 I was the ultimate caregiver to my husband who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and died a year later.

Being in ministry has been a way of life for me. Working at MOSACK'S is *not work* to me – it's a way for me to be in ministry: giving to God's people, serving others in need and listening compassionately to those who want to share their faith and their life event stories. I try to live each day by being grateful for all God has given me – including the gifts I am privileged to share with others at MOSACK'S.

When I am not at work, I walk and hike for exercise, volunteer as a Lake County Ohio Master Gardener and active church volunteer. I love to read, create greeting cards, arrange fresh and silk flowers, take photographs of nature and landscapes of places while traveling, and cook with fresh organic foods. I am a garden volunteer at the Fairport Harbor Community Garden. All of these activities encourage me to appreciate God's creation.

FOR THOSE GREIVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Consider a gift from MOSACK'S Memorial / Bereavement section to ease the pain of loss and treasure the memory of a loved one. Wind-chimes, flameless candles, keepsake jewelry, and plantable picture frames are some of the unique items offered. **Merry Christmas From Heaven** items are specially appropriate to help in the grieving process at Christmas time. Choose from ornaments that can be engraved with a special message, framed prints, bookmarks, locket and CD. While we grieve, we can remember our loved ones with the hope of salvation and unity in heaven with our God.

Many items may be engraved and personalized. You can add a name, date and/or message on the back of the ornaments. An engraved plate can be added to the photo frames. On-line shoppers can create your personal message on the Order/Comments section at checkout. The engraving fee will be added to your credit card. Please email us at info@mosacks.com with any questions prior to ordering.



A Gift From Heaven

*I am with you always, I live in your heart
I speak to your soul, We are not far apart.*

*When you feel a light breeze, Hear the songs the birds
sing, know that I see every smile your kindness can bring.*

*I see you building your dreams with wisdom and grace
and asking His guidance with each challenge you face.*

*I am more than a memory, You will feel our love grow
I am forever your angel, some things you just know.*

*Please tell me your thoughts, your hopes and your fears
and know that through faith He will heal all your tears.*

*For today, I can share that in heaven above
God has taken my hand I am complete, I am love.*

*Written by Kristan Dean
after the passing of a family member*

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

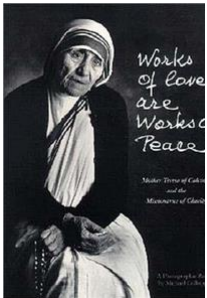
October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Take time to pray for and support your priest, deacon, or church minister. They work tirelessly to meet your needs throughout the year. Show that you care! Send a card, or write a personal note of thanks. Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for a month-long schedule of surprise treats. Each day of the month, the pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee or group. The tributes can vary widely. Some ideas include: Letters from school children, an apple pie, or a gift certificate. After a whole month of pleasant surprises, won't your pastor feel appreciated?

Prayer for Church Leaders:

Almighty God, you give your Church holy leaders filled with charity, goodness and prayer – good shepherds like your Son, Jesus. Through the prompting of your grace may they always realize that they are your chosen ones, called by name.

Comfort them more dearly when they are discouraged, lonely or greatly beset by temptation. Be with them in their troubles; with you they can do all things. Let them know the warmth and support of their congregations and fill them daily with your blessings. Amen

BOOK REVIEW: Mother Theresa Works of Love Are Works of Peace



More than four years in the making and published with the knowledge of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, this 224 page book offers the most comprehensive photographic documentation of the apostolic work and prayer life of the Missionaries of Charity. An important historical record, this beautifully illustrated book vividly portrays the peace and joy that can come when “small things” are done with great love.

with the spiritual counsel of St. Teresa provide a lifetime of rich material for prayer and meditation. Also included is a personal and profound “I Thirst” letter written by Mother Teresa to her order with instructions and insights to her vocation.

“Let us pray that this book will draw people to Jesus, help them realize how much God loves them, and help them to want to pray. Let It be for the glory of God and the good of His people” Mother Teresa

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