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MY SAINT MY HERO TRUNK SHOW

FABULOUS FALL EVENTS

Oct. 6—Collectibles Open House

Nov.1-15—My Saint My Hero Trunk Show

> Nov. 10-Fontanini Open House

Nov. 17—Victoria King Book Signing

Dec. 8—Ne'Qwa Ornament Personalization Event

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MOSACK'S celebrates the Fall— Holiday Shopping Season with several fun events (see inset left). Our staff is ready—come and join the fun! The My Saint My Hero Trunk Show Nov 1-15th will feature the full line of jewelry including the newest introductions for 2018. Ambassador Stephanie will be in-store on Nov 1st



to talk about My Saint My Hero and share stories of prayers answered. 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

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COLLECTIBLES OPEN HOUSE

Kick-off the Holiday Shopping Season on Saturday, October 6, 2018 with our Annual Collectibles Open House. New 2018 pieces are in stock. (*See list of Collections featured on page 4*) Select retired figurines will be sold at discount prices throughout the month. There are Precious Moments and Willow Tree instore purchase with purchase specials for the holiday season. Refreshments will be served!



ELECTION DAY PRAYER

O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank You for the **privilege** of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to You.

We thank You for Your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We thank You for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to You requires that they be politically active.

Awaken Your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

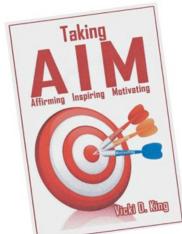
Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to You in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read Your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of Your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Meet Author Vicki King





BOOK SIGNING Sat. Nov 17, 2018 11-3:00 pm

The collection of over 200 religious stories in the book Taking Aim: Affirming, Inspiring and Motivating can be enjoyed in several ways. Stories cab be read individually, the book can be read from cover to cover, and its contents can also be used as a daily devotional. Pick up your signed copy—great for holiday gifts!

THANKSGIVING BE GRATEFUL AND GIVING!

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday in our house. We enjoy the food, the afternoon nap, the sharing with friends and family. This is one of the few non-commercial American holidays – we don't have to buy presents, or go overboard on decorating the house. Thanksgiving is not about getting – it's about giving. We take time to stop, look around and notice the abundance, beauty and love that surrounds us. Good as the turkey dinner is – it's really about the people who fill our lives. If Thanksgiving has always been a little tough for you – or if it seems to get lost in the commercial push to Christmas, take a deep breath, focus on all the blessings in your life, fold your hands, and give thanks to God. Here are some ideas to help you center on the blessings and not the stuffing recipe:

- Prioritize Church Services: Check to see what is available and attend as a family. Reflect and be thankful – you will be inspired!
- Say A little Prayer: Grace around the table before the big dinner, or while beginning the day is a great way to focus on the positive.
- Be Charitable: give to the local food drive, invite someone who lives alone to share your dinner, give others the benefit of the doubt, for-give and ask forgiveness.
- Involve the children! Let them help set the table, make place cards, choose a toy to donate, and make a list of what they are thankful for.







For Those Grieving 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, lockets and CD's. 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.

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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.

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.

Father John Bartunek, LC ThD

Collectibles Open House In-Store Special Offers all month

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 Pizazz and GlowDecor Wall Art Fontanini Heirloom Collection (see also Fontanini Open House on Nov 10, 2018) MOSACK'S COLLECTIBLES OPEN HOUSE



The Advent wreath is full of symbolic meaning:

- <u>The Evergreen Branch</u>: Symbolizes that God's love is never ending and lasts forever. God is life and we have life by dwelling with Him.
- <u>The Circle</u>: 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.
- <u>The Red Berries</u>: Demonstrates to us the sacrifice that Jesus makes for us on the cross.
- <u>The Purple Candles:</u> 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.
- <u>The Pink Candle:</u> The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called Guadete Sunday, which is Latin for Rejoice Sunday. We rejoice because the coming of Christ is near.
- <u>The white candle</u>: 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.



Welcome St. Nicholas The true story of Santa Claus begins with the Bishop of Myra. Nicholas used his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick and the suffering. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity. Dec 5th, on the eve of his feast day, children traditionally fill their shoes with pieces of carrot or bits of hay for St. Nicholas' horse or donkey. Place shoes outside the bedroom doors or on the hearth and see if a candy treat appears by morning!

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Enter to WIN!



Fontanini 110th Anniversary 9 piece Nativity Set with Italian Stable signed by Emanuele Fontanini #54130 \$270.00 value tickets \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00 on sale now **Drawing Held** Dec. 15, 2018



2018 Event Ornament available for one year



Annual **Open House** Sat. Nov. 10, 2018 10 - 6:00 pm **Refreshments Served**

Sleeping St. Joseph Travel Size \$23,50



See all the **NEW 2018** figurines, buildings and accessories



Limited Edition Dahlia \$22.50

SHOP Fontanini Nativity Sets Buildings Figurines Animals and Accessories

available in all sizes



Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent in Rome . This tradition has been going on for over 30 years. It helps "children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Young and old bring the Christ Child from their Nativity or *Precepe* scene to St. Peter's Square and the Pope blesses it during the noon Angelus that day.

As with so many great Catholic traditions, it seems simple on the surface. It's a chance to examine what we're really waiting for as we spend our Advent struggling and wrangling. It's a look inside, at the place we're really clearing for Baby Jesus in our hearts.



A Message from Emanuele:

"The year 2018 is an important anniversary for Fontanini. On a faraway day in October of 1908 was born Presepi Artistici E. Fontanini. The founder of the company, Emanuele Fontanini, travelled Europe for many years selling statues and nativities produced by him. In 1908 he decided it was time to settle in the small town of Bagni di Lucca where he started a

new production and it was then that Fontanini came to light.



Today, after 110 years, the fourth generation celebrates with happiness and pride the achievement of such a significant target. The production has remained in Bagni di Lucca and we have in fact been able to preserve the realization of the statues with the same painting methods used by our ancestors over a century ago. We are proud to continue offering our collectors a product rich with history, tradition and quality. We hope to be able to continue these high production standards and furnish our customers a product to hold dear and pass on for generations. We thank you for your patronage." Emanuele Fontanini

NE'QWA ART ORNAMENTS CREATE A UNIQUE HOLIDAY KEEPSAKE!

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. A short video running in-store demonstrates this fascinating technique. Artists paint the inside of the ornament with a specially designed brush. Every Ne'Qwa Ornament purchase either in-store or online qualifies for entry into a drawing for a free ornament. Drawing to be held Dec. 15th.

Our MOSACK'S Staff will personalize all Ne'Qwa Art items pre-sold in advance and purchased on the day of the event for FREE on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. 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!



INTERNATIONAL SANTA'S

Whatever your nationality, there is a Santa from Jim Shore Heartwood Creek that is made just for you! Part of the Santa's Around the World collection, Father Christmas travels throughout the world. The unmistakable "handcrafted" style of Jim Shore's Heartwood Creek collection captures the essence of traditional themes and motifs of American and European folk art. Each piece features a variety of quilting patterns and colorful combinations making it distinctive. The artist's fresh interpretations of traditional design have broad appeal highlighting a variety of countries and their Christmas customs.



Little ones will especially enjoy Santa Claus, who pays tribute to the birth of Christ on Christmas. Each year Santa is one of the first to wish Baby Jesus a Happy Birthday. "Thank you for spreading the message of Christmas," God whispers gently to Santa , You remind people across the globe to love each other and that is a priceless gift." Santa removes his hat, falls to his knees and celebrates this sacred season with a prayer : "Thank you for making me realize how blessed I am to make this pilgrimage each year!"

Looking for a New Year's Resolution that will help you grow closer to God? Why not read the whole bible in a year? It might sound overwhelming, but there are many study guides and journals to keep you focused. My Daily Catholic Bible, New American Bible translation offers a reading plan that:

- divides all of Sacred Scripture into 365 segments, one for each day of the year (20 minutes a day!)
- features small, manageable readings for each day, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament
- offers an insightful quote from a saint for every day.

There's never been an easier way to read the Bible. You don't have to start on January 1st - just begin on any calendar date and 12 months later you will have made your way through all seventy three books of the bible!. Daily Bibles, Study Bibles, and Journals are available in Christian and Catholic translations. Stop in and browse the selection.



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 songs!

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)

