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## MOSACK'S HISTORY AND MISSION



MOSACK'S Church Goods and Religious Gifts began in 1947 as a supplier of religious products to the Catholic Churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. A showroom and small retail shop opened in 1966 in Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH; then in 1977, MOSACK'S moved to a larger building in Fairport Harbor, OH. years Fifteen later, MOSACK'S Church Goods and Religious Gifts relocated to its present 6,000 square foot store in the Historic District of Mentor, OH - about 25 miles east of Cleveland.

Today, the family owned business is run by Betty Mosack Vento and her husband, Joe Vento, along with a specially trained staff with many years of experience. MOSACK'S has blossomed with thousands of loyal customers who visit the 12-room century home and storefront, shopping for inspirational

faith-based religious merchandise.

Our prayer is that customers find nourishment, serenity, comfort, spirituality, and peace of mind when they visit our store or shop our website at www. mosacks.com.

We believe our love of Christ is reflected in service to God and country through an extensive line of religious goods and exceptional customer service.

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Rooms are named after the twelve apostles. Just as the early followers shared the Spirit of Christ in their homes, so MOSACK'S offers products and services that support prayer, sacramental preparation, reflection, worship and praise.

#### **ST. MATTHEW ROOM:**

Seasonal Displays, Christian Music, Precious Moments, Joseph's Studio, Willow Tree, Jewelry, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Baptism Gifts

**ST. PETER ROOM:** Books - new authors and new titles arrive weekly!

# ST. JAMES THE JUST ROOM: Outdoor Garden Statuary Birdhaths Stepping

Statuary, Birdbaths, Stepping Stones

### ST. JUDE THADDEUS

**ROOM:** Bereavement Gifts, Music Boxes, Confirmation,

Unique Spiral Candles, Birthday Gifts, Pet Gifts

#### **ST. MATTHIAS ROOM:**

Full line of Fontanini Heirloom Nativities, Figures, Buildings, and Accessories.

#### ST. ANDREW ROOM:

Christian Greeting Cards for every occasion, Party Goods, Auto Visor Clips, Key Chains, Inexpensive Medals

#### ST. BARTHOLOMEW

**ROOM:** US Flags, Ohio, Military, Sports, Religious Flags, Poles & Accessories.

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# 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 14+

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 (14+)

# January Celebrations and Resolutions

Make 2014 a time to grow in God's grace and deepen your faith! Devotional Books with Daily Meditations and Reflective Prayers to help you in your Christian prayer life are a great way to start the new year. Pocket size books with day by day devotions are available in several different themes: healing, words of comfort, lives of the saints, Mary, Joseph, the bible and more. Choose one to fit your interest and keep it by your bedside.

January is a popular time for resolutions that improve your life style. Check out the Daniel Diet for a look at meals in biblical times, or move to the beat of Christian Fitness CD from Jack Heinzl.

January 5th celebrates the Feast of the

Epiphany, the visit of the Three Kings to the Christ Child. Take time to Bless your home and all who dwell therein.



January 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Visit your local Right to Life Center for a list of activities and prayer vigils in your area.

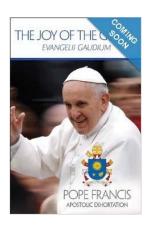
### POPE FRANCIS - THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) is the long-awaiting teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world with encouragement to begin a new chapter in evangelization. This dynamic document is written in the plain, everyday language that the Pope has become famous for. Copies are available at MOSACK'S

store and online beginning in January.

Also available is The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei) Pope Francis' first encyclical released in July This document 2013. reflects the roots of faith as revealed in the story of Abraham, the people of Israel, Christ, Mary and the Church. Referencing the Creed, the Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and Prayer, Pope Francis highlights

the importance of witnessing to and communicating the faith. Speaking to believers and non-believers alike, the document is a call to the communion of persons and the new evangelization. Showing us how we can enhance richness of our human relations within the family and society, Pope Francis sets us on the luminous path to creating a constellation of faith.



# Staff Feature - Morgan studies in Rome

Hello, my name is Morgan. I am a sales associate at Mosack's and an accounting major at Walsh University. This past semester, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Rome, Italy through Walsh University's Global Learning program. Ten other Walsh students and I lived in a dorm in

Castel Gandolfo, a small town outside of Rome, home to the pope's summer home. Rome was our classroom. We took a 45 minute train ride into the city each morning where we went on guided tours of ancient ruins, beautiful churches, and other important sites. We also met with businesses and visited

cultural places around the area, such as a farm and a TV cooking show. In the afternoons, we could wander around and explore the city on our own. At night, we would convene back on campus to eat a traditional Italian dinner together. I learned so much

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# Coming in February

February 2 the Feast of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem falls midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox and in many traditions is considered the beginning of spring. Churches bless and distribute candles on this day a sign of Jesus the True Light of the World.

On February 3, the **Feast** of St. Blaise, candles are

used to bless throats and guard against every other 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 martrydom, is commemorated on February 5. Agatha is the patroness of women suffering from breast cancer and patron saint nurses.

World Day of Prayer

for the Sick occurs on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11. Mary appeared to 14 year old Bernadette in 1858 as the Immaculate Conception. Lourdes, France is a popular pilgrimage sight.

**Valentine's Day** on February 14<sup>th</sup> is a time to remember all couples and the blessings of marriage.

February 17 is **Presidents Day** Wave the flag and show your patriotism!



# Lent Begins March 5, 2014

Lent calls us to believe in the Good News of the Gospel and to repent of all that obscures God's life within us. We hear the biblical accounts of Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan Woman, the healing of the blind man and the raising of Lazarus. Forgiveness, mercy, and new life are given us here and now through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Lent occurs during late spring this year. Take advantage of the growth happening as nature buds forth. We have forty days of Lent. Watching winter fade away and spring blossom reminds us that though it might seem insignificant first at glance, change and rebirth does happen to a growing seed over time. So it is with us - spring reminds us of the power of daily work, daily prayer, changing habits, and taking one step at a time.

Find a way to connect with nature and open yourself to God's Life this year. Plant seeds of faith by reflecting on sacred scripture, praying the Stations of the Cross, and sharing the blessings of the season with those less fortunate. Let God work wonders in your life!



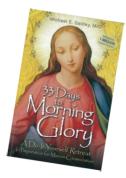
### BOOK REVIEW: 33 Days to Morning Glory by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC

In an age when spiritual values are under constant attack, consecration to Jesus through Mary presents a tried and true way of attaining holiness. First outlined by St, Louis de Montfort, this spiritual path is an easy, sure, safe and

perfect road to travel.

In 33 Days to Morning Glory, Fr. Michael Gaitley presents the reader with a do-it-yourself retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. Based on the teachings of Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe,

Mother Theresa, and Pope John Paul II, this book offers a path to the Heart of Jesus through Mary, His Mother. This retreat will lead you into the mystical wonder of the Immaculate Heart. Your life will never be the same!



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**ST. PHILIP ROOM:** Our Art Gallery features Religious and Inspirational Plaques, Icons, and Framed Artwork.

**ST THOMAS ROOM:** Off Season Goods, Recovery Coins, Serenity Prayer, Footprints, Lord's Prayer, Irish Gifts, Jewish Items, and Gifts for Graduates, Teachers, Nurses, Firefighters, and Police.

**ST SIMON ROOM:** Houses Prayer and Meditation corner, Heartwood Creek by Jim Shore and Inspirational posters

ST. JOHN THE EVAN-GELIST ROOM: Showcases our Church Goods & Clergy Wear including Memorial Vestments, Clerical Shirts, Church Linens, Sacred Vessels and Supplies, Church Candles and Hosts, Pyx and Burse for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound

ST. JAMES THE GREATER
ROOM: Wedding and Anniversary Gifts, Unity Candles, and Feed on the Word Scripture Dinner-ware. It is also the home of our Church Goods and Website Office.



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about history, art, and theology by seeing and experiencing places first-hand, rather than simply reading about them in a textbook.

Since I've returned, everyone keeps asking me what my favorite part was. I loved every moment and every little alleyway of Rome, but nothing compares to St. Peter's Basilica. The entire basilica leaves you in such awe; I was speechless when I first entered. Pilgrims from all over the world flock there to pray in the chapels, receive the Holy Eucharist at Mass, go to Confession, have an audience with the pope, or simply just reflect on the

beauty of it all. As part of my coursework, I led a tour of St. Peter's after researching it extensively. As a Catholic, I felt a special connection to Rome. Not only did I experience the rich beauty and history of Rome, but also the deep spiritual significance of many places. There is something special about praying in places where so many saints and pilgrims have prayed before me.

My time in Rome was something truly special that I'll always look back on. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to go there. Someday I would like to return to Rome and visit it once again. For now, I am happy to be home and back with my family and friends!

