

Religious Articles from the Holy Land

Original Olive Wood Handicrafts from Bethlehem

June 30st & July 1st

Nativity Sets – Creches – Rosaries – Statuettes – Christmas Ornaments – Home, Office and Church Décor

From Bethlehem in the Holy Land, the Bannoura family of Bethlehem Handicrafts imports products from the Christian community of Bethlehem. They are pleased to share their family story and trade to all those who will be present after Masses:

June 30: StA, 5 p.m. Mass; StB, 5:30 p.m. Mass

July 1: StB, 7 a.m. Mass; OLS, 9:30 a.m. Mass

StP, 10 a.m. Mass; StA, noon Mass

As Joseph taught Christ the trade of carpentry in Nazareth, the Bannoura family passed the trade of olive wood artisanship from generation to generation until the present. They take great pride in this distinct and traditional craft, which is one of the principal sources of income for the small but resilient Christian community.

Each item for sale is handcrafted from olive wood with care and precision. Any number of items ranging from Nativity sets to Christmas ornaments will make ideal Christmas gifts for family, friends and coworkers. Other items such as statuettes and rosary beads will make for excellent Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts throughout the year.

For more information and to view available products, please visit www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com.



Religious Articles from Belarus

July 7th & 8th

Icons – Rosaries – Christmas Ornaments – Nested Dolls – Crucifixes

Sister Maria and Sister Anastasia will come from Belarus and sell items to benefit the needy in Belarus.

They will be available after **all Masses** on July 7th & 8th, including St. Peter and St. Ignatius.



A note from the Sisters

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles and souvenirs made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 20 years sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic. It is of great importance to give sick people spiritual support and consolation.

In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 200 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

To help these people the workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and lay sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You can support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

With love in Christ,

Sisters of St Elisabeth

Page on Religious Freedom

Letter of St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More wrote the following letter to his daughter Margaret (Meg) from his cell in the Tower of London where he had been imprisoned by King Henry VIII. Soon after writing this letter, Thomas was condemned to death on trumped up charges.

Although I know well, Margaret, that because of my past wickedness I deserve to be abandoned by God, I cannot but trust in His merciful goodness. His grace has strengthened me until now and made me content to lose goods, land, and life as well, rather than to swear against my conscience. God's grace has given the king a gracious frame of mind toward me, so that as yet he has taken from me nothing but my liberty. In doing this His Majesty has done me such great good with respect to spiritual profit that I trust that among all the great benefits he has heaped so abundantly upon me I count my imprisonment the very greatest. I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God.

By the merits of His bitter passion joined to mine and far surpassing in merit for me all that I can suffer myself, His bounteous goodness shall release me from the pains of purgatory and shall increase my reward in heaven besides.

I will not mistrust Him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how Saint Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning.

And finally, Margaret, I know this well: that without my fault He will not let me be lost. I shall, therefore, with good hope commit myself wholly to Him. And if He permits me to perish for my faults, then I shall serve as praise for His justice. But in good faith, Meg, I trust that His tender pity shall keep my poor soul safe and make me commend His mercy.

And, therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.

Saint Thomas More was born in 1477 and was educated at Oxford. He married and had one son and three daughters. While chancellor in the king's court, he wrote works on politics, culture, and in defense of the Catholic faith. At one time one of King Henry VIII's most trusted ministers, More was beheaded on July 6, 1535 by order of the King whom he and St.

John Fisher had resisted in the matter of the King's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and remarriage to Ann Boleyn. His memorial is celebrated on June 22 together with that of St. John Fisher who was beheaded on this date.

From the US Catholic Conference of Bishops

June 4, 2018. WASHINGTON—Today, the U.S. Supreme Court decided the case of *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*. The case involves a Christian baker named Jack Phillips who declined in 2012 to create a custom wedding cake for a same-sex ceremony. State officials sought to compel Phillips to create such cakes under Colorado's public accommodations law. The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of Phillips under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued the following joint statement:

"Today's decision confirms that people of faith should not suffer discrimination on account of their deeply held religious beliefs, but instead should be respected by government officials. This extends to creative professionals, such as Jack Phillips, who seek to serve the Lord in every aspect of their daily lives. In a pluralistic society like ours, true tolerance allows people with different viewpoints to be free to live out their beliefs, even if those beliefs are unpopular with the government."

The USCCB filed an *amicus curiae* brief supporting Masterpiece Cakeshop, which can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs/upload/16-111-tsac-USCCB.pdf>.

From Father Michael

The first sentence in *The Dialogue* by St. Catherine of Siena states: "A soul rises up, restless with tremendous desire for God's honor and the salvation of souls." This is the summary of our mission on earth.

We must fight for God's honor and the salvation of souls. The B.I.B.L.E. (= basic instructions before leaving earth) tells us what our Master expects of us. As Christians, no matter how loving we are toward others, there are people who want nothing to do with our God. When people rebel against the teachings of Jesus, they are, in a sense, declaring themselves enemies of God. Some are hostile and begin to call us homophobes, bigots, racists, fascists, Nazis, etc. However, those hostile to Christ and His Church are "**Christophobes**." They are afraid to follow Jesus Christ! "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Upcoming Church Celebrations

June 29, Fri, St. Peter: Mass at 6 p.m.; then dinner.

July 26, Thurs, St. Anne: Mass at 5 p.m.; then dinner

July 4th Masses: Praise God for Our Freedoms

Time is a gift. Freedom to worship is a gift. We invite you to come to Mass on Wednesday, July 4th, and thank God for His gift of time and the freedom He has given to us in America. Masses followed by the Patriotic Rosary:

-**St. Peter**, 8:30 a.m.

-**Our Lady of the Snow**, 9:30 a.m.

-**St. Bernard**, 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday Devotion, July 7, at Our Lady

Our Lady at Fatima requested that we go to Mass, Confession, recite the Rosary, and meditate on it for 15 minutes for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month. You have a chance to respect her request this coming Saturday at Our Lady of the Snow.

Rosary, 9:30 a.m. followed by meditation, then Confession. Mass, 11 a.m.

Let us Think about Our Purpose in Life

I was created for eternal happiness with God in Heaven. Everything else must take second place in my life, because if I lose Heaven, I will be losing everything. The sure guide to Heaven is God's holy Will. If I follow it in my daily life, every moment on earth will be a sure step toward the perfect happiness which my heart craves.

Marian Shrine Restoration Project at Saint Bernard

The restoration committee is proud to announce the completion of the project.

The dome of the shrine has been completed restored as well as the interior dome and should last for another 100 years. The two prayer benches were constructed onsite last week. All the stone work was done by Don Summers from Grand Lake. The statue of Our Lady itself will most likely need to be restored in the near future.

It was a labor of love and we believe the Shrine will continue to be a prayerful sanctuary and place of meditation for everyone for many years to come. Please come and see!

Sports-Bible Camp; July 19-20

-Days: Thursday-Friday

-Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

-Where: Fraser Valley Sports Complex.

-For boys and girls: kindergarten completed through 6th grade completed.

-Typical sports: volleyball (this is a real sport; everything else is just a game), basketball, soccer, martial arts.

-No cost.

Improvements/Repairs Coming to Our Lady of the Snow and St. Bernard

We will get brand new carpet at both churches. The carpet is worn out and we will go with carpet squares.

The carpet at OLS is bubbling up in a few places; also, more and more stains are appearing. The carpet at OLS is 18 years old; at StB, probably over 30.

At StB, it looks like we have an outdoor underground pipe that is leaking. We are looking at ways to fix the problem and replace the old pipe. This will be costly.

Life and Legacy Golf Tournament

-When: Friday, July 20

-Where: Grand Elk Golf Course, Granby

-Time: 7:30 a.m. breakfast, 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. tee-off.

-Registration: \$135/golfer; \$500/team

PRC: 979-887-3617

-Proceeds: Pregnancy Resource Connection and WPCS

Calendar of Events

-**Jun 23 (Sat)**. Mass resumes at StB; 5:30 p.m.

-**Jul 7 (Sat)**. First Saturday Mass at OLS, 11 a.m.

-**Jul 19-20 (Thu-Fri)**. Sports-Bible Camp in Fraser

Mass Collections, June 16 – 17

St. Anne	\$ 2579
St. Bernard	3972
Our Lady of the Snow	1511
St. Peter	524
St. Ignatius	347
Total	\$ 8933

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Blaise Buches & Daniel Rivas

Sun—Jason DiRito & Rommy Goyes

Mon—David Hall & Drew Jones & Jun Pham

Tue—Drazen Hosi & Javier Moreton

Wed—All men called to the diaconate

Thu—Trevor Lontine & Kyle McDonald

Fri—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Jun 23, StA, 5 p.m., Jordan and Victoria Goray

-Sat, Jun 23, StB, 5:30 p.m., Len and Cheryl Conley

-Sun, Jun 24, StB, 7 a.m., Michael and Joan Good

-Sun, Jun 24, OLS, 9:30 a.m., People in our region/visitors

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Jun 25, StA, 8:30 a.m., Jeremy/Nicollette Seabaugh

-Tue, Jun 26, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Keith and Laur Nord

-Wed, Jun 27, StB, 8:30 a.m., Joseph Kullman

-**Thu, Jun 28, OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Jordan and Victoria Goray

-**Fri, Jun 29, OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Laursen Family

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Jun 24, StP, 10 a.m., John and Julie Kleinhenz

-Sun, Jun 24, StI, 1 p.m., People in our region and visitors

-**Fri, Jun 29, StP, 6 p.m.**, Fr. Peter's intention