

## LITTLE ITALY NEWS • MARCH 2008

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### TELLING OUR STORY - UPDATE BOOK PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED

by Mike Esposito

Recently as we completed the book proposal required by Arcadia Publishing Company, Marion Field and I recalled the words of Italian ambassador Sergio Vento who addressed the first Little Italy Tourism Conference held in Troy several years ago. He reminded those attending of "the power of memory as a formula for a great project". The descriptions required in the proposal and those accompanying the twenty sample photos sent along as attachments provide a simple glimpse into our story, the story of life in Little Italy which hopefully will be preserved and shared through the pages of the book being proposed.

It has been our pleasure to speak with several dozen current and past residents of the neighborhood as we request photographs and other memorabilia for the book. The collections of photographs we seek are brought to our attention with each issue of The Historian and the Daily Historian published by The Record. Past and present residents of Little Italy are frequent contributors to the pictorial history depicted in photos submitted to our local newspaper. Whenever our volunteers staff neighborhood information tables there is always great interest in exhibits of photographs and written stories of the neighborhood. The power of our collective memory keeps the history of the neighborhood alive. We are confident that, by word of mouth, and by the personal contact of volunteers from our group, we will obtain a balanced representation of the history of people from the neighborhood in photographs.

In the meantime we will continue to contact people and encourage you to organize and preserve your family history especially through photographs. The technology of digital cameras, scanning photos on computer files and genealogy software is amazing but a couple of photo albums and a shoe box full of photos also work! Passing photos around the family table and sharing them with youngsters will never go out of style. We expect to hear from

the publishing firm in the near future and will keep you current on the process of planning for this interesting project. Don't be surprised if some day soon you receive a call asking for photos!

### TROY LITTLE ITALY APPLIES FOR 2008 CBDG FUNDING

Troy Little Italy submitted an application for Community Development Block Grant funds last month. Announcement of the grants will come in early spring. We have been able to add over the past two years historic markers, banners, planters, public trash receptacles and other visible improvements to the Little Italy neighborhood because of these grants. We hope that our proposals for funding will meet with success again in 2008.

### LOOK WHO'S COMING

The first day of spring this year, 2008, is March 20. The solstice will be at 5:48 GMT. With spring will come the first leaves on the trees, the early spring bulbs will bloom, and rain will replace wet snow. Some of us will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. and hunt for hidden eggs, Troy Little Italy wishes all the best for the new season. Enjoy all the new life that will be springing up around us.



### READY FOR YOUR STIMULUS CHECK THIS SUMMER?

Outlined below are the key components of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. For additional information, please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Starting in May, the IRS will begin sending stimulus payments to an estimated 130 million taxpayers. The vast majority of taxpayers don't need to do anything more than file a 2007 tax return. The IRS will then do all the rest, including determining eligibility and stimulus amounts. The stimulus payments could be as much as \$600 for single filers and \$1,200 for joint filers. In addition, taxpayers may be eligible to receive an additional \$300 per qualifying child. Stimulus amounts begin phasing out at Adjusted Gross Income levels of \$75,000 for a single filer and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.

### Now, this is a really important part.

Only taxpayers who file a 2007 tax return with valid Social Security numbers will be able to receive a stimulus payment. If filing a joint return, both spouses must have valid Social Security numbers. And, children must have valid Social Security Numbers to be eligible as qualifying children. Individual taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) and adoption taxpayer identification numbers (ATINs) are not eligible.

The legislation also provides stimulus payments to recipients of Social Security and veterans with disabilities benefits if they receive at least \$3,000 in earned income and/or benefits from these programs. They need to file a tax return in order to receive that payment. Social Security recipients, veterans with disabilities, widows of veterans with disabilities, and railroad retirement benefits recipients, who normally are not required to file a tax return, **will need to send in a simple tax return this year in order to receive a check.**

The IRS.gov web site will be the best source of information for all stimulus questions. This page will contain all the latest information as it becomes available.

**GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE AT THE WEED AND SEED VITA SITE!!!**  
 Don't waste your money at a fee based service! If you make less than \$40,000 you qualify to have your tax return done for free by a certified professional at the CYO. Call (518) 270-4689. Appointments are available on Wednesdays 6-9pm, Thursdays and Saturdays 9-2pm. Thanks to all of our neighborhood volunteers who make this site possible! If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to troyweedandseed@yahoo.com

**SOUTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND TROY LITTLE ITALY**

The last Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 20th at the Freihofers Race Headquarters. A general review of neighborhood code issues was given by Officer Chris McDonald. Crime statistics were not available for this meeting. As discussed in the meeting, it is everyone's responsibility to call in concerns to the proper city department. A major topic of concern this month was garbage. Concerns ranged from garbage being put days before scheduled pick-up times, garbage not being picked up by the city and the dumping of garbage by those who not live in the neighborhood. The block with the most shared concerns was the block between Liberty and Division and 4th and 3rd Streets. After speaking with DPW (the Department of Public Works) we learned:

- DPW is ticketing owners who leave construction debris at the curb for pick-up.
  - DPW agrees to distribute a flyer to residents which states City of Troy code regulations regarding garbage and trash.
- If you have concerns about garbage or trash pick-up, please call DPW at 270-4579.

Eric McMahan from the Troy Fire Department was our guest speaker and gave the following fire prevention tips:

- Service furnaces and chimneys on an annual basis
- Use only licensed electricians on your property
- Make sure an escape plan is in place and all family members know it
- When using two sided locks, make sure the key is in the interior lock when people are home.
- If a fire breaks out in your multiple dwelling, close doors on your way out to slow the fire.
- Change batteries and test with smoke all fire alarms on a semi-annual basis
- If you have flickering or dimming lights, have an electrician test for problems that could potentially cause fires
- Old electrical cable should be limited to 15 amps

Other topics included these topics:

- Report suspected drug activity to the anonymous hot line at 270-5004. In emergencies, call 911.

**SUNDAY DINNER, c. 1954**  
 We all like to reminisce about the past especially our childhood. For all Italians who grew up near their grandparents this clip, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=U08Bv7UQT1w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U08Bv7UQT1w), will bring back good memories. For everyone else you will have a look into how Italian descendents of all Little Italy's grew up in the 40's and 50's.



*The Lamiano and the DeMaria*

- South central Neighborhood watch alerts and updates will be emailed directly to you if you like. Contact [scroywatch@gmail.com](mailto:scroywatch@gmail.com) to be placed on the mailing list.
- The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be on March 19th at 6:00 at 233 Fourth St. at the corner of 4th and Washington. Bring a friend!

**VENDORS WANTED MARKETFEST AND INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW**

The 2nd Annual Market Fest Saturday, May 3rd, will be 10am-4pm, in the MarketPlace on Hill between Liberty and Washington Sts. Music, entertainment, children's activities, food and beverages. Vendors with crafts, jewelry, antiques, artists or collectibles are desired to showcase and sell their items. The cost is \$25. For more information: contact Marion, 518 266-1406 or [mvf1406@aol.com](mailto:mvf1406@aol.com).

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Remember to set your clock an hour ahead on Sunday, March 9, or you'll be late. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am that day.

**COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

An informational public meeting was held at City Hall on Thurs., Feb. 28 to discuss the formation of a Troy-based community orchestra that will utilize local and regional musicians. The organizers were introduced and the mission of the orchestra discussed. Contact Vito Ciccarelli at 518-270-4624 in order to participate, ask questions and provide your input.

**Garbage Collection Notice**

Please note the following rules from § 247 of the City of Troy Code

All Garbage must be in cans with lids. If you have alley access, your garbage collection is in the alley. Garbage should not be put out more than 10 hours prior to pickup. Failure to follow City Code will result in fines.

Please be responsible and follow the rules with garbage. It will make our neighborhood better.

§ 247-9. Such containers, when filled with solid wastes to be removed, shall be placed at the curb adjacent to the premises owned or occupied by him/her or, if there be an alley in the rear of such premises, in such alley close to such premises, not more than 12 hours before collection of solid wastes in the residential areas and not more than 10 hours before collection of solid wastes in the business areas of the City.

For questions about garbage pickup and times, call Dept. of Public Works - (518) 270-4579

## T-NAC NEWS

T-NAC (Troy Neighborhoods Action Council) was organized in February 2007 when members of several long-time Troy neighborhood associations gathered to discuss ways to effectively communicate with each other and share ideas to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. T-NAC members include volunteers from a dozen neighborhood associations and neighborhood watch groups from the 'Burgh to South Troy, from downtown districts to the East Side, representing years of experience in organizing residents and planning local events and activities to engage people in the life of their diverse neighborhoods.

T-NAC meets regularly on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30 – 7 PM at different locations, TBA. **Please join us on March 26th for the next T-NAC meeting.** Call TRIP at 272-8289 x14 for the exact location or check with your neighborhood group. Please consider joining a T-NAC committee which is hard at work creating a program that will help people start or effectively lead neighborhood groups. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at noon at TRIP's office at 415 River Street. If you are interested in attending, please contact Leslie at TRIP at 272-8289 x22.

## BUSINESSES GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Our neighborhood has had many interesting specialized businesses providing services over the years. Among those left off our list of places to remember:

**Montanino's Infant of Prague Shop** was owned and operated by Carmella (Esposito) Montanino and her husband Anthony. Their business, a typical "mom and pop" operation was located at 68 Hill Street a few doors way from their home at 76 Hill Street. Their business was providing dresses and capes to adorn the Infant of Prague, a statue of the Christ Child standing with a globe of the world in one hand and his other hand in a gesture of a blessing. Carmella would sew the beautiful colored materials for the dress, the cape and the small insert for the crown in liturgical colors used for specific holy days – red for Christmas, purple for the Lenten season, gold or white for Easter, etc.

**Dinny's Hat Shop** was owned and operated for almost thirty years by Anthony Ciarlone on Third Street, originally north of State and then between Ferry and Congress just a block from the Ciarlone family residence. Almost

every type of hat was cleaned and repaired and those never claimed were eventually sold; but selling hats was not a regular part of the business.

**DeMaria's Meat Market** located at 229 Fourth Street just above Washington was owned and operated by Giuseppe (Don Pepe) DeMaria for over thirty years. A skilled butcher who learned his trade in Cervinara, Italy, as a young man, Don Pepe was in his own right a colorful figure in Troy's Little Italy neighborhood for many years. For a time, the storefront was also Pop's Grill, well known for its Italian cuisine. Like many owners of businesses in the old neighborhood, the DeMaria family lived in a flat above the store.

## CHILD ID DAY

CHILD ID Day will be held Wed., March 19th 4-6pm South Central Troy Neighborhood Watch, 233 4th St, Freihofers Race Headquarters corner of Washington and 4th Street. Call (518)632-1082 to make an appointment to get an ID Card for your child.

Statistics show that 34 percent of parents in the United States do not know their child's exact height, weight and eye color. And, when a child is reported missing, time can be the greatest adversary. Possessing up-to-date photographs and detailed information about a child can prove to be important proactive measures that can greatly assist local law enforcement officials to quickly respond to a child's disappearance.

The cards contain a child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or pocketbook. Interested parents can choose to store the fingerprints, basic biographical information and photographs of children who are not missing -- information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. The storage of information is entirely voluntary and requires the written consent of a parent or legal guardian. The information gathered is digitally recorded and stored in a database at the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in Albany. In the event DCJS receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child will be included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency. ([www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/pio/safechild.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/pio/safechild.htm))

Parents will be asked to fill out a brief questionnaire for each child and an ID card will be generated for all attending. Each child will then be in the registry for emergencies. Please call 632-10822 to make an appointment for March 19th.

## MARCH AT TROY MUSIC HALL

The Music Hall has a few things happening during March.

**March 2**, 4pm High School Choral Festival.  
**March 5 & 8**, 8pm, Troy Chromatics Concert, Czech Philharmonic.

**March 8**, 1 & 7pm, Empire State Youth Orchestra.

**March 11**, Music@Noon – Free and open to the public, no ticket required, Judy Handler & Mark Leveque, World Music with guitar and mandolin.

**March 14**, 8pm, Albany Symphony ~ Key's American Music Festival.

**March 16**, 7pm, Pianist Yundi Li.

**March 21**, 8pm, Harvard Glee Club.

For more information, please visit [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org) or call the Box Office at (518) 273-0038

## TROY KNITTERS 4 U

Have you ever wished you could knit? Troy Knitters will be happy to help you with that. They meet at Flavour Cafe, 230 4th St., in Troy the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6-7:30pm. The mitts shown below were knit in about a weeks time by a gal who began learning to knit just last October. You can learn more at [www.troyknitters.org](http://www.troyknitters.org) or just drop by for the next session.



*Maria Amalia's Mitts*

Troy Knitters is planning the **Troy Yarn and Fiber Show** to be held on April 26 at the Troy Winter Farmers Market in the Atrium, 3rd and Bdwy. If you are interested in exhibiting or vending fiber related goods, you may go to [www.troyknitters.com](http://www.troyknitters.com) for a registration form, contact [troyyarnandfibershow@gamil.com](mailto:troyyarnandfibershow@gamil.com) or call Jean Krueger at 518 272 4972. Admission is free to the public.

## **CELEBRATE SPRING WITH A BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Troy Public Library will be sponsoring a Spring Book Sale at The BookCellar located in the lower level of the Library's Main Branch at 100 Second Street on Saturday, April 5th, from 10 am to 2pm. All regularly priced FICTION in hard cover, paperback and audio books on cassette as well, will be available for a dollar a bag. Choose from popular fiction, science fiction, mystery, romance, classics and children's books of fiction.

The Non-Fiction items – from biography and history to travel, from the arts to self-help, will still be available at our regular bargain prices – fifty cents each for hardbound and twenty five cents each for soft cover. Great old films on VHS and DVD are still only fifty cents each; over-sized books are one dollar and special priced (hard to find volumes) are from two dollars and up. Friends merchandise – tote bags, sweatshirts, T-shirts, note cards and mugs are also available and make fine gifts. The BookCellar, staffed by our faithful volunteers, is open every Wednesday, 10 am to 2pm and (except July and August), the first Saturday of each month, 10 am to 2 pm.

## **WATCH THE ROCKWELL HOUSE**

In 1953 artist Norman Rockwell created a painting imagining 4th Street, Troy as it might have looked in 1903 when one of Henry Ford's new automobiles came by. The house at 296 4th St., its family, and many neighbors were pictured in an illustration done for a Ford calendar.

On Saturday, June 28 Troy Little Italy is sponsoring a photographic reenactment of that painting, "The Street Was Never the Same". There were at least 18 adults, 13 children, a horse, a car, a buckboard, and several dogs in the original. Little Italy invites you to take part as a character or an observer to this special day, June 28. More information will be available through the Little Italy newsletter and media outlets.

## **ART CENTER CLASSES**

Here's some new classes being offered at The Arts Center. Enrich your life.

**Precious Metal Clay**, Sat., March 15

**Watercasting**, Sun., March 9

**Wire Wrapping**, Sat, April 5

**Personalized Study in Metal**, Mon., March 3

**Ndebele Sampler Necklace**, Thurs., May 1

**The African Helix**, Thurs., March 13

**Off Loom Weaving Workshop: Coil Basketry**, March 15

**Beginning Painting**-March 4

**Beginning Figure Drawing**-March 4

**Monotype** - March 6

**Create a Stained Glass Panel**-March 15

**Stained Glass Mosaic Workshop**-April 12

**Food Writing Basics**-March 12

**Preschool Art Time**, Sat., March 29 - May 17.

The Arts Center of the Capital Region  
265 River Street, Troy, NY 12180,  
www.artscenteronline.org Call 273-0552 for more information or registration.

## **FULTON STREET GALLERY**

Now on display, **A Gathering of Peers, Works in Clay**, featuring the Saratoga Clay Guild, Regis Brodie and Leslie Ferst, showing February 16 - March 22, 2008, open Wed.-Sat., 12 to 4pm, Wed. & Thurs., 6 to 8pm. Fulton Street Gallery, 408 Fulton Street, Troy, NY 12180, 518-274-8464, fax 518-274-8479, info@fultonstreetgallery.org, www.fultonstreetgallery.org., Director-Colleen Skiff.

## **MARTINEZ GALLERY CELEBRATES**

### **Looking Back: Seven Years of Art at the Martinez Gallery**

Selections from the Gallery's extensive inventory featuring most of the artists who have exhibited since 2001. Opening Reception, Friday, Feb 29, 5 to 9pm, during Troy Night Out, Saturday, March 1, 2 to 4 pm. The public is invited. Martinez Gallery, 3 Broadway, Troy, NY. 518 -274 - 9377.

## **SPRING GARDEN DAY 2008**

A celebration of gardening in Rensselaer Count and the Capital District will be held at Tamarac/Brunswick High School, Troy, NY, on March 15, 2008, from 8:45am to 3:30pm. Classes in gardening, a delicious lunch, used gardening books for sale and door prizes are just part of the excitement. Advance registration by March 7 is required for workshops, call 272 4210 for additional information or to receive a brochure.

## **CAPITAL DISTRICT FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW**

Friday, March 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The show is held at Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenburg Ave. (Rt. 4), Troy, New York. The Garden Show is one of upstate New York's premier annual events, the Capital District Flower and Garden Show's grand garden marketplace affords gardeners the opportunity to find those unique garden and craft items from hundreds of specialty dealers. This year's show offers a variety of new vendors to go along with many of the old favorites from previous shows. At the Capital District Garden & Flower Show experts are available every day to answer your questions and fill you with inspiration. Proceeds benefit the Wildwood Programs. General Admission, at the door \$10, children under 15 free. Advance sale tickets for \$8 are available at Price Chopper Feb. 26 - March 27, two day pass \$1. Seniors (age 62) - \$7.00 on Senior Day at the door Friday, March 28. For details email info@gardenandflowershow.com or go to www.gardenandflowershow.com.

## **MONOPOLY ENTHUSIASTS**

Register to play in the Troy Booster Club's first Monopoly Tournament March 30, noon to 5pm, in the Student Union at RPI, 15th and Sage Ave. FOOD. PRIZES. FUN. The Booster Club supports sports teams and extra-curricular activities at Doyle Middle School and Troy High School. Players of all ages, \$10 to play, register ahead of time or at the door. Spectators come to cheer your friends and heckle the heartless landlords. Businesses- please sponsor a game table for \$250 or the championship table for \$500. Contact troyboosterclub@yahoo.com for more info.



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## THE SANCTUARY FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA

**People To People In Iran**, 7pm, Wed 3/5.

**Workshop, Media Literacy for Educators** workshop 1 PM Sun 3/9.

**The Yes Men Live!**, 7pm, Tues., March 18.

For more information visit [www.MediaSanctuary.org](http://www.MediaSanctuary.org) or call 518-272-2390. The Sanctuary for Independent Media is located at 3361 6th Avenue in north Troy.

## TROY NIGHT OUT

Troy Night Out will be held on Friday, March 28 this month. As always, art and live music will be found on every block during Troy Night Out, with over 30 galleries and special one-night-only exhibits in vacant storefronts. Live musicians playing everything from funk to jazz to bluegrass will be performing in 15 venues and on street corners throughout the city. A complete list of events can be found by visiting <http://www.troynightout.org>. Don't miss it!

## HELP RESOURCES

Emergencies	911
Traffic Safety	270-5157
Non-Emergencies	270-4411
Downtown Station	270-4421
North Station	237-2398
South Station	273-1682
Community Police	270-4689
Special Operations	270-5854
Animal Control	270-4640
Tip Line, Anonymous	270-5004
Detective Unit	270-4426

## RICOTTA PIE

### Ingredients

- 1 dozen eggs
- 2 lbs of Ricotta Cheese
- 2 1/2 cups of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of vanilla
- grated orange peel
- cinnamon
- 1 large Hersey bar

### Preparation

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Mix eggs, ricotta, sugar and vanilla in large bowl until everything is well blended. Grate orange peel (about 1/2 of the orange), cut the Hersey bar in small pieces and add to the mixture. Pour into a greased rectangle baking dish, sprinkle the top of the pie with cinnamon and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Enjoy!!!

## ROLLER DERBY

Join Troy's own Emily Menn aka Miranda Wrights as she referees the non-stop action. You gotta see it to believe it!

**March 29:** Albany All Stars Travel Team, The Empire Skate Troopers battle Westchester

County's Suburbia Roller Derby

**April 26:** Albany All Stars Travel Team, The Empire Skate Troopers lay out the pain on Syracuse's Assault City Roller Derby.

All bouts are at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany (at Washington Ave & Lark St). Doors open at 6pm, Bout at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 (under 12 free) and available at the Washington Avenue Armory box office and Ticketmaster. If you want floor seating close to the action with the extra fun danger of rollergirl induced injury, come early and bring a chair. Support your favorite team with signs and shirts.

## A WOMEN'S SEDER

A Seder just for women will take place Thursday, April 3, hosted by Congregation Berith Shalom- Troy at Temple Beth El, 187 Third St., Troy, NY. Seating begins at 5:30, the Seder is from 6-9pm. The leaders will be Rabbi Debora Gordon and Rabbi Shoshanah King-Tornberg. Tickets for adults are \$35, students \$30 and children under 12 \$20; admission includes a copy of the updated Women's Haggadah, RSVP by March 22, please. Kosher Chicken or vegetaian dinners will be served. The event benefits Unity House of Troy's Women's Shelter and the Ronald McDonald House. Call Wendy Kay at 518 272 8872 if you have questions. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## EASTER STORY COOKIES

Here is a project for the family (to be made the evening before Easter) meant for children to put the mystery (and wonder) of Easter into their lives. You need: 1c. whole pecans, 1 tsp. vinegar, 3 egg whites, pinch salt, 1c. sugar, zipper baggie, wooden spoon, tape, Bible, mixing bowl, wax paper, cookie sheet

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F  
Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested he was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave his life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because he loves us. He wants us to know and belong to him.

Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66. GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9

## WORSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN LITTLE ITALY

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third & Washington Sts. Weekend Masses: Sat. 4 P.M. Sun. 10 A.M. Weekday Masses: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9 am. Soup Kitchen: Wed & Thurs., 4-5, ongoing. Volunteers needed.. **Holy Week Services**, Holy Thursday: March 20th, 6 pm. Covered dish supper at Donaghy Center in the lower level of the church following the Holy Thursday service. Good Friday: March 21st, 6 pm, Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, Easter Vigil: March 22nd, 8 pm, Easter Morning: March 23rd, 10 am, Annual Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, March 29th, following the 4 pm Saturday vigil service at the Donaghy Center in the lower level of the church

### St. John's Episcopal Church

Corner of 1st and Liberty Street. Sunday services at 8 & 10 A.M. The Basement Thrift Shop: Wed. & Sat., 9 A.M.– Noon, on-going. St. John's has a number of Tiffany windows in its sanctuary, well worth a visit even if you aren't Episcopalean. **Holy Week Services**, March 16 Palm Sunday, Thurs., March 20 Agape Supper and service at 6pm, Fri., March 21 Stations of the Cross at noon, and Good Friday service at 7pm, St., March 22 Childrens Eggstravganza at 10am, March 23 Easter Day with Services at 8 & 10am, and brunch at 9am. All are welcome.

### St. Anthony of Padua Shrine Church

28 State Street Troy NY 12180  
Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun. 9am, 10 am (Spanish), 12 & 5:30 pm.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Thurs.7:15am & 12 pm.

**St. Ann's Maronite**, 184 Fourth Street  
Mass: Saturday 4 p.m. (except 1st sat. of month) Sunday 11 p.m.

**Beth Tephilah Synagogue**  
82 River Street. Saturday 10 a.m. Service  
**Congregation Berith Sholom**

187 Third Street, Friday Service 7:30 p.m.  
**United Ordained Church of Christ**  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School , 11 a.m.  
Worship, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class.

### HOME OWNERSHIP SEMINARS

**Home Maintenance Education Training**  
Nine classes; sign up for all 9 or any individual class. Free. Learn electrical, plumbing, flooring, wall repair, painting, and more. Classes start at the end of February and run through the end of April on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 pm and are held at Sears in Colonie Center., Rt. 5 and Wolfe Rd., Colonie, NY.

### Money Smart Workshop

Learn the necessary tips for purchasing your first home or achieving other financial goals. Understand banking, budgeting, credit, managing debt, and avoiding predatory loans. March 25 (Part 1) and March 27 (Part 2) from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at the Arts Center. Seating is limited so registration is required at 690-0020.

### Foreclosure Prevention Workshop.

Learn how to protect yourself against possible foreclosure. April 8 @ 6 PM @ TRIP Home Ownership Center at 251 River Street (next to City Hall), 518-690-0020.

### LITTLE ITALY REAL ESTATE

#### For Sale

#### 1 FAMILY

244 Hill Street \$139,900 Luanne 286-1000  
29 Jefferson St \$68,500 Joe 286-2903  
301 4th Street \$85,500 Harvey 466-1303

#### 2 FAMILY

50 Ida Street \$24,900 Leon 727-7493  
322 4th Street \$94,800 Virginia 640-4029  
121 Adam St. \$139,900 Leon 717-7493

#### MULTI UNITS

78 Hill Street \$149,900 Leon 727-7493  
276 3rd Street \$180,000 Theron 279-1166  
177 4th Street \$239,900 Barbara 424-5291  
165 4th Street \$149,900 Eric 339-9137  
159 Second St. \$239,900 Jim 279-1900

#### For Rent

**140 3rd St.-1** bdrm, totally rehabed, built-in microwave, direct access to coin op laundry, \$475/mo+util, 1st, last+ sec. 518 283 8909.

#### BINGO

**CYO Center**, Tuesday, 7 pm Bingo Green (4th and Fulton St.)

**St. Anthony's Church**, Sunday, 7 pm Bingo Green (4th and Fulton St.) Volunteers needed.

### PAIN RELIEF IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

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### EASTER BAKING TRADITIONS

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Spring has arrived full of pastel colors and tulips and daffodils blooming. Colored eggs, bunnies hopping, Easter bonnets and Easter parades, all signs that Easter is right around the corner. Time to also start thinking about baking Easter breads and sweets for your Easter breakfasts, brunches, and dinners.

Primarily, Easter is known as a Christian holiday that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But did you know that the word Easter was taken from the goddess of spring, Eostre. Sacrifices were made to the Goddess Eostre, whose festival was celebrated in the spring around the time of the Passover.

Over the years a wide variety of symbols have become associated with Easter. The fashionable Easter bonnet, the cuddly Easter Bunny, colorful and creative Easter eggs, the spectacular Easter parades, beautiful Easter lilies, the symbolic Paschal candle and the peaceful Paschal lamb are all symbols that have become associated with Easter. Christians in over 80 nations will be celebrating Easter. Every family and ethnic culture has various traditions, symbols and customs that lead up to the celebration of Easter. On Palm Sunday, baskets, flowers and crosses are woven from the palms to be blessed and then given to family and friends. Others prepare baskets to take to the church to be blessed by the priests on Holy Saturday. The baskets contain food, such as the colored eggs, meats, cheeses and the Easter Bread that is to be eaten at the Easter dinner.

Easter is known as La Pasqua in Italy and is celebrated in many Italian homes with Easter breads and pastries. In some Italian homes a variety of egg omelets, called frittatas, along with an assortment of sausages and other meats, are served on Holy Saturday with Pane di Pasqua or Italian Easter bread. Pane di Pasqua is a braided bread with colored eggs nestled within the bread. Also served are breads shaped in the form of chicks or doves and dough babies, which are breads that are baked with a whole egg placed in their 'belly'. All of these foods are brought to church for the Easter Vigil to be blessed before being served to family and friends.

The Polish Culture create a basket and call this tradition Swieconka or the Blessing of the Baskets. For the Swieconka, the baskets are lined with white linen and are filled with some of the following items: Butter shaped like a lamb called a Maslo, Horseradish or Chrzan, Kielbasa, Decorated Eggs or Pisanki, and Babka, a Polish Easter Bread. A variety of traditional Easter breads and baked goods are made and served in many different parts of the world.