

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service, Inc

Home of  
Historic Holy Trinity

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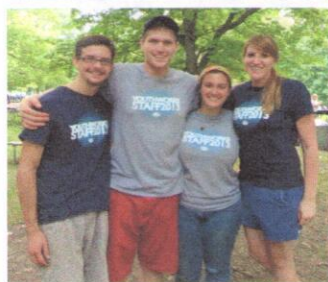
MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Dear Lord has continued to bless us throughout the year. We would not be where we are today without the blessings and graces He gives us. On November 8, we reached a milestone anniversary, celebrating our 5 years as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We hosted the wedding of Melissa (Labuda) and Brian Frazer, celebrated the funeral Mass for Diane Walck, wake service for Ronda Koban-Sortore and a memorial service for Michael Quinn. YouthWorks helped out over the summer, our "Fish Fry" Friday Tours continued, and the Donation/Distribution Center expanded.

The New York State Preservation League awarded us a Technical Assistance Grant. We received donations to complete the renovation of the convent chapel and upgrade the sound system in the church. In addition, we were one of the sponsors for the Fatima/Divine Mercy Conference.



YOUTHWORKS



After a year off (in 2012), the YouthWorks program called Niagara Falls home again in 2013 during the months of June, July and August. We were blessed to have several groups from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and West Virginia help with various projects around the complex. They cut grass, pulled weeds, painted, built shelves, moved and organized

items in our donation center as well as helped to declutter and organize the garage (which was not an easy task). They were treated to pizza, chicken wings and ice cream while learning about the history of the complex. (And the organization was able to provide the opportunity for each student to enjoy a hot shower at the end of their day—something that wasn't always available at their other sites). What was my takeaway from this program? While the YouthWorks program is meant to teach the youth new skills and giving back to the community, it was I who was the one who learned so much from these great young men and women. They were intelligent, thoughtful and simply just fun to be around. The Holy Spirit was truly within each one of them.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

The grant allowed us to complete an accessibility study of an elevator for the school. The work was completed by Foit-Albert Associates of Buffalo, New York.



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## “FISH FRY” FRIDAY TOURS

Our “Fish Fry” Friday Tours resumed for the second year, opening from June 21 through September 27. Our visitors were from all walks of life including history buffs who heard about our tours through the media and stopped in to see the church and learn about our rich history.

pictures and stories of Fr. John and his sister, Sr. Faustine. We now have a wonderful remembrance of Fr. John celebrating his 50 years of his ordination. That picture is currently in the church and eventually will be placed in our History Room.



We received a wonderful gift from the family of Pastor John Praczkajlo. They visited us over the summer, bringing

Friday tours will continue from June 6 through September 26, 2014 (6-8pm).

Tours are available throughout the year by appointment. (Email [info@historicHT.org](mailto:info@historicHT.org) or call 716/299-0799.)



## DONATION/DISTRIBUTION CENTER

The **Donation/Distribution Center** has continued to grow over the past year. We are now utilizing five classrooms—two for furniture and household items, one room for coats and children’s toys, and one room dedicated to women’s and children’s clothes, women’s purses, along with shoes and boots for men, women, and

children. There is also an entire section of Christmas items located on the 2nd floor.

We have had student volunteers coming from schools throughout the area, and as far away as Batavia. They have been a true blessing.

A very special thank you to Heart Love & Soul, the Comfort Inn, our volunteers and to you for your continued support throughout the year. It is because of your generosity we are helping so many in our community.

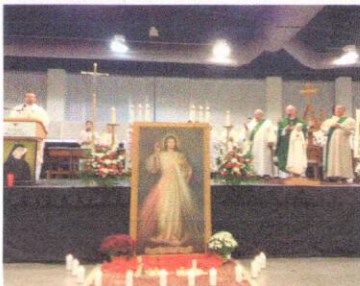
In 2014, our doors will be open Saturdays from 10 am—1pm (excluding major holidays).



## FATIMA/DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service was one of the sponsors for the Fatima/Divine Mercy Conference in Niagara Falls, New York this past October.

Not only was our Divine Mercy image at the conference, we hosted sisters from two orders — The Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy from New Jersey and the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Buffalo — who stayed at the convent that weekend. It was absolutely wonderful to have lots of laughter and good conversations in the evenings with them.



Thank you for your continued support of Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service at Historic Holy Trinity!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014

### Our Wish List for 2014:

- To repair the church roof and steps
- Install showers and new bathroom facilities in school
- The purchase of a pipe organ for the church

Donations can be made to:  
**Holy Trinity Preservation**  
1419 Falls Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

### Upcoming events:

- Women in the Arts 2014
- 100 year anniversary of the school

*God’s peace and blessings to you this Christmas, may it be filled with love, joy and happiness.*

*Wishing you a happy and healthy 2014!*

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