



WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Spring Events

Faith and Food 2009 Make Pierogi!

Saturday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.,
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
church, 418 West 15th Street, Lorain.
Reservation deadline: Jan.30, 2009

Learn how to pinch your own pierogi
and take them home!

The Blessed Easter Basket

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.,
Holy Trinity church, 2428 Elyria Avenue,
Lorain. Reservation deadline: March 24.

Learn how to make your own paska
bread with Marilou Suszko.

Hispanic Food Traditions

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.,
Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Avenue,
Lorain. Reservation deadline: April 28.

Get in the kitchen and make your own
pastelitos!

Note about all programs

During each class there will be an
opportunity to learn about the ethnic tradi-
tions of the congregations. Classes are \$10,
which covers the cost of ingredients and a
donation to the church. Space is limited.

Call Cara at the Lorain County Sacred
Landmarks Initiative office for reserva-
tions and a list of supplies to bring.
(440) 366-4590.

Spring Exhibit

Beth K. Stocker Art Gallery
Lorain County Community College
April 23 through May 3, 2009

In conjunction with the 2009 Hispanic
Leadership Conference there will be an
exhibit of silkscreen prints by renowned
Puerto Rican artist Jose Alicea. The Lorain
County Sacred Landmarks Initiative,
Stocker Arts Center and LCCC Arts and
Humanities Department are working
together to provide a variety of programs to
coincide with the exhibit focusing on the
cultural and spiritual traditions of the
Hispanic community in Lorain County.

Lorain Hungarian Reformed Church



Photograph courtesy of Lorain Sacred Landmarks Initiative

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Of all the early immigrant groups in Lorain, the Hungarians were the largest in numbers. They settled mostly in South Lorain near the steel mill. The Hungarians established numerous churches to serve their diverse population of Roman Catholic, Eastern Christian, and Protestant communities.

A congregation that is well-known for being proud of its heritage is the Hungarian Reformed Church located at East 31st and

Globe in Lorain. The Lorain Hungarian Reformed Church had its origin with the Rev. Bela Basso who arrived in Oberlin as a student from Hungry in 1898. He was visiting Lorain regularly and determined to organize a Hungarian Reformed church there. During the summer of 1900, he took a position at the steel plant as a laborer and conducted services at a

Presbyterian church in South Lorain. The parish was officially organized Sept. 7, 1902. On Sept. 27, 1903, the church cornerstone was laid by 72 men and two women. Land for the church, along with the donation of 50,000 bricks, was donated by the National Tube Company. The men of the church volunteered up to 14 hours a day to construct the present house of worship. The structure was dedicated on Oct. 2, 1904, complete with a bell in the tower and a parsonage.

The parish was established as a

Hungarian-speaking Calvinist congregation. An English service was not offered until 1938. In 1958 the congregation aligned itself with the United Church of Christ. The congregation over the years had talked about moving to the West side of Lorain, and had even purchased property, but decided to stay in their present location and continue their strong responsibility to the church and community.

Friends of Sacred Landmarks Initiative Gift Shop

Transcendent Light: The Windows of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church: A Collection of Essays on Stained Glass, the Windows, the Architecture, and the History of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Elyria, Ohio. A 40-page monograph, sells for \$10 each or two for \$15.

Packaged set of 4 note cards featuring stained glass windows from Agudath B'nai Israel Synagogue, Lorain; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria; First Congregational UCC, Elyria; and St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Sheffield. \$5 for each set.

Celebrations of Faith exhibit catalog featuring many of the items from Lorain County houses of worship on display in the Beth K. Stocker Art Gallery in Fall 2005. \$10 per catalog.

Celebrations of Faith Exhibit Poster featuring architectural images from Lorain County churches. Includes poster key with church name and city. \$3 each.

All items are available at the Lorain County Sacred Landmarks Initiative office at LCCC in Spitzer Conference Center room 108. The Sacred Landmarks office is open Monday-Thursday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays, 1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Contact (440) 366-4590 or sli@lorainccc.edu.



Note card image of stained glass window in Agudath B'nai Israel synagogue, Lorain.