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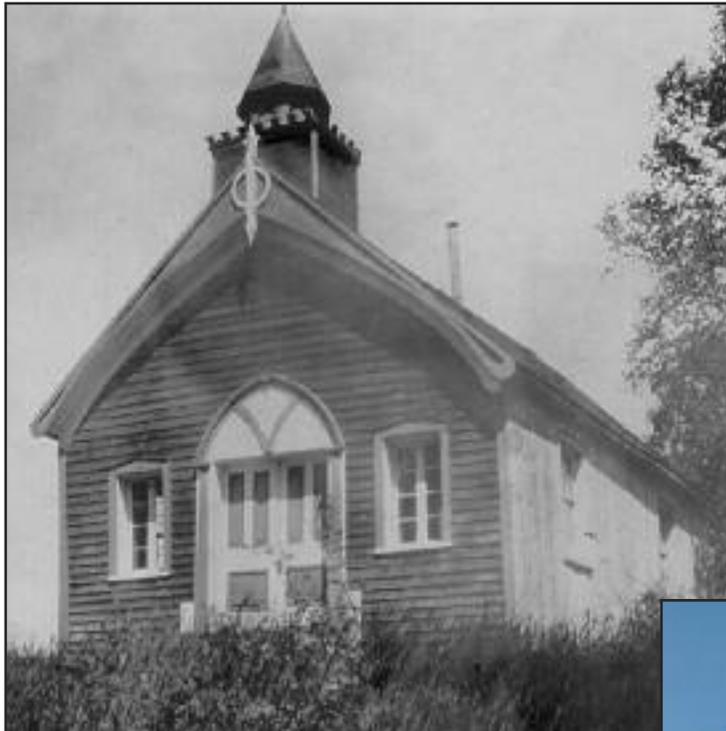
## The Church of Mary has Some Good Friends!

1876 WAS A BIG YEAR for St. Joseph Island. A lot happened that year! A man named John Richards built a home and opened a business at Richards Landing. The Grexton and Coulter families began homesteading at Sailors' Encampment. South of them, the Rains family was expanding and began putting down roots on the Island's western shoreline.

The Rains family produced some big milestones in the Island's history, including the first frame house and the first two-story house. In 1875/6, they also helped to build the Island's first schoolhouse – a square timber, one room edifice that did the job quite well for the Island's fairly small student population (we'll have more about this schoolhouse in an upcoming issue).

It was only logical that, after building homes to shelter their families, and a school for their children's education, the next thing needed would be a place to worship, come a Sunday. The Island needed a church. So they built one!

Arthur and Owen Rains, sons of Major William Kingdom Rains, donated a plot of land taken from each of their adjoining farms, and a building committee was established. The building materials were, according to legend, either floated to the site down the St. Mary's River or hauled over the ice from Sugar Island. Regardless of which version may be true, the Island's first Church, aptly named 'The St. Joseph Chapel', opened its doors in 1876 as a Roman Catholic church, under the auspices of the Jesuit Order.



The Jesuits were, at the time, based in Garden River. Priests would travel a 'circuit' from community to community, conducting services and presiding over local religious ceremonies and special events. They travelled by foot or in winter, by snowshoe or dog sled. Today, the church still features a small, cozy bedroom at the back, where the travelling Jesuits would stay while attending to their Island flock, as well as ministering to the spiritual needs of visiting seamen – crew



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members of the many ships continually passing up or down channel. There were also several congregation members from Neebish Island, some of whom are buried in the adjacent cemetery.

By 1957, the local Catholic population and visiting seamen had dwindled to the point where the Jesuits deemed it no longer viable to support a congregation, and the church was 'mothballed'. As the years went on, the building began to deteriorate, until it was condemned by the Catholic Church as unfit and potentially unsafe.

The once-proud church was left to sink deeper and deeper into disrepair. It was about to become another of the Island's 'ghosts', standing forlornly alone and unloved on its hill, overlooking the shipping channels. Well, it wasn't completely alone. One of the Coast Guard Range Lights stands towering, right beside the church, dwarfing its seemingly tiny neighbour.

But the sad plight of the former house of worship had not gone unnoticed! You see, the church also had good neighbours and admirers – people from the area who knew of the church's long history and contribution to Island life. More importantly, they also knew that the church could still 'live on', if someone would only give it the chance.

In 1978, a group of permanent and seasonal residents came together as a 'Restoration Committee', with the common goal of restoring the church to its former state, and giving it a new lease on life. The group was small, but their numbers quickly swelled as the word spread. By hook or by crook, they raised the money needed for restoration. They had bake sales and yard sales, which brought in enough money for a new foundation, new roof and fresh paint inside and out. They advertised in the local newspaper, which brought them more donations and legions of new, fresh volunteers. In the words of a member of that original group, "we were doing good work, but we also had lots of fun!"

By 1980, their goal was achieved, and the newly-restored church once again opened its doors – this time as a non-denominational church, renamed the Church of Mary. Services and special events were (and are) con-



ducted by several retired Ministers. The pews are actually former theatre seats, given to the congregation by the United Church and restored along with the building in which they reside. The walls are adorned with pictographs of the original 'Stations of the Cross', in French, with Spanish and English subtitles. Beside the altar stands a beautiful old organ, donated by neighbours and volunteers Gerry and Kay McGuire.

The Church of Mary had been given new life, and for years since, it has been the gathering place for every kind of community or family event. Even now, the annual Christmas Eve service is being planned, to be conducted by Perry Coulter.

All maintenance, grass cutting and grounds tending is done by volunteers – many neighbours living next door and further down the road. They even look after the cemetery, which to this day remains officially under the ownership of the Roman Catholic Diocese.

But time is an implacable enemy – one that never rests, and can't ever be truly beaten for long. Today, time

once again catching up to the Island's oldest church. In spite of the dedicated efforts of its volunteers, the church's roof has again deteriorated to the point where it MUST be replaced or the entire structure will be once again in jeopardy.

But, also today, a fresh group of Islanders (and a few of the original committee members too) has taken up the cause, once again rallying to save the Church of Mary. Although the actual number of the new Restoration Committee varies up and down, there's always at least 10 or 12 active members, with an Executive con-



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sisting of Maria Smith as President, Kim Coulter as Secretary and Jim Robinson as Treasurer.

We'll be hearing more from them, as they develop their plans, and we wish them the best of success in their noble cause, once again saving this graceful old lady. If you'd like to help financially, they'd love to hear from you. Any contribution, big or small will help make a difference! Or, perhaps you can give your time and energy to helping with the work. Or, perhaps you'd like to join the Church of Mary volunteers in worship, at their non-denominational Christmas Eve service, starting at 8 pm on December 24th. The church is located at Sailors' Encampment, on Highway 548H, just south of the C Line.

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- 1 salmon fillet (about 3 lbs.)
- 1/2 C. maple syrup
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. ground chipotle chile powder
- 1/4 tsp. ground pepper
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
- 1 orange, zested and juiced

Heat oven to 450F. Place salmon on broiler pan coated with cooking spray. In small bowl, whisk together maple syrup, Dijon mustard, chipotle chile powder and ground pepper. Spread 2 tbsp. syrup-mustard mixture over salmon. Let sit 15 minutes. Roast salmon 15 minutes or until fish flakes with fork, basting with remaining syrup-mustard mixture 3 times. In bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise, dill and 1 tbsp. each orange juice and zest. Serve with salmon.

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**647b Lakeshore Dr. Desbarats**

Usable waterfront in this 2 bedroom home. Open concept, vaulted ceilings, beautifully landscaped yard with garden shed, woodshed, single garage, newer roof and heat trace cable. Newer Kitchen. Park your boat at the dock, sheltered on both sides. **\$239,900.00**

**Lot 7 Conc. 13 Base Line**  
100 Acres, **\$89,000.**

**Lot 58 Government Rd.**  
132' frontage **\$11,900**

**Hwy. 548 Lot 20 Conc. E**  
82 x 115' possible commercial **\$19,900.**

**Lot 50 Weirzbicki Dr.**  
144' frontage, 1.66 acres **\$44,900.**

## Commercial/Investment Property



**1195 Richard St. St. Joseph Island**  
Downtown Richards Landing. Commercial building for lease or sale. Take over ice-cream business or start a new one. Upstairs could be 2 bed apartment or office space. Newer deck and windows, close to marina and beach. **\$139,900 or \$600 a month** plus utilities for main floor.



**1202 Gore St. Richards Landing**

Excellent location! Downtown Richards Landing on St. Joseph Island. Well established restaurant, comes with house behind. Close to Beach and Marina. **\$159,900.00**



**1203 Gore St. St. Joseph Island**

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**3080 Hilton Rd. St. Joseph Island**

St. Joseph Island. Well established business. High traffic location on Hwy. 548. Hilton General Store has LCBO Outlet, Lotto, Deli coolers and meat counter. 2nd storey undeveloped - used for storage. 3 bedroom home attached to store for owner-occupied business - currently rented. **\$249,900.00**



**137 & 141 Tancred St. SSM**

Historic brownstone townhouse, with attached duplex, 7-8 bedrooms, updated plumbing and electrical, newer windows and roof, convenient downtown location. **\$329,900.00**

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**1462 Sailor's Encampment, \$600/week**

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**1615 20th Side Rd. \$600/WEEK**

Hunters welcome! 98 acres of field and bush, beautiful hardwood ridge with road to back of property. Apple orchard with fields.



**3908 Hamilton Dr. \$950/week**

3 bedroom, spacious home with wood fired sauna and deep water with dock for easy access by boat.



**5268 Wierzbicki Drive \$1000/week or \$180/Night**

Walk for miles down a beautiful sandy beach or cuddle up in this 3 bedroom cottage with all the comforts of home. Full kitchen with dishwasher, satellite tv and sun room.



**1709 Russell St. \$1100/week or \$200/night**

So much to do not far to go. Privately placed cottage in the heart of Richards Landing. Sand beach, dock for large boats. Great for business retreat or just a weekend away from the city.



**2032 Canoe Point Rd. \$1500/wk**

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# PC DOCTOR



by George Skardis

**QUESTION:** My friend recommended a new, free program named Malwarebytes Anti-Malware. Is this a good program? Could I use Malwarebytes to replace my expired subscription for Norton?

**ANSWER:** Malwarebytes Anti-Malware is a relatively new but effective virus and spyware removal tool. The FREE version has the real-time protection disabled. Consequently, you might be infected while surfing the Internet or opening email. The FREE version removes bad guys from your computer only when you ask Malwarebytes to scan your computer. Only the paid version of Malwarebytes provides real-time protection. If you are searching for a FREE anti-virus and anti-spyware program, consider using one of the following excellent anti-malware programs that do offer FREE real-time protection: Avast 4 Home Edition, AntiVir Personal Edition, or Avg Free Edition. These programs include real-time protection even in their free versions. Malwarebytes Anti-Malware is not a suitable replacement for Norton. My advice: allow Malwarebytes to mature and add real-time protection to the free version.

**QUESTION:** Why do I have to update my computer all the time?

**ANSWER:** If you were living back of Hawk Junction and used your computer occasionally for playing Solitaire, you would never, ever, ever need to update your computer. However, our reliance on the Internet is forcing us to pay more attention to regular updates for home and business computers. Ignore regular updates and suffer the consequences: email problems, web browser problems, and infections caused by malicious programs.

Top priority updates are the Windows updates. Go to the Control Panel, Automatic Updates (XP) or Windows Updates (Vista and W7). Download and install all pending Microsoft Windows updates. Remember to update your web browser. Whether you use Internet Explorer, Firefox, Netscape, Safari, Opera, or Chrome as your preferred web browser, opening some web pages can be frustrating when your web browser is out-of-date. Only an up-to-date web browser is prepared to handle new graphic features. A web browser uses plug-ins to enhance audio and video presentation. Google Java downloads to update your Java plug-in. Also, Google Adobe downloads for updates to Adobe Acrobat Reader, Adobe Flash Player, and Adobe Shockwave Player.

Please remember that updating your computer requires a high-speed Internet connection. Dial-up Internet is not recommended. If your current Internet is dial-up, find a public location with free Internet access for downloading and saving essential updates to a memory stick.

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**Thursday, December 17th, 10 - 7**

**Friday, December 18th 10 - 7**

**Saturday, December 19th 10 - 5**

**Wednesday, December 23rd, 10-7**

**Thursday, December 24th, 10 - 3**

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# Season's Greetings!

from the Advisory Board, Staff and Volunteers of the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre  
Thank You for your continued support of our many Senior and Disabled Person programs serving St. Joseph Island and the near North shore from Echo Bay to Bruce Mines.

*Wishing you good health and happiness today,  
tomorrow and throughout the new year.  
Safe and Happy Holidays!*



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At the end of December Switchback is releasing their 12th album "Ghosts of the River Folk". Their Hilton Beach performance will be the Canadian release party for this new album. With "Ghosts of the River Folk", Switchback creates a powerful tribute to the people and spirit of the upper Mississippi, their musical home. Like a ride on John Hartford's beloved Julia Belle Swain riverboat winding its way down the Mississippi River, this collection of songs takes you through the ever changing scenery and characters that make up this magical part of northeast Iowa.

This is Switchback's 12th album and, although the songs are a departure for Switchback into the indie-pop musical genre, the music is sure to also appeal to anyone who enjoys alternative country or progressive folk styles. The album features original artwork by Anne de Courtenay, which captures the energy and mystery of a warm summer's night on the upper Mississippi, the night the mayflies danced.

"Ghosts of the River Folk" will be available online and at CD baby in late December 2009. So, if you're one of the smart people who didn't wait to get their New Year's Eve tickets, you're in for a real treat!



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# Children's Christmas Program

**Friday, December 18th**

**7:00 pm**

**Jocelyn Township Hall**

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Join us for skits,  
poems, singing and  
refreshments

**Everyone Welcome**



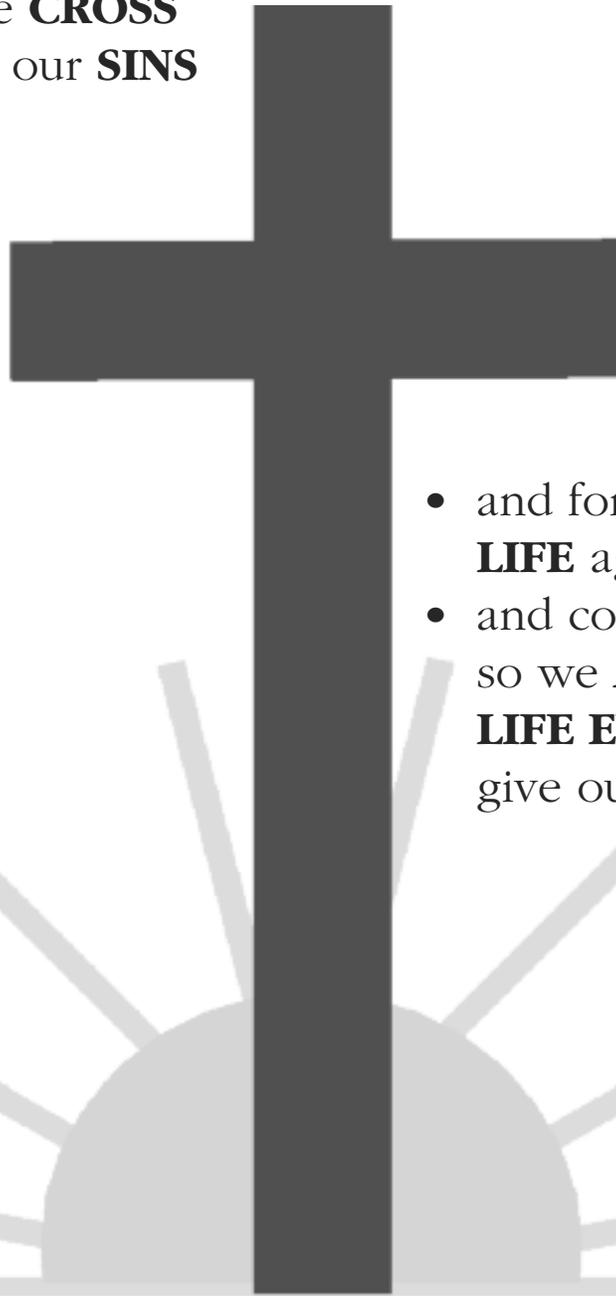
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# Thank you **JESUS**

- for coming to earth as a baby
- for dying on the **CROSS**  
to save us from our **SINS**



- and for raising back to **LIFE** again
- and conquering death,  
so we **ALL** can have  
**LIFE EVERLASTING**, if we  
give our hearts to **JESUS**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,  
that whosoever believeth in him will not perish,  
but have everlasting life.”*

John 3:16



Thanks Mom & Dad for giving us a Christian home to grow up in.  
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## ARTICLES FOR SALE

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Thule - \$100; Crib & mattress - \$85; high chair - \$15; playpen - \$30; stroller - \$40; Ladies' size 6 snow boots (good as new) - \$10. Please call 246-3871.

18 cu. Ft. Fridge - \$50. Also washer to give away. Call 246-2462.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Looking for someone who can copy VCR tape onto DVD. Only one tape, need 3 copies. Please call Tammy at the Dr. Trefry Centre, at 246-0036.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sat. Dec 19th at 3 pm Downtown Richard's Landing Traditional Christmas. Caroling & treats.

The Island Bakery & Café will be closing for the winter on December 20th, re-opening March 1st. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in March!

The St. Joseph Island Cancer Society and friends are invited to a Christmas luncheon meeting. Friday December 18th - 12 pm - Harmony St. Marks Church Hall. For more info contact President Jean Konka 246-2698.

The Jocelyn Township Office will be closed from December 21st until January 6, 2010. The Jocelyn Township Council meeting date has been changed to Thursday, January 7th at 7 pm. Jocelyn Landfill hours are Wednesday and Sunday from 12 - 5 pm.

Elves, young & young at heart are needed at the Children's Library to usher in the Christmas season. Please join us Sat. Dec. 19th at 10:30 am -

12 noon wearing your festive red & green clothing. Please bring a pair of mittens to hang on our mitten tree and we will give the mittens to those in need.

Friday Night Food at the Legion this Friday features a Fish Fry by Terri See (white-fish, baked potato or fries and coleslaw) along with the regular menu. Come on out and enjoy a feed of fish and then head over to the hall and enjoy the "Wild Turkeys" in concert.

Support our local North Channel Minor Hockey League! Tickets are now on sale for our youth hockey Raffle! Proceeds will benefit our NCMHL players, aged 5 to 14, from the Island, Desbarats, Bruce Mines, Laird Township and Thessalon. 1st Prize is an autographed Tyler Kennedy (Pittsburgh Penguins) NHL Jersey. 2nd Prize is 2 tickets to the Leafs vs. Ottawa game, February 6th in Toronto. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5, and are available at the 17E Trading Post, Kent's Corners, Ambeault's Confectionary, Island Bakery or various Echo Bay Merchants. You can also get tickets from any of our league players, or by calling 782-4359.

The Algoma Traditional Music and Dance Group (Algoma-Trad) presents an Old-Time Family Contra/Square Dance on Saturday, January 2 at the Hilton Beach Community Hall. The Dance will start at 7:30 pm with a half hour workshop for beginners. Admission will be at the door: adults/ \$10, students and seniors /\$5, 8 and under/ free. All are welcome, no experience is necessary. Proceeds go to the AlgomaTrad Nicholas Missere Bursary Fund, which assists individuals and families to attend the AlgomaTrad Family Camp.

Robbie Burns Dinner, Friday, January 22, Johnson Township Community Centre, Desbarats. Tickets on sale mid-December. Dinner and evening of Scottish entertainment, presented by Johnson

Township and AlgomaTrad. This event has been sold out for the past 2 years, so don't wait to buy tickets! Call 782-6601 x205 to order yours!

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas Greetings to our St. Joseph Island friends! We so often reflect on the wonderful caring and sharing years we enjoyed with you. During the past winter while recuperating at Windsor Park we were overwhelmed by the many kindnesses extended to us. Once again we express our thanks to you for prayers, well-wishes, visits, cards, phone calls, house sitting, kitty care (Toots says "thanks" too) and for taking care of our every need. Your support and encouragement played a huge part in the healing and recovery process. This spring we even planted our little garden and reaped the benefits throughout the summer and fall. Our deepest gratitude to so many and best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year.

*Jim and Margaret Snider*

We wish a Merry Christmas to all of our neighbours, friends and relatives, near and far, and our thanks for the many kindnesses that you have given to us.

*Alf & Esther Still*

Andy and Kathy Clark from Clark's Cove Marina would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

THANK YOU!!!! The Richards Landing Northern Credit Union Delegates and Staff thank you for your tremendous generosity throughout the year by donating to our "Pennies For Piggy" campaign. Once again, our expectations were surpassed. This community continues to surprise us, year after year. We were so pleased to be able to present the Food Bank with a cheque for \$885. Merry Christmas To All!!

Thank you to all who have been so kind and supportive over the last year. I especially want to thank my children for all their caring and staying beside me. Last, but not least, to my family, friends, neighbours and all the caregivers for everything. Everything is so much appreciated. Thank you & Merry Christmas!

*Love, Carol MacKay.*

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday:

St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach 4:30 pm.

### Sunday:

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn at 11 am.

Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Come for coffee, tea and friendship at 10:30 am. Worship service 11 am.

Island Bible Chapel, Richards Landing. Lord's Supper 10 am, Family Bible Hour 11:15 am.

Grace United, Hilton Beach. 9:30 am.

Harmony St. Marks United, Richards Landing. 11 am.

United Church special services for the Christmas Season: December 20th - Fourth Sunday in Advent; December 24th, Christmas Eve - Children's Service 10 am at Grace Church; Services at Grace Church, 6 pm; Services at Harmony St. Mark's, 7:30 pm. Please consider this your personal invitation to join us in worship at any or all of these services.

Church of Mary, Sailors Encampment will hold its annual non-denominational Christmas Eve service, 8 pm December 24. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Candlelight Carol Sing Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 pm at the Island Bible Chapel. Refreshments afterwards. Come on out and carol with us!

**Deadline for all material is noon Tuesday.**

## 'Only in Canada'!

We were recently privileged to receive a copy of a simply enthralling book 'Only in Canada' – *Memories of an Italian Canadian*, by the Island's own Ray Stortini.

It's a wonderful collection of rich memories and interesting anecdotes from Ray's past, all told in a breezy, upbeat narrative style. It tells of his many incredible personal and professional challenges and accomplishments that saw him rise from a Steel Plant labourer and Great Lakes seaman to become an honoured Superior Court Justice.

But there's much, much more! He takes us on a journey back in time to the little town of Porto Sant'Elpidio, Italy at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and regales us with stories of Papa Luigi and Mama Assunta. We meet a fascinating, if not outright hilarious gang of misfits, miscreants and other 'not-quite-normal' friends and family members, not to mention some very well-known names too! There's adventures and misadventures galore.

No one can tell a story like Ray can, and he has quite a story to tell. But be warned! Once you start reading, you won't be able to put it down!

If you're looking for a unique gift that will bring hours and hours of pure pleasure, this could very well be just what the doctor ordered! It's only \$20, with all proceeds going to support the Soo Soup Kitchen. It's easy to get too! Just give Ray a call at 246-2661. But another word of warning: once you start reading it, you won't want to give it away!

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

<b>Friday</b>	Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am Friday Foods Menu available at the Legion - 5 pm to 9 pm AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Nordic Walking Group, Tranter Park - Meets at 10 am
<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors) 60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:30 am Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person) Carpet Bowling for Seniors, Legion - 1 pm St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	CAPC Play & Learn Best Start Hub - 9:30 to 11:30 am, Free Methodist Church Women's Physical Activities, Public School Gym - 6:30 pm to 8 pm Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$3.00 per person) Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am 3:30 - 5 pm Darts at the Legion (Starting as Open; may change) - 7:30 pm

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