

What does a missionary  
**Look Like?!?**



Charlene Mallory is one of the original missionaries, and one of the most beloved! The "Mission Mall" is her domain, keeping the donations organized and ready for use by the community. She assists with the many groups who come to volunteer, putting them to work. Devoted mom to Eric, Rasheen and Erica, and rarely seen without a baby on her shoulder, "The Grand Chardukey" is like a mom to so many who come to her for help. And, oh, that laugh!!!

Join us for our Summer  
**Festivals of Praise!**

Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM  
 Holy Angels Church in Buffalo

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 7PM  
 Blessed Sacrament Church in  
 Tonawanda

Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30PM  
 Epiphany of Our Lord Church in  
 Langford



# Ten Years of Worship!

By Dennis Gilhooley

It says in Scripture that for those who love God and are in His plan, all things work together for good. A real example of that is how the Voices of Mercy began. A major fundraising effort suffers a huge setback when the featured artist, Dana, the well known Irish, Catholic singer, has to cancel just two days before the benefit concert due to a severe upper respiratory infection. With no way to notify all the ticket holders, this had all the appearances of a real disaster. But Amy Betros, showing her great faith and trust in God, gathered together some missionaries and some friends and with one practice, they put together a list of songs. And the next day, with only that single practice behind them, this group performed a wonderful two hour concert, much to the surprise and delight of all those who had come there to hear Dana. And the Voices Of Mercy were born! Dana did reschedule and was able to perform the benefit concert at a later date and the needed funds were raised. And out of near disaster, the great and merciful hand of God orchestrated everything and brought forth the Voices Of Mercy, the musical ministry of St. Luke's.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank God for the tremendous graces and blessings that He has bestowed upon us over the past ten years. It says in Scripture that you will know the work of the Lord by the good fruit it produces. And from the humble and impromptu beginnings of the Voices Of Mercy back in May of 1997, to the present day, we are witness to the great goodness, love and mercy of God that flows through this music ministry. And for that we are eternally grateful.

God has seen fit to use us to minister throughout the Western New York Area, in Florida, Illinois, Ohio and Texas, as well as in Canada, Ireland, Italy and Yugoslavia. We have had the blessing of ministering at Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmations, Parish Missions and Retreats, Youth and Confirmation Retreats, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours, Festivals of Praise, and at Fund Raising Events and concerts. We have been blessed with many original songs of worship and praise and have released 9 CDs with three more soon to be available. We are fully aware that none of this would be possible if it were not for the great goodness and mercy of God. We are amazed and honored that God would choose to use us in this capacity to help spread the message of His goodness, love and mercy. And as always, God, in His generosity, blesses us abundantly as we strive to serve Him.

Oh great and merciful Lord, thank you for your blessings upon the Voices of Mercy over these past ten years. You are our God, may we always be your "voices". We pray that you continue to use us as you see fit and continue to give us all that we need to truly proclaim your goodness and greatness, your love and mercy in every note we play and in every word we sing.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning, your faithfulness in the night, with the ten-stringed harp, with melody upon the lyre. For you make me jubilant, LORD, by your deeds; at the works of your hands I shout for joy."

Psalms 91:2 - 5

## Scenes from the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert



The Voices of Mercy



Heather...a blast from the past



Gregg the soundman!



Dave Topor in meditation...

Thanks to all who helped us to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Anniversary! See you at the 20<sup>th</sup>!**