



Every Moment Singing

Easter Blessings & Pizza

I pray that everyone had a blessed Easter. And I pray you can rejoice daily in this holy season of God's love. As summer approaches, and we finally venture out into God's beautiful creation again, I can't help but sing every moment.

One cannot truly comprehend God's greatest plans until a child gives you a hug and a kiss without prompting or cajoling. This "no-strings-attached" love, forgiving of the last angry and frustrating moment love, love without limit or bound - this is one of the great loves we experience as human persons. Can we take the time to appreciate it and bask in its warmth? Do we have the energy to respond with equal enthusiasm to this little one that God has so generously given to us?

God takes the time to love us even if we don't. God responds to our love with unequalled enthusiasm to us, His little ones.

Our girls are growing so much these days - they no longer fit the baby clothes of yesterday or rely on the simple Elmo videos that taught them all about hair and dancing. They no longer need us to express their feelings or desires - they can communicate with their eyes, bodies and voices (and how!). But it's truly amazing how easily the "I love you"s flow with a kiss or a hug at any given moment. We get these kisses and hugs without the promise of toys or snacks or pizza. But, it makes us want to give them those things and more.

We've been given one thing that doesn't require our kisses or hugs or even our love in return. Freely flowing from the cross, freely dying for you and me, Jesus gave us all that and more. How can we say no to the man who gave up His life for us? It's tough to imagine.

So we get pizza, because that's what Maggie wants and Emma agrees - it will make them both happy. Besides, cheese pizza has no meat, so it's perfect for a Friday dinner during Lent. ☺



Upcoming Shows

- o **Friday, May 2, 2003** - 7-10. West Schuyler United Methodist Church - Bread of Life Cafe. Corner of Wood Lane and Cosby Manor Road. Open to all. This evening is the first anniversary of the Bread of Life Cafe. I am really pleased to be a part of this special celebration. (Take Herkimer Road east - turn left after Mr. McGills just before the Slavic Pentecostal Church, or take Cosby Manor Road and turn right at intersection of Wood Lane - the church is on the right).
- o **Saturday, June 7, 2003.** Relay for Life - Cancer Walk at Sauquoit High School. Details are in the works. Please come out and show your support for the victims and survivors of cancer. My mom will be there in spirit.
- o **Every Sunday** at 10:30 Mass - St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Chadwicks, NY (also at 8:30 every other week).

If you know of any venues (e.g. churches, coffeehouses, events), please pass the word along that I am currently booking through 2004. Give out my website - www.seanclive.com - for more information about me and this ministry.

Mission Mohawk Valley - AM 1150 has been playing *Fountain of You* and other songs from the album in light rotation. Listen in daily from 7-9 AM.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and for our family as we discern God's plan for us. My desire is to do this as a full-time ministry, but we do have to eat, and God has blessed us with some great opportunities in the public service career world. We'll continue to play those blessings out until the day that God decides we're finished and need to begin the next chapter in our lives.

Tuning Up is available for \$15 at:

- Utica Catholic Bookstore
- Shiloh Christian Bookstore - Boonville, NY (soon)
- Morgan's Tru-Value Hardware - Waterville, NY
- www.indieheaven.com
- www.catholicmusicnetwork.com
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Music Outreach – for the Hurting

I would like to make *Tuning Up* available to anyone who is hurting or struggling with pain, grief or loss. After sharing with many people who have listened to the album, I believe that God wants me to use it to touch the wounded hearts of those we know and love.

So, if you know of anyone who has lost a loved one recently, or is struggling with pain, grief or loss of any kind, please let me know. I would like to reach out to them and be the instrument of God's peace and joy in our troubled world. They may not find the music soothing or healing, but then again...

If you wish to inform me of those whom you believe might be blessed by this music, please feel free to drop me a line. I will try to accommodate as many as I can. If you would like to make a donation for this outreach to defray costs, please feel free. If you can't make a financial offering, please pray for me as I try to discern God's whispers.

Although I do believe that God wants me to make a go at this music ministry, I know he needs me to reach out to those who are hurting.



Performance Reviews – My thoughts

- **December 11, 2002** - My first gig, post-laryngitis and pre-album release, was at a Marriage Encounter reunion at the Good News Foundation in Utica. I could barely get the notes out past the hoarseness brought on by my annual cold. It went well, and I received some great encouragement from people.
- **February 9, 2003** - Family Coffee House - Westernville United Methodist Church in Westernville, NY (just north of Rome). --- What a great night of sharing. God has an interesting way of doing things. Not too many people - I had hoped for more, but those present were great. Feedback was very positive and I may have a couple more appearances as a result. I learned a ton since this was my first outing in an unfamiliar setting. Thank you Lord for providing this venue to share this music...
- **March 8, 2003** - an evening of reflection for the beginning of Lent at St. Anthony's Parish, Chadwicks, NY. --- I am blessed with some amazing family members! Dean and Naomi came in from Ohio just to see the show and proceeded to help Mom and Dad (in-law) Andrea & Mike, set up our church basement into a coffeehouse. It looked great, was so welcoming and about 60 people "packed" the house. It was a great evening of sharing and singing. As we progress, things get a little easier. Jen did a great job getting things organized and making it happen. Thank you God for giving us another opportunity to share and praise You.
- **March 23, 2003** - Prayer Service for Peace at St. Anthony's. --- What a struggle. What an awful situation we find ourselves in. We need to "pray incessantly" for a peaceful and quick resolution to this conflict. May God be with our soldiers and their families. May God be with our leaders. May God be with our enemies. May all hearts be opened to His peace. We are called to seek peace in all situations. We don't need to protest. We need to pray!
- **April 5, 2003** - benefit for Christopher Buckpitt at Mount Markham Senior High School. --- The concert went very well. Christopher, who had been critically injured in an accident was there - a living miracle and testament to God's unfailing love and intercession. I received some very supportive feedback and met up with an amazing sound guy (Marty Patane). I pray that God allows our paths to cross again. I never imagined my songs could sound so BIG! I am grateful to have been able to play for this event. May God continue to watch out for Chris and his family.
- **April 11, 2003** - Living Stations of the Cross. --- God is truly amazing! The students who read and acted were awesome. The Spirit of God was truly present this year. Each year it's easier for me to get through without choking up. I guess I'll have to change the music around so my tears start flowing again.
- **April 23, 2003** - Colgate Christian Fellowship. --- Both Jen and I presented / shared / sang (I did most of the singing) at this meeting of the CCF. We were blessed to have been asked to share our lives with these students and be able to reach out to them in this very busy time in their lives. It was great to hear them sing along.

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