

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSING HOME

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Dear Friends,

As we are in the Season of Lent, the days are slowly adding more minutes to daylight and the calendar is moving quickly towards the season of Easter. In these reflective times, we are again reminded of the significant role each of you contributes to the life of St. Joseph's Nursing Home. It has been written that, "without Christmas, there would be no Easter." Taking the liberty to expand this statement, we can truly state "without our friends, there would be no St. Joseph's." Your loving supportive concern for our ministry at St. Joseph's is a valuable lifeline and we are most appreciative.

Near the end of last year, we mentioned that we anticipated beginning the final phase of our renovation project. As in so many situations, governmental agencies seem to proceed at a slower pace than expected. Some of the delay can be traced back to the latest surge of COVID-19 as well other realities. However, we are hoping that since the COVID statistics in Maryland are decreasing, that perhaps we can move forward with our renovation plans.

Another piece of news concerns our golf tournament. It might have a different format this year, so stay tuned for further updates. Of course, our popular annual raffle will take place again this year, and we will also be exploring other fundraising options.

Now that the month of March is upon us, may our heavenly patron, St. Joseph, continue to protect and sustain all of us as we strive to be his Foster Son's faithful and diligent servants. Please keep all of us in your thoughts and prayers.

May each of you have a most blessed and holy Lent. Know that you and your special intentions are held in our thoughts and prayers continually. May the soon-to be Resurrected Lord of all glory grant you unending love, enduring hope and everlasting peace!!

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A MOST BLESSED, HOLY, AND SAFE EASTER SEASON!!!

With gratitude and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sister Kathryn Hoek". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lent Began on Ash Wednesday



We began Lent with receiving Ashes right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Many of our residents stayed and prayed the Rosary which is a great way to start any day.

We continue to pray for peace throughout the world especially for the Ukraine.



The Sisters of St. Joseph's Nursing Home



The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate enjoyed two guests from Poland this past December. Mother Superior Miroslawz Grunt and Sister Teresa Szymczyk arrived December 4th and returned to Poland on the 30th of December.

During their visit, which had been postponed from 2020 due to the COVID situation, Mother Miroslawa visited with each Sister as well as their two ministries, St. Joseph's Nursing Home and Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. As Mother Superior is responsible for the entire Congregation worldwide, she makes scheduled visits to every convent and ministry to get an update on the apostolic works of the ministries as well as the Sisters' spiritual activities. While her visit was short this time, the Sisters were very happy to share the joy of Christmas with Mother Miroslawa and Sister Teresa. They both were very pleased to be here with the Sisters and witness their work here in the United States as well as seeing our residents.



Our African Mission



As mentioned in this newsletter, The Sisters Servants do have a worldwide presence and that includes Africa. Sr. Krystyna's own blood sister, Sr. Teresa, celebrated her 50th Jubilee ten years ago, and she is ready to celebrate number 60 soon!! Sr. Krystyna was able to make the trip for the 50th celebration. Ask her to tell you of her wonderful experience! By the way, in her office are a few African figurines she was able to bring back.

The Missionary Sisters of Divine Providence



These wonderful sisters pictured here have been with St. Joseph's Nursing Home since this past summer. Sister Monika works in the laundry department and Sister Mary Charles and Sister Mary Veronica work in the nursing department. We had the privilege of welcoming their Mother General, Mother Augustina Amadi in November and December.

Sr. Dorothy & Sr. Marzena

You have probably seen and talked with two of our younger Sisters, Sr. Dorothy and Sr. Marzena. Did you know that they are, unknowingly, part of our governor's strategy to provide more nursing care to Maryland's long term health care residents?

Both Sisters are Licensed Practical Nurses, with Sr. Dorothy currently now enrolled in a Registered Nursing Program with a graduation date of this year! Sr. Marzena just passed her LPN Maryland State Board exam last month and also will soon be enrolled in a Registered Nursing Program as well. At St. Joseph's, Sr. Dorothy and Sr. Marzena work any shift needed with energy and great nursing skills. They give kind, compassionate and loving care to our residents. We all are very thankful that they wanted to be nurses!



Sister Dorothy's Graduation



Sister Marzena's Celebration