



St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

Summer 2010

Blessings

Founded in 1839

The Little Sisters of the Poor serving the Aged of New Jersey since 1879



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As Little Sisters of the Poor, we care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which we have received from St. Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

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Honoring Our Mother Foundress The first Feast Day she can be called a Saint!



"Within her, she felt so strongly moved to come to these poor people's help that it was as though God's own love were invading her heart. Yes, with a kind of obscure certainty she felt that this would be God's work, love's work, and that, if she put her trust in him, all would be possible."

~ Author, Paul Milcent

*Join with our Residents and the
Little Sisters in thought and prayer
as we honor Saint Jeanne Jugan
on her Feast Day, August 30, 2010!*

Two for Tea!

*Patricia Milligan
and Mary O'Shea don
their bonnets and enjoy
the festivities at the
"High Tea" party.*



St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly will have a new website!

www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

*Now you can learn about the goings-on at St. Joseph's Home
and explore opportunities to become a part of our family.*

Visit our new website and get to know us even better!

“Love God very much, so that you can look after the aged well,

Memorable Moments With Our Residents



Yolanda Mercado, posing as the Easter Bunny, hops on over to visit with Evelyn Scocco.



Isabel Leonard and volunteer Ingrid Leonard join in an international celebration for Residents' Day.



Caroline Alkema has a winning ticket at the Basket Bonanza!



Sr. Margaret Regina, Sr. Frances and Loretta Rese.

A Visit from Mother Provincial

St. Joseph's was "home" for a few days to Sr. Margaret Regina, Provincial. We were so excited to have Mother Provincial visit with us! All were eager to spend time with her and discuss their thoughts and experiences. A wonderful sense of peace and joy was felt by all in the time that was shared.



Sr. Margaret Regina and Azadouhie Demirdjian.



Columbia Bank volunteers pictured with Mother Gerard and Sr. Cecilia of St. Michael.

Columbia Bank Paint Day

Columbia Bank employees volunteered at St. Joseph's Home as part of Columbia Bank's Community Service Program. Employees spent the day painting the trim-work around the doors on the 3rd and 4th floors, and chatting with Residents. They also worked outdoors refinishing and staining the outdoor benches, which afford a welcome opportunity for Residents and visitors to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. This act of kindness and giving by Columbia Bank employees is very much appreciated.



Father Evan Greco and Dorothy Kelly

Franciscan Honor

Dorothy Kelly, who has devoted her life to the service and care of priests, was honored in our chapel with the Franciscan Medal for her "uncommon contribution to the values of St. Francis of Assisi." Father Raymond Beach, OFM, now deceased, had been the recipient of her care this past year, making it possible for him to offer the daily sacrifice of the Mass in the rehab center where he spent time after a fall. Our chaplain, Father Evan Greco, OFM, presented Dorothy with the Franciscan Medal during our Sunday Liturgy.

for it is Jesus in whom you care for in them.” St. Jeanne Jugan

Over 90 Years of Age and Still Celebrating Life!

Thirty-one of our Residents who are over 90 years of age were recently treated to a celebration, complete with ice cream, cake, gifts and a “Happy Birthday” chorus! Pictured below are some of our honored nonagenarians.



Helen Olah



Theresa Suell



Fr. John Mushinsky



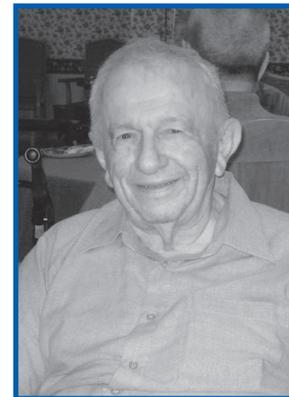
Vera Iannelli

*“For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress,
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day.”*

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Msgr. John Dericks



Andrew Mayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

6:30 PM at The Brownstone House

All proceeds will directly benefit our Residents. Please help by joining us on September 29th for our Annual Beefsteak Dinner fundraiser. Tickets are \$57 per person, which includes dinner, wine and beer. Musical entertainment will be provided by Somers & Steel. A 50/50 Raffle will be held. Invite your friends and relatives to share in this entertaining evening!

To order tickets, please call 973-942-0300 X316.

Please note that ticket orders must be received by September 8, 2010.

Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

November 20, 2010

10:00AM - 4:00PM --Auditorium--

Our Residents and Sisters work year-round to make beautiful, hand-crafted gifts for this event. Fresh, home-baked goodies will also be sold. Just imagine the unique items you will find for your holiday gift-giving! Admission is free. What a great way to support the Little Sisters and our Residents and spread the joy of the upcoming holiday season! *Mark your calendars!*

Our Good Benefactors

SOAR! Grant Awarded

The Little Sisters of the Poor were awarded a grant gift in the amount \$4,500.00 from SOAR! – Support Our Aging Religious. SOAR! is an organization committed to “assuring financially stable and personally secure futures for elderly and frail members of Catholic religious congregations in the United States, augmenting the efforts of the institutional Church.” We are very grateful to SOAR! for the support this grant provides in helping us care for the elderly Little Sisters of our Community.



Presenting grant to Mother Gerard is William Ehrhardt, Treasurer of SOAR!

Basket Bonanza Brings Benefits

In response to the terrific success of last November's Basket Bonanza, a group of amazing volunteers managed to successfully organize another fundraiser in June! Over 75 beautifully decorated baskets were raffled off to a sold-out audience of 250! Residents, Little Sisters and guests enjoyed a fun-filled event with proceeds benefiting our Home. Thank you to all who worked so hard and to those who supported this fundraiser to make it such a terrific success!



Basket Bonanza Committee: Standing from left are JoAnn Giamonco, Marie Tolerico, Terry Vittorio, Amy Scott, Dr. Theresa Lardaro, Kathy Berlinghieri. Seated from left are Margaret Kolb, Theresa Fusco, Dorothy Hofmann, Ann Guarnieri. Not pictured is committee member Peggy Favocci.

Auxiliary Supports St. Joseph's Home

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor presented Mother Gerard with a check representing the proceeds of the Auxiliary's fundraising events that took place during the year to benefit St. Joseph's Home. These projects included the Auxiliary's Benefit Shopping Day, Christmas Luncheon Boutique and Silent Auction, Anniversary Quilt, and Fashion Show Luncheon and Raffle. We are so thankful to the Auxiliary for their continued dedication and spirit of love and compassion.



Marilyn Clark, Auxiliary President and Mother Gerard Marie.



Pictured with Auxiliary Bishop John W. Flesey and Mother Gerard are Quilt Committee members. Back row from left: Jane Costello, Mildred Rolls, Moira Thyne, Carol Lewis, Teri Nyklewicz, Carole Dello Buono. Front row from left: Evalyn Polombo, Barbara Hausman, Marilyn Clark, Marie Breuss, Diane Murgio. The following individuals are not pictured and are not Auxiliary members, but also gave of their time and talent working on the Anniversary Quilt: Polly Balsamo, Josiane St. Jacques and Frank Cocheo.

Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Mass at St. Joseph's Home on Sunday, April 18th. Auxiliary Bishop J. W. Flesey of Newark was the main celebrant. Ten charter members founded the organization in 1910 when they met at the home of Mrs. John P. Agnew. A highlight of the luncheon following Mass was the presentation of an Anniversary Quilt to the Home. Hand-sewn and embroidered by Auxiliary members, the quilt bears the image of our Home and the names of family members and friends of donors who made the project possible. The Anniversary Quilt is permanently displayed in the auditorium for all to enjoy.