

# Little Sisters of the Poor

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY



Serving the elderly  
poor of New Jersey  
since 1879.

*Christmas time at St. Joseph's Home*

## Share our vision. Live our values. Help us serve the neediest elderly.

We are so grateful to you, our dear friends, for without your support we couldn't provide the comfort and care that makes St. Joseph's a loving home for our Residents. It's important that you know more about why we exist and what we do.

### Our VISION

- To contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

### Our VALUES

- REVERENCE for the sacredness of human life and for the uniqueness of each person, especially those who are poorest and/or weakest.
- FAMILY SPIRIT: a spirit of joyful hospitality, fostering participation in the life of the home and rejecting all forms of discrimination.
- HUMBLE SERVICE: the desire to raise others up and to put their needs before our own.
- COMPASSION: empathy for sharing the weaknesses and sufferings of others; eagerness to relieve pain in all its forms and to make the elderly happy.
- STEWARDSHIP: the recognition that life and all other goods are gifts from God and should therefore be used responsibly for the good of all; trust in God's Providence and the generosity of others to provide for our needs.



Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our **MISSION** is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

**Won't you help us?**

## Spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan Award 2012-2013



**Mother Margaret Charles presents the Spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan Award to Rose Marie Rivera on October 25th the birth date of Jeanne Jugan**

Congratulations to Rose Marie Rivera, named recipient of the 2012-2013 Spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan Award! Rose Marie has been in our housekeeping department since 2000. Her positive and cheerful manner is appreciated by all at St. Joseph's Home.

She is humble in her approach and leads by example. With a true spirit of Jeanne Jugan she never refuses a task, going above and beyond in her manner of service.

Rose Marie is friendly to all the staff she comes in contact with, always has a ready smile and brightens up the environment around her.

Rose Marie Rivera is truly deserving of the Spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan Award. She gives of herself totally and her loving spirit brings joy to everyone she touches at St. Joseph's Home.



**Cotton Eye Joe line dance at the Holy Smokes Picnic**



**Gumby visits Resident Halloween Party**

## It's Party Time

**BY: MARK BARBONE**

Life is not dull at St Joseph's Home. Boy is that an understatement. Since joining St. Joseph's in July of this year I have had the pleasure to attend many Resident parties. But not just as a casual observer. I was encouraged to actively participate alongside other staff members and volunteers, not to mention our Little Sisters. I thought this meant simply helping serve or taking pictures at Resident parties. Little did I know I would be joining my co-workers and Residents in a show given in honor of our Mother Provincial. Since then I have joined conga lines and danced the Cotton Eye Joe at our Holy Smokes Picnic. I was also happy to join other staff members and volunteers in coming dressed in costume for the Resident Halloween Party. I can't adequately describe how much fun this is for me.

Obviously the parties are given to bring joy to our Residents but there are other far reaching benefits. I believe it helps us all relate to each other as St. Joseph's family members. What separates life at home and life at work is how much you reveal about yourself. When you put on a funny hat, wig or costume and dance at a party you are sharing your spirit. It is so important that we join the party and live in the moment. It's a way to show our Residents and each other that we care. St. Jeanne Jugan challenges us to "give yourself wholeheartedly" and in doing so "making the elderly happy, that is what counts." What an inspiring message.

## Saint Jeanne Jugan Goes to Long Island



*Dedication ceremony of the Saint Jeanne Jugan Statue to the "Avenue of the Saints"*

On October 3rd St. Jeanne Jugan found a new home at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville (NY) a small town on Long Island. Last year the Montfort Fathers shrine had established on the property an "Avenue of the Saints" which is on a pathway in a wooded area. A delegation of Little Sisters met with the shrine's director Rev. Roy Tvrdik, SMM and he agreed to having a statue of Saint Jeanne on the Avenue not far from the statues of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Therese of Lisieux. A bronze statue of St. Jeanne Jugan

was procured from Spanish sculptor Angel Acosta and arrived in time to surprise Mother Provincial Margaret Regina on her feast day on August 6th.

October 3rd was chosen as the "dedication day" to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Jeanne Jugan's beatification. Busses carrying close to 200 Little Sisters, Residents and friends arrived from nearly all the homes including a large group from St. Joseph's Home. Mass was held a little before noon with Father Roy as the celebrant with readings and Mass texts taken from the Mass of Saint Jeanne Jugan. At the conclusion of the Mass Mother Provincial Margaret Regina thanked everyone for coming and shared how she found the day to be a perfect preparation for the Year of Faith.

After a quick picnic lunch everyone headed to the Avenue of the Saints for the statue dedication. The Gospel of the Beatitudes was read and then Mother Provincial raised the veil covering the statue revealing the beautiful statue of Jeanne Jugan. The statue was blessed with holy water, and then the whole assembly, as the litany of Jeanne Jugan was sung. The family spirit and joy of the day was obvious to all in attendance. As an immediate preparation for the Year of Faith, the dedication of Jeanne Jugan's statue, in the shadow of Our Lady, gave a privileged opportunity to reflect on the heroic examples of these two models of faith.

## Academy of Our Lady - Basketball Benefit



*From left to right Resident Rose Zelinsky, Sr. Cecilia, Resident Jessie Hladik, A.O.L. Bulldog mascot Demmanuel, Sr. Grace and Sr. Rose are pictured at the game sitting at their courtside seats.*



*Sr. Grace takes aim before launching a successful foul shot that brought the crowd to their feet.*

**BY: MARK BARBONE**

On October 4th Sr. Rose, Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Grace along with two of our Residents were invited to the Academy of Our Lady (A.O.L.) in Glen Rock NJ to attend a basketball game pitting the schools 7th grade class against the 8th grade class. The event was a fundraiser for St. Joseph's Home. Both boys and girls participated and each team had approximately 25 players. The energetic crowd was made up of family members of the students as well as alumni from A.O.L. This was a true family fun night but it was a bit different than a typical game where the winning team makes the most points. While players were not on the court they were soliciting donations from the crowd. So the team "score" became a combination of points made on the court and donations collected from the crowd with points valued at \$1.00 each. The 8th grade team won convincingly by a score of 739 – 392. Over \$2700 was collected which also included an admission fee and sales from their snack stand.

Shortly before the end of the game each of our Little Sisters were asked to take two foul shots to encourage more donations. Sr Rose and Sr Cecilia did their best to make a basket without luck. However, Sr. Grace calmly stepped to the foul line and expertly took her shot. The outcome was "nothing but net" to the applause of the crowd. We are so grateful to event coordinators Mrs. Karen Krug who is an 8th grade teacher, Miss Krug who is the physical education teacher, as well all the students and their families for hosting this event on our behalf.

## A Simple Note

By: Mother Margaret Charles



Dear Friends,

As we approach the Christmas season, all at St. Joseph's Home extend to you our warmest wishes and deepest thanks. This is the time of year when families and friends gather, when we show each other our love and appreciation in many ways.

We have certainly felt your friendship throughout the year... and we hope that you can feel our grateful prayers. We are well aware that it has been a challenging year for many, and we so appreciate your continued support.

As you read in the beginning of this newsletter, we recently expanded our mission statement to include our mission, vision and values. Our vision, it states, is to nurture communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all. This is what we do each and every day at St. Joseph's. This is what you support, and we are deeply grateful.

The excitement of Christmas celebrations, along with a certain joyful anticipation associated with Advent is permeating the Home. Volunteers are decorating, Parishes are sending gifts for the Residents, the Little Sisters are prayerfully working to fill the Home with the true Christmas spirit, and the elderly are rehearsing for a special presentation they will perform for the staff and their families... And everyone is joining me in thanking you, our good benefactors for making all of this possible.

A blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year to you and yours! Your special intentions are always in our prayers and you will be remembered especially in a Novena of Masses during the Christmas season.

Gratefully,

Mother Margaret Charles, lsp

## Our Needs

### Heating & Cooling Update and Elevator Repair

Thanks to all who made a donation to our main boiler system and HVAC unit replacement project. As we explained in our last newsletter this project is an urgent necessity since these inefficient units are significantly driving up our energy costs while needing costly hours of maintenance and repair. By replacing the main boiler along with all of our room units we estimate annual savings of \$300,000 per year. Regrettably not enough has been raised to begin the project so we will need to go through another heating season with the old system. Added to this we had a complete breakdown of one of our elevators. Repairs are underway

and the cost is close to \$50,000. Therefore, we prayerfully beg that you consider making a pledge or a one-time donation for this critical campaign. Pledges can be spread out over time if necessary. Please contact our Development Office at (973) 942-0300 ext 316 or by e-mailing us at [twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

Pledge / Donation forms are available at our website [www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)

***Donations to this campaign will be greatly appreciated since it will directly benefit all of our Residents.***

## Upcoming Events

### Rockin' with the Oldies

Saturday March 2, 2013

Put on your dancing shoes and help us rock the night away!

St. Gerard Majella Auditorium  
501 West Broadway, Paterson NJ 07522

Entertainment by Joe Caroselli & his band "Masterpiece"

***More details to follow.***

### 5th Annual Basket Bonanza Fundraiser

Friday May 17, 2013

*Sponsored by the Association Jeanne Jugan*

Some call it a Chinese Auction and others call it a Tricky Tray but nothing beats our "Basket Bonanza." ***Mark your calendars NOW.***

***More details to follow.***

In addition to attending the Basket Bonanza, please consider making a merchandise or monetary donation. Gift certificates from retail stores or restaurants are also very popular. Your support of the Basket Bonanza helps care for the Residents of St. Joseph's Home.

**For information and details about these and all St. Joseph's Home events call the Development Office at 973-942- 0300 Ext 316 or email [twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)**

## Join our E-Community

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and click on "**REGISTER HERE**"

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## Donor Notice

This time of year many individuals think about ways to offset current taxable income. Your tax deductible charitable gift will provide a valuable tax savings on your tax return along with helping us to provide care for our neediest elderly.

Please remember us in your Estate Planning. The most common way is to include us in your will, but your financial advisor or attorney can help you to determine what is best for you and your family. Our legal name is: St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor

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