

A Simple Note

By Mother Mary Thomas



Dear Friends,

This summer has been one of special celebrations. As you read in this newsletter, you will find that we celebrated the 60th Jubilees of two of our Resident priests. Each of them has achieved wonderful things during their priestly lives. Fr. Romano founded a beautiful hermitage and Fr. Stransky made a mark during his time in the Vatican. We also celebrated an achievement of one of our Little Sisters, Sister Rose, who was the recipient of a prestigious award for her work with seminarians.

As you can see, our long time employees are given special mention here for their many years of service to our dear Residents and Sisters. Soon we will be celebrating the awarding of this year's Jeanne Jugan Award to an employee who, through their work and care for the elderly, most exemplifies the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan.

The days of summer will soon be gone and we will be looking ahead to the celebrations being held in the fall. First the Beefsteak Dinner on Sept. 22nd and then on October 25th, we will be celebrating the 225th birthday of our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. The day will be marked with The Celebration of The Heart Gala, honoring Bishop Frank J. Rodimer on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Providentially, Bishop Rodimer shares the day of his birth with St. Jeanne Jugan, making this gala very special indeed. Bishop has always been a steadfast supporter of St. Joseph's Home and the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He was fundamentally responsible for the building of our Home in Totowa. I thank you in advance for your support of this event and we hope that you will be there to celebrate our many blessings with us!

Gratefully,
Sister Mary Thomas

Current Projects

- New curtains for the 4th floor and the apartments costing approx. \$15,000.00.
- New phone system, phones, in house call system and wifi hotspots on each floor and in common areas for Resident and guest use. This project will cost approx. \$60,000.00 with additional funds needed for wifi use. We have family members and donors ready to gift ipads, notebooks and other devices to the Residents as soon as wifi is installed.

If you are interested in helping us with these projects, please make a notation with your contribution stating which project you are sponsoring and your gift will be automatically restricted for that purpose.

For questions about current projects, donations, mailings, website or events please contact the Development Department 973-942-0300 or at twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

A NOTE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

Help us save paper, envelopes and postage by checking "NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT" on the pledge card enclosed in our mailings and please inform us of any address changes.

You too can save a stamp by visiting us on line at www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org and making an online donation by clicking on "DONATIONS" on our Homepage.

The Little Sisters of the Poor do not sell or share mailing lists with anyone, your information remains private. Please know that all of our benefactors are remembered daily in prayers at Mass. Thank you for all that you do for our Home!

Upcoming Events

Beefsteak Dinner

Friday, Sept. 22, 2017

*at The Bethwood 6:30pm
38 Lackawanna Ave., Totowa NJ
Tickets are \$65.00 and must be
purchased in advance.*

Celebration of the Heart Gala Honoring Bishop Frank J. Rodimer and Celebrating the Little Sisters of the Poor

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017

*6:00pm at The Grove, Cedar Grove NJ
Tickets are \$600.00 and must be
purchased in advance by Oct. 6th.*

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale - Ham & Turkey Drop

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017

*10am - 4pm at St. Joseph's Home
Free Admission*

Our Auxiliary's Christmas Boutique and Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 11am - 3pm

*at Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes NJ
Tickets are \$55 per person and
must be purchased in advance.*

For Information about these and other events, contact the Development Dept. twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

To Make A Donation

Your tax deductible charitable gifts to St. Joseph's Home provide you valuable tax savings and help us provide loving care for our neediest elderly.

To donate on-line visit our web site: www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org and click on "DONATIONS"

Remember us in your Estate Planing. The most common way is to include us in your will, but first contact your legal advisor or financial planner. Gifts of life insurance are also appreciated.

Our legal name is: St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Many employers offer Matching Gift Programs. Please inquire with your employer.

For more information please call the Development Office at 973-942-0300 ext. 316 or e-mail: twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org

*Please visit us at
www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org
and check out our News & Events
area for more details about
scheduled events.*

Little Sisters of the Poor

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY



Providing loving
care to the neediest
elderly in New Jersey
since 1879.

Our Centenarians with Mother Mary Thomas
From left: Eleanor Fitzgerald, 101
Madeline Henry, 102
and Ida Ward, 102.

60th Jubilee Celebrations



Father Eugene Romano and Sisters from the
Hermits of Bethlehem hermitage.

This past May, two of our Resident priests celebrated their 60th Jubilee of Ordination.

Over the years, Father Eugene Romano served as priest to five parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Then in 1988, he founded the Hermits of Bethlehem of the Heart of Jesus in Chester New Jersey. Father's Jubilee Mass was held at St. Lawrence the Martyr church near the hermitage in Chester.



Father Thomas Stransky, (seated)

Father Thomas Stransky was instrumental in the writing of the 1965 Vatican II document, "Nostra Aetate." He served as president of the Paulist Fathers from 1970 - 1978. Father is also rector emeritus of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, a center for theological scholarship. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. Father Stransky's Jubilee Mass was held at St. Joseph's Home and many of Father's fellow Paulist priests attended and con-celebrated Mass with him. A reception was held following Mass.

We are so blessed to have Father Romano and Father Stransky as part of our family here at St. Joseph's Home.

Little Sisters of the Poor

A Quilt For Father

To say that Resident Dolores Nichols loves to quilt would be an understatement. There is never a time when she is not working on one quilt and planning the next. Dee spoke of what sparked her interest in quilting, "My son said quilts had a lot of

character and that he loved them. So to make him one, I began to research everything about quilting. I found out that a friend of mine gave quilting

classes so I signed up." That was 27 years and many quilts ago. Dee is a member of The Clifton Quilters club where she picks up new patterns and new ideas. Recently Dee made a quilt with a "Greek key" design and gave it as a surprise gift to our Chaplain, Father Fulgens Katende. Father was so happy to receive this beautiful handmade quilt, made in the bright colors seen in his native Uganda. If you visit our Home you can see one of Dee's more intricate creations, pictured on the left, hanging in the coffee shop.

Dee wants everyone to know that everything she makes is "stitched with love!"



Recognizing Staff Members who have given



Mike Smith
Director of Maintenance
42.5 years



Bessie Fairley
Nurse Aid
41.5 years



Dina Rabboh
Dietary, 2nd Floor Dining Rm.
40 years



Maurya "Mo" Muse
Medical Secretary
37.5 years



Giuseppe "Joe" Conte
Driver & Gardener
37 years - JJ Awardee



Cathy Ann Dewar
Activities & Development
35 years



Martin Martinez
Security Guard
35 years



Carole Mendel
Food Service Supervisor
34 years - JJ Awardee

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

Sister Rose Is Honored

Since 1980 the Breslin Fund for Seminarians has been hosting the Judge Roger W. Breslin Cornerstone Classic golf outing and dinner. Each year they recognize individuals for their contributions supporting men who are preparing for priesthood. This year our own Sister Rose De St. Raymond, along with Father Martin D. Rooney, M.S.A., were honored for their work in helping seminarians develop the skills that they will need when they begin their pastoral life. Over the last ten years, 150 seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary, have benefited from Sister Rose's guidance.

In her acceptance speech, Sister spoke of her work, "Every September, we have the joy and privilege of opening our doors and hearts to welcome a new group of seminarians.

While here, they have personal visits with the Residents, experiencing the wisdom of the elderly and also having the opportunity to be at the bedside of the sick and dying. For ten years I've been blessed with the opportunity of seeing these special men of the faith progress through their training, from their deaconate to their final ordination. I have joyfully attended many of these as well as their first Masses, which they often choose to be held in our Home."

"Upon receiving my award at the dinner, I could not help but think that this event would be a great witness for our Congregation and for Totowa. I look forward to receiving the next group, and to the wonderful work of helping the seminarians on their way to the priesthood."



over 20 years of devoted service to our Home



Mary Stucky
Nurse Aid
33 years - JJ Awardee



Maria Isaac
Nurse Aid
29 years



Alan Baisiev
Maintenance
27 years



Medisha Barnes
Laundry
26 years



Rosicler Hasan
Dietary, Main Dining Room
24 years - JJ Awardee



Echela Sanon
Nurse Aid
22 years



Carl Crawford
Maintenance
20 years



Santina Conte
Kitchen
20 years