

June 19, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I am happy to be the bearer of good news this week!

We have completed another round of weekly testing for staff and our long-term care Residents, as well as the third and fourth floors. All test results came back negative, thank God! One Resident remains hospitalized and is improving. There have been no further deaths in our Home and 15 residents are considered COVID-recovered.

Because of our progress this week we were able to close the COVID Unit on the second floor, and Enviroscope Corporation disinfected and sanitized the unit. The New Jersey National Guard has joined us to provide assistance in the Dietary Department and Environmental Services Department. We are very grateful for this help, which should help us to remain COVID-free from now on.

The Residents have been enjoying the nice weather by going out on the patio on a 1:1 basis with a staff member. They certainly are looking forward to the day when normal activities and use of the dining rooms can resume!

Thank you for your prayers, support and understanding, and for the many donations we have received during the pandemic. Although these weeks have been a real trial for all of us, they have also helped us to realize what a wonderful extended family we have here at St. Joseph's.

Please know that we keep you and all the families of our Residents in our prayers. And we do not forget our generous benefactors, but ask God to bless them as only he knows how.

Sincerely,

Sr. Mary Thomas and all the Little Sisters