

May 28, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

As much as I wish I could tell you that Covid-19 has been banished from St. Joseph's Home, we are not there yet. This virus has been the greatest challenge that most of us have ever faced.

In the past week we lost 4 more Residents, but their deaths were not Covid- related. One Resident remains hospitalized, and I can share the good news that no new Residents have become symptomatic, none have been confirmed positive for the virus this week and 8 have recovered.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of our dear departed Residents. Each one was a special part of our St. Joseph's family and will be greatly missed. And each one will be prayed for by all of us.

On May 18, 2020 we participated in round 2 of DOH Passaic County for Long Term Care Testing for COVID-19 for all Residents and staff. The tests were administered by personnel from St. Joseph's Medical Center. While no Residents tested positive, 2 employees did.

To further combat the virus we have contracted with Enviroscope Corporation to do a complete disinfection and sanitizing of our long-term care floor. We continue to follow all of the CMS, CDC and New Jersey Health Department guidelines relative to the virus — I feel we are doing our best to keep our Residents and staff healthy.

Please join me in praying that our efforts will bear fruit — and the coronavirus will be driven from our Home — very soon.

Sincerely,
Sr. Mary Thomas and all the Little Sisters