

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY  
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
140 Shepherd Lane  
Totowa, NJ 07512**

February 26, 2021

To Our Residents and Family Members,

I am very happy to report that the results of this week's Covid-19 testing for our Residents, Sisters and staff have all been negative. We will continue weekly testing according to CDC and NJDOH guidelines.

On February 11, the feast of Lady of Lourdes, Fr. Sean administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to all Residents. The Lenten Season began with Fr. Sean distributing ashes to all Residents on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross each Friday at 4:30pm.

On another encouraging note, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we reopened Mass and noon meals. Third floor and 2 South Residents will be able to attend Mass in the chapel and tribune, and have their noon meal in the dining rooms. The following day, fourth floor and 2 West Residents can do the same. This schedule will be followed Monday through Friday. Apartment Residents will continue to have their meals delivered and will be able to attend Mass in the chapel on weekends. The dining rooms will be closed to all Residents on Saturday and Sunday. It is imperative that Residents wear face masks and remain socially distanced for all these activities.

There is no lack of things to do and activities to enjoy! Mark, Suzanne and Mary, assisted by the Staff and Sisters, do a wonderful job of keeping the Residents happy with music, Bingo, rosary and prayer.

We are hopeful that with everyone's cooperation, once the positivity rate in Passaic County decreases significantly we can once again allow Resident/Family visits indoors, which would still be by appointment with two visitors.

We are grateful for everyone's patience and prayers during this very difficult time. We are also very appreciative of all the donations that have been received from families and friends of our Resident and the Little Sisters. Your support and prayers help us to continue our mission of caring for the poor elderly. May our Good Lord bless you always during this Holy Season of Lent.

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas, lsp